

# EMSSA NEWSLETTER

## May 2008

### INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> official EMSSA Newsletter. I'm sorry that this is a few weeks late – I had hoped to get it out by the end of April, but had to go on an exotic holiday - hence the delay!

I had a lot of positive feedback from the first Newsletter and I hope that you will all continue to be actively involved in EMSSA activities. There is lots going on in Emergency Medicine at the moment and EMSSA offers you a great opportunity to shape the way that this develops.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the EXCO if you have any constructive comments or other feedback.

### EXECUTIVE

The contact details of the Executive are listed in the first appendix.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there are any issues that we can help you with.

### MEMBERSHIP

You are now a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the way through your 2008 membership. We are still a young organisation and the membership base is currently still small – we are now at 214. However, we are very warm and welcoming to any potential new members and the R150 represents an excellent investment! If you know any potential new members please don't hesitate to point them in our direction. The membership form is attached to this Newsletter once again.

Mande has been working very hard on getting all the member information up to date. This is finally done. I want to thank her for all of her hard work. You will receive your journals in the next few days, along with your membership cards for 2008.

As member benefits, you will receive:

- discounted registration for EMSSA events (workshops, educational sessions, and conferences)
- 4 journals a year
- access to Challenger CME (see below)
- lots of educational material on the website
- newsletters

Not bad value for R150!!

### WEBSITE

Hanneli has been doing a lot of great work on [www.emssa.org](http://www.emssa.org) and by the time this Newsletter comes into your inbox I hope that the BETA version will be up and running and it will be available for you to comment. Sporadically check the website and as soon as you see a version up there please fire in your comments to myself or to Hanneli.

There is no limit to the amount of material we can put up there and I really want to start and load academic material any time now. If you have anything or any content or links that you would like to see on there please send them through to myself or Hanneli.

### EDUCATION

A successful update day was held in Cape Town recently with many excellent lectures. Mande has planned 3 more

events in the Gauteng Region and has secured great sponsorship for these. Details are appended at the end of this Newsletter.

Dries' symposium in Pretoria in March was extremely popular and very well attended and as always a very well run professional event.

## CONFERENCES

I'm delighted and excited to announce that the Cape Town International Convention Centre will be the venue for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Medicine in the Developing World Conference** to be held from the **23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009**. Put these dates in your diary now.

23<sup>rd</sup> November will be a series of workshops including Ultrasound, ECG Masterclass, Difficult Airway, and Emergency Radiology.

The theme of the conference is ***Mass Gathering and Disaster Medicine in a Developing World setting***. In addition to this main plenary, all major emergency care topics will be covered.

Look out on [www.emssa2009.co.za](http://www.emssa2009.co.za) for more details.

In addition, we have given our bid for the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Emergency Medicine (ICEM). Five South Africans attended the recent ICEM in San Francisco: it was a great success, with over 1000 members there. Everyone is very excited at the prospect of South Africa hosting this in 2014. We are in competition with Korea, Hong Kong and Mexico. A very comprehensive bid has been put together, and we will hear in October whether our bid has been successful.

## FIFA 2010

You were told before about some of the activities that are happening towards improving our skills in time for the World Cup. Michelle has been active in putting together the training program, and this is currently running out across the country. Details are appended.

The Major Incident Courses have started to a fantastic reception; the first Clinical Forensic Medicine course has also just happened. More courses are on the horizon over the months to come: keep your diaries open. All these courses are offered under the umbrella of EMSSA, which is very satisfying for our members.

## POSITION STATEMENTS

EMSSA, as the academic society for emergency medicine, will issue position statements on a number of key areas of importance to our specialty. The first is due out in a very short time and is on the use of ultrasound in emergency departments. We have a very good document which has just been finalised in conjunction with the College of Emergency Medicine. Watch this space and the website for more information.

Other position statements can be expected soon and if anyone has a strong feeling for issues that we should be taking a stance on then please don't hesitate to send them through to any of the EXCO.

In conjunction with several other societies, we will be publishing position papers on blood transfusion, clinical forensic medicine and critical care services, watch out for these important pieces of work.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

EMSSA has become the accrediting and providing organisation for Major Incident Medical Management Support, MIMMS in the Hospital, Rural Emergency Skills Training, South African Triage Scale Training and Clinical Forensic Medicine Training. In addition we are currently looking at taking on the Emergency Management of Severe Burns Course. This will all be run under the EMSSA umbrella and I would strongly advocate to EMSSA members that they attend these excellent courses. They are all CPD accredited.

In addition, details of all current emergency related courses available throughout the country are provided as an appendix.

## **RESEARCH FORUM**

EMSSA will shortly be putting together a research forum, to try to coordinate South African emergency care research, and provide a platform for assistance with research topics across the country. E-resources will be made available, as well as distance supervision.

If anyone wishes to be part of this project, please contact Lee.

## **CHALLENGER ONLINE LEARNING**

As part of your membership you are now eligible to log on to a lifetime subscription to Challenger emergency medicine: [www.challengercme.com](http://www.challengercme.com). The subscription to this has been kindly provided by the Division of Emergency Medicine at UCT.

Log on to the website using the username and password that will be provided on request from Lee; we have access to online resources for all areas

of emergency care. There are self learning modules, downloadable x-rays, ECGs, photos, and so on, and lots and lots of support educational materials. We also have access to the ECG module, Emergency radiology, and USS for the ED.

While multiple users are welcome to log on with the same subscription, and we cannot stop anyone from passing the details on to all and sundry, we would ask that you please treat the access as a perk of EMSSA membership. The only way EMSSA can get stronger and more meaningful is if we get more members: we can attract members with such great incentives as this, but if they have free access anyway there is less of a reason to join!

## **OTHER**

This area is for your news, so please send it through to Lee or Mande.

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## EMERGENCY-RELATED SHORT COURSES IN SOUTH AFRICA (INTERNATIONAL)

TITLE	COURSE NAME	LENGTH	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT ADDRESS	VENUE	ACCREDITATION
BLS-HCP	*Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers*	1 day	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
ECG	*Emergency ECG & Pharmacology*	1 day	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
Airway	*Emergency Airway Management*	1 day	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
ACLS	*Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support*	2 days	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
ACLS-EP	*ACLS for Experienced Providers*	2 days	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
PALS	*Pediatric Advanced Life Support*	2 days	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	American Heart Association
ANLS	*Advanced Neonatal Life Support*	1 day	Resuscitation Council of SA	<a href="mailto:rescosa@iafrica.com">rescosa@iafrica.com</a>	Johannesburg & Cape Town	American Academy of Pediatrics
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support	3 days	Trauma Society of SA	<a href="mailto:atls@saol.com">atls@saol.com</a>	Countrywide	American College of Surgeons
FCCS	Fundamental Critical Care Support	2 days	Critical Care Society of SA	<a href="mailto:drhannes@specphysician.co.za">drhannes@specphysician.co.za</a>	Countrywide	US Society of Critical Care Medicine
BSSC	*Basic Surgical Skills Course*	3 days	College of Surgeons of SA	<a href="mailto:bfine@uctgsh1.uct.ac.za">bfine@uctgsh1.uct.ac.za</a> or <a href="mailto:parkesjs@medicine.wits.ac.za">parkesjs@medicine.wits.ac.za</a>	Countrywide	College of Surgeons of England
AMLS	*Advanced Medical Life Support*	2 days	Academy of Advanced Life Support	<a href="mailto:kloeck@resus.co.za">kloeck@resus.co.za</a>	Johannesburg	United Kingdom
APLS	*Advanced Paediatric Life Support*	3 days	ALSG (UK)	<a href="mailto:blackwel@iafrica.com">blackwel@iafrica.com</a>	Countrywide	United Kingdom
MIMMS	Major Incident Medical Management & Support	1 – 3 days	Emergency Medicine Society of SA	<a href="mailto:satriage@webmail.co.za">satriage@webmail.co.za</a>	Countrywide	United Kingdom
HMIMMS	Major Incident Medical Management & Support in the hospital	1 – 2 days	Emergency Medicine Society of SA	<a href="mailto:satriage@webmail.co.za">satriage@webmail.co.za</a>	Countrywide	United Kingdom
REST	Rural Emergency Skills Training	2 days	Emergency Medicine Society of SA	<a href="mailto:satriage@webmail.co.za">satriage@webmail.co.za</a>	Countrywide	Australia
EMSB	Emergency Management of Severe Burns	1 day	SA Burn Society / EMSSA	<a href="mailto:Fatgieyah.ismail@uct.ac.za">Fatgieyah.ismail@uct.ac.za</a>	Countrywide	Australian & New Zealand Burn Association

**\*Active (paid-up) members of the CMSA qualify for a R100-00 discount on all Courses marked with an asterisk\***

## EMERGENCY-RELATED SHORT COURSES IN SOUTH AFRICA (LOCAL)

TITLE	COURSE NAME	LENGTH	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT ADDRESS	VENUE	ACCREDITATION
EMS	Emergency Medicine Symposium	1 day	University of Pretoria	<a href="mailto:dries.engelbrecht@up.ac.za">dries.engelbrecht@up.ac.za</a>	Pretoria	Local
EMP	Emergency Medicine Presentations	1 day	University of the Witwatersrand	<a href="mailto:Efraim.Kramer@wits.ac.za">Efraim.Kramer@wits.ac.za</a>	Johannesburg	Local
EMU	Emergency Medicine Update	6 days	University of Kwazulu-Natal	<a href="mailto:Henryka1@ukzn.ac.za">Henryka1@ukzn.ac.za</a>	Durban	Local
EMR	Emergency Medicine Refresher	3 days	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch	<a href="mailto:zmullins@pgwc.gov.za">zmullins@pgwc.gov.za</a>	Cape Town	Local
ERA	*Emergency Regional Anaesthesia*	1 day	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch	<a href="mailto:basil.bonner@mediclinic.co.za">basil.bonner@mediclinic.co.za</a>	Cape Town	Local
ITC	*Immobilization Techniques*	1 day	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch	<a href="mailto:croberts@pgwc.gov.za">croberts@pgwc.gov.za</a>	Cape Town	Local
WMC	*Wound Management*	1 day	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch	<a href="mailto:tch@sun.ac.za">tch@sun.ac.za</a>	Cape Town	Local
DMC	*Disaster Medicine*	5 days	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch	<a href="mailto:wpsmith@pgwc.gov.za">wpsmith@pgwc.gov.za</a>	Cape Town	Local
AHCP	*Aviation Medicine*/ Health Care Provider	5 days	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch & University of the Witwatersrand	<a href="mailto:wpsmith@pgwc.gov.za">wpsmith@pgwc.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:trauma@mweb.co.za">trauma@mweb.co.za</a>	Cape Town & Johannesburg	Local
USEP	Ultrasound for the Emergency Physician	1 - 2 days	University of Cape Town/Stellenbosch & University of the Witwatersrand	<a href="mailto:zmullins@pgwc.gov.za">zmullins@pgwc.gov.za</a> or <a href="mailto:mike@casualty.co.za">mike@casualty.co.za</a>	Cape Town & Johannesburg	Local
SA-AIME	South African - Airway Interventions & Management in Emergencies	2 days	University of the Witwatersrand	<a href="mailto:Efraim.Kramer@wits.ac.za">Efraim.Kramer@wits.ac.za</a>	Johannesburg	Local
SATS	South African Triage Scale	1 day	Emergency Medicine Society of SA	<a href="mailto:satriage@webmail.co.za">satriage@webmail.co.za</a>	Countrywide	Local
CFMT	Clinical Forensic Medicine Training	1 day	Emergency Medicine Society of SA	<a href="mailto:satriage@webmail.co.za">satriage@webmail.co.za</a>	Countrywide	Local
EMAP	*Emergency Management of Acute Poisonings*	2 days	Academy of Accident & Emergency Medicine	<a href="mailto:academy.aem@telkomsa.net">academy.aem@telkomsa.net</a>	Durban	Local
ATM	*Advanced Trauma Management*	3 days	Academy of Accident & Emergency Medicine	<a href="mailto:academy.aem@telkomsa.net">academy.aem@telkomsa.net</a>	Durban	Local
AME	*Acute Medical Emergencies*	3 days	Academy of Accident & Emergency Medicine	<a href="mailto:academy.aem@telkomsa.net">academy.aem@telkomsa.net</a>	Durban	Local
Ethics	*Ethics in Emergency Medicine*	1 day	Academy of Advanced Life Support	<a href="mailto:kloeck@resus.co.za">kloeck@resus.co.za</a>	Johannesburg	Local
AELS	Advanced Emergency Life Support	1 day	Academy of Advanced Life Support	<a href="mailto:kloeck@resus.co.za">kloeck@resus.co.za</a>	Johannesburg	Local
ALSPR	ALS Practitioner Refresher	2 days	Academy of Advanced Life Support	<a href="mailto:kloeck@resus.co.za">kloeck@resus.co.za</a>	Johannesburg	Local

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