



SASPEN News

We are continuing our 30-year celebrations with a trip down memory lane. Keep an eye out on the SASPEN social media platforms for these interesting snippets from the past. SASPEN is also excited to announce that we will bring the 30-year celebrations to the CCSSA/SASPEN congress with a talk by Prof D Labadarios focusing on three decades of clinical nutrition in South Africa.

The annual CCSSA congress will take place in Durban, on 23–26 August 2018. SASPEN will be joining CCSSA again this year. SASPEN will be presenting 2 Life Long Learning (LLL) courses at this year's congress namely "Nutrition support in the peri-operative period" and "ICU Nutrition: Treatment and problem solving". Both LLL courses will be presented by our international speakers Prof Remy Meier and Prof Claude Pichard. They will also join us for the congress program. The congress program this year will focus on several themes in clinical nutrition and can be previewed on the congress website at www.ccssa2018.co.za.

SASPEN is also launching a new initiative at the congress, "Current affairs and Clinical research". This will be a new slot on the SASPEN program which we hope to make a permanent feature. We would like to open this up to colleagues with an interest in nutrition to present interesting case studies or original research. More information and application forms are available on the SASPEN webpage.

Another first at the 2018 CCSSA/SASPEN congress will be the launch of the Arina Prince Clinical Nutrition award. This award is made possible through sponsorship by Fresenius Kabi and will be awarded yearly in three categories. The

categories are as follows: best publication in an international journal, best publication in a local journal and best case study publication. The award is only open to SASPEN members and we would like to encourage published authors to apply. More information and application forms are available on the SASPEN webpage.

SASPEN joined the British Dietetic Association again this year for Dietitian's Week, 4–8 June 2018. The theme for this year was "Dietitian's do Prevention". SASPEN would like to thank ENASA for assisting in the provision of the resource packs to dietitians as well as ADSA and HDIG for partnering up with us in spreading this important message. If you have any photos of your activities during this week please post it on the social media platforms; we like to see your enthusiasm and initiative.

The Western Cape has successfully kicked off with the SASPEN PM Ward Round Club initiative. This once a month meeting has grown to a group of 40 dietitians and has proven to be an excellent platform for interactive patient discussion. For more information on this initiative contact Anna-Lena du Toit, Anna-Lena.duToit@westerncape.gov.za.

SASPEN hopes to bring the PM Ward Round to a province near you soon!

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