



12th Biennial SASCA Congress

“Thinking Ahead...Autonomically!”

7 – 9 April 2016 | Spier Conference Centre
Cape Town, Western Cape



The congress theme aims to stimulate discussion, research and learning regarding functional spinal cord injury rehabilitation with specific emphasis on autonomic nervous system management, nursing care in developing countries and data bases for emerging economies. Future integration into SCI networks will also form a central theme.

CPD Points & Ethics Points will be applied for as soon as the programme is finalized.

Dear All

It gives me great pleasure in inviting you to the 12th Biennial SASCA congress to be held from the 7th – 9th April 2016 at the Spier Wine Estate in Cape Town.

The congress promises to be a special event as it will be our first get together after the formation of the African Spinal Injuries Network, (AFSCIN). As such we hope to welcome some delegates from north of our border to this event.

The main focus areas of the congress will be the autonomic nervous system and its implications on the rehabilitation process. As our main speaker in this area we have invited Prof. Andrei Krassioukov from Vancouver. Prof. Krassioukov is probably the world's leading expert in the autonomic nervous system and will enlighten us on this intricate and essential part of our field. He has published extensively on this and still works in the rehabilitation unit in Vancouver.

The second main focus will be on nursing issues as well as the establishment of comprehensive systems of care in under resourced countries. In this regard we have invited Mr. Stephen Muldoon from Livability in the United Kingdom to address us. Mr. Muldoon is a founding member of the Asia Spinal Cord Injuries Network, (ASCON) and as such he has vast experience in setting up units in underserved areas. He is currently working in Nepal to re-establish services in that country following the devastating earth quakes. He also is instrumental in developing a web based data collection instrument, which we hope to implement.

The venue should be well known to one and all and autumn in the Cape will as usual be spectacular.

Please keep your diaries open and start working on your presentations. There will be ample opportunity for one and all to present your own unique work.

Kind regards

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Chairman SASCA

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CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mr Stephen Muldoon

Head of Overseas Development,
Livability Ireland,
founding member of ASCON



Dr. Andrei Krassioukov

Chair in Rehabilitation Research
ICORD
Vancouver Canada

ADDITIONAL KEYNOTE AND LOCAL SPEAKERS WILL BE INVITED

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Healthcare Professionals

Neurologists
Occupational Therapists
General Practitioners
Rehabilitation Nurses
Social Workers
Psychologists
Physiotherapists
Neuro Surgeons
Orthopaedic Surgeons
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons

Dieticians
Sexologists
Trauma Counselors
Medical Advisors to Schemes

Legal/Financial

Lawyers
Case Fund Managers
Hospital Or Rehabilitation Unit
Case Managers
Medico Legal Consultants

Associated Members

Teachers
Physically Impaired Learners
SASCA Members
QASA Members
People with SC Injuries & their families
Chris Burger/Petro Jackson fund
representatives
Disabled Associations and group's
representatives

CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline for submission 1 December 2015

The SASCA scientific committee invites the submission of abstracts for both oral and poster presentations. In line with the congress theme premier consideration will be given to papers on autonomic nervous system management, nursing care in developing countries and data bases for emerging economies and SCI networks

Please use these instructions for abstract submission:-

- Abstracts should be emailed to the conference organisers at events@rca.co.za
- Abstract must be received by 1 September 2015
- Abstracts must be typed in single space using 12 point Times Roman Font with 2.5 cm margins on all sides of the page
- Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words without editorial errors
- Abstracts must include the title of the paper, presenting author's title, first name and surname, where there are multiple authors the presenting author's name must be in **BOLD** and UNDERLINED
- Do not forget to include your organisation or affiliation
- Do not include graphs or references in your abstract and use only standard abbreviations.
- Postal address, telephone numbers and email address must be clearly indicated

The conference organisers will acknowledge receipt of all abstract submission by email.

The SASCA scientific committee will review all abstracts and notify the presenting author of acceptance or rejection of the paper by 18 January 2016.

Please note: All presenters need to register and pay conference fees.

PRESENTATIONS

ORAL papers must be presented in MS PowerPoint format. Subject to the authors permission the presentations will be converted to PDF format and made available on Memory Stick to congress delegates at the close of the congress.

POSTERS should be presented in A0 format and displayed from the commencement to the end of the congress.

"Guidelines for making a cost-effective academic poster" document can be found on the SASCA website or obtained by email from the congress secretariat.

KEY DATES

Call for abstracts deadline	1 December 2015
Acceptance of abstracts	18 January 2016
Conference programme ready	1 February 2016
Early bird registration and payment deadline	15 October 2015
Registration deadline for presenters	3 March 2016
Close of registration and payment deadline	14 March 2016



AILEY KEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Ailey Key Memorial Lecture will be incorporated into this year's conference programme.

EXHIBITION STAND AND SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Exhibition stands and space will be available for companies wishing to promote their goods and services.

To minimise participant costs and thus ensure a high attendance level we are seeking sponsorship in a number of areas related to the conference.

The exhibition stand & sponsorship document can be found on the SASCA website or obtained by email from the congress secretariat.

REGISTRATION

Please note entrance to the conference is **strictly subject to prior payment** with the early bird payment deadline being 15 October 2015 and late registration and payment deadline being 14 March 2016.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The applicant indicates their desire to be registered for this event and therefore accepts full responsibility for the payment of the registration fees as stipulated in the registration information.
- If you want to register for a limited participation event please check that there are places still available.
- Registrations are transferable.
- Payment is due on invoicing.
- All payments must be received prior to the start of the event.
- Payment methods accepted for this event: EFT
- If your company has agreed to pay for your attendance it remains your responsibility to make sure that payment is made by your company timeously.
- Cancellation may be made in writing up to 10 days prior to the starting day of the event. A 25% administration fee will be charged.
- No refund or credit note will be issued if written cancellation is not received timeously. You will then remain personally liable for payment of the invoice.
- Bank charges for non-South African payments are for the delegate's account.

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Please note that the conference registration fees do not include accommodation or travel.

Delegates are required to make their own accommodation bookings. A list of accommodation options can be found on the SASCA website or obtained by email from the congress secretariat.

Transport to/from the airport should be made by the delegate directly with their hotel.

WEBSITE

Regular congress updates will be available on the SASCA website at www.sasca.org.za

SASCA MEMBERSHIP

SASCA members are encouraged to register and pay for the Early Bird Registration Fees!

CONGRESS ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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