

# HPBASA

## HEPATO-PANCREATICO-BILIARY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA



*HPBASA Presidents Report*

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*Dear colleagues*

*The year end is fast approaching, and I wish to use this opportunity to inform HPBASA members and the greater HPB community of developments and events within the society.*

*As you are well aware our yearly national meeting is being held in Pretoria from the 21<sup>st</sup> until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2017. For this we have sourced 7 international speakers from diverse disciplines involving amongst others advanced hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery and training, interventional radiology, oncological transplantation, as well as molecular and genetic oncology. The premise is to integrate movement in the fields of interventional and precision oncology for the diagnosis and treatment of hepatopancreaticobiliary malignancies. The introduction of a translational basic science interface for clinical implementation is particularly important given the recent extraordinary developments in this field.*

*To build on this initiative we have furthermore successfully bid to hold the 2019 International Association of the Pancreas meeting in Cape Town from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2019, together with the greater gastroenterological and surgical groupings [ASSA / SAGES].*

*International and local financial support has been secured to help source an extended international faculty for this meeting, and this event promises to generate fantastic benefit to the South African academic faculties.*

*The HPBASA-IAP pancreas programme and the ASSA-SAGES programme will be run in parallel from a combined budget.*

*Denise Kemp from Eastern Sun Events, who manages the ASSA-SAGES Congresses on a yearly basis, will be the Principle Congress Organiser.*

*2017 saw the implementation of an ERCP training and accreditation programme at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town.*

*Peter Cotton, the doyen of ERCP training, was a visiting faculty member for a number of weeks, and during this time an HPB Endoscopy workshop was successfully held.*

*This year also saw the first HPB Endoscopy footprint at the ASSA-SAGES Congress in Port Elizabeth. Sean Burmeister put together an engaging programme featuring local and international speakers, and he is to be congratulated for this. It is important that the societies work together especially where there is common interest, and it is hoped that this will now be an annual event.*

*The new HPBASA website is up and running. It is envisaged that this will serve not only as a sounding board for developments within the HPB community but also serve as a forum for critical interaction and training amongst the HPBASA members.*

*A number of projects are planned for this website, and these will be developed within the next year.*

*My tenure as president of the HPBASA is coming to a close and Jock Stapleton will taking over the reins from the end of September 2017. I wish him well with this endeavour, and trust that he will build on the foundation set to date.*

*To all of you who have not yet registered for HPBASA Congress 2017 I ask that you do so. It is truly a fantastic international faculty that will be presenting, and as such is an event not to be missed. I wish you all well and look forward to seeing you in the coming week.*

*Kind regards  
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