



ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa sits at the southern-most tip of Africa, where the Atlantic and the Indian oceans meet. The country is blessed with warm weather most of the year, and big game roams just beyond the city lights. Soaked in history, this is the location of the beginning of humanity - our ancestors' traces are still manifest in fossilized footprints from 80 000 years ago. Wildlife is a major attraction in South Africa and is very accessible - an hour's drive from such urban centers as Pretoria and Johannesburg, you can view lions, buffalo, elephants and hundreds of other fascinating species in their natural environments. One of the world's first wildlife conservation areas was South Africa's Kruger Park, today more than a century old. It is part of a single conservation area that spans private and public game parks and stretches across national borders into neighboring Mozambique and Zimbabwe. South Africa boasts golden beaches, some of the world's best surfing opportunities, fantastic scenery ranging from mountains to deserts, eco-systems found nowhere else in the world (with over 20,000 different plants) and an opportunity to experience African culture on a personal level. The country is known for its diversity in cultures, languages, and religious beliefs. There are eleven official languages. English is the most commonly spoken language in official and commercial public life but it is only the fifth most-spoken home language.

ABOUT JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg is the economic and cultural centre of South Africa and is the largest city in the country. The city serves as a center of commerce, finance, industry, and mining undertakings.

Johannesburg is the source of a large-scale gold and diamond trade, due to its location on the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills. Enjoy the shopping, dining, nightlife up-close wildlife encounters and historical sites that the city has on offer. In and around Johannesburg are museums on art, history, science and apartheid. Nearby the city are caves, animal and nature reserves, traditional villages of local cultures and gold and diamond mines.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress Venue

Sandton Convention Centre
Maude Street Sandown 2196
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Language

The official language of the Congress is English. Simultaneous translations from English to Spanish and French will be available in Plenary Sessions.

Abstracts Submission

Congress Abstract Deadline: Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Abstracts should only be submitted via the Congress website, www.ipa-world.org/ipacongress. Abstract submission is now open.

Abstracts will be scheduled for oral or poster presentation. Those not scheduled for oral presentation will be given the opportunity for presentation by poster. New posters will be displayed each day and the main author will be expected to be at their poster at designated times on the day of their poster presentation.

Registration

Early Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Online registration information is available on the Congress website at www.ipa-world.org/ipacongress

Accommodation

Specially reduced rates at local hotels is available for Congress participants on the Congress website: www.ipa-world.org/ipacongress

Exhibition

A professional exhibition will be held concurrently with the Congress. For details, please contact Simone Gampel E-mail: sgampel@kenes.com

Climate

August in Johannesburg is mild and temperatures range from 6°C in the night time to 19°C in the daytime.

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The 26th International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics "Simunye - we are one"



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CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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The 26th International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics Johannesburg, South Africa August 4 - 9, 2010

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the International Pediatric Association

In 1994, soon after the democratization of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, the first president of our new nation stated, "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children". Alas, the global plight of children remains a concern to us all. As pediatricians, we have a universal bond that unites us in improving the health of children around the globe.

With a mixture of humility and pride, the South African Pediatric Association (SAPA) joins with the International Pediatric Association (IPA) in inviting all members of the International Pediatric Association as well as many other child health professionals and personnel to join us and attend the 26th International Congress of Pediatrics in South Africa in August 2010. This will be the first IPA Congress held in sub-Saharan Africa, and we are pleased that we will be joined in the Congress by our African colleagues from the Union of African Pediatric Societies and Associations.

We promise you a scientific program to fulfill the needs of all our discerning colleagues, with a wide spectrum of the latest information ranging from the most avant-garde science to the priorities facing our least endowed. Occurring just 5 years before the due date of the Millennium Development Goals, with their target of reducing child mortality by two thirds by 2015, this congress will provide crucial insight into vital issues of child health throughout the world.

The venue we have chosen for the 26th Congress is the Sandton Convention Centre (SCC), just north of Johannesburg. The SCC has proven to be a modern and comfortable home for many international conventions. The centre is surrounded by a plethora of hotels which range from grand opulence to good budget establishments. Sandton is situated close to the modern O.R.Tambo Airport, the most convenient destination for international couriers avoiding unnecessary travel connections.

South Africa is a tourist destination of your dreams! Experience the unique flora and fauna of Africa in natural reserves, big-game safaris, idyllic beaches, peaceful settings, or jet-set partying: we can accommodate every recreational need.

The Rainbow Nation is waiting to share its hospitality with you in 2010!

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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The Scientific Programme plans to meet the needs of general pediatricians from both the developed and the developing world. The IPA advocates for the child in a global context and the major issues affecting children world-wide will be discussed. The Congress motto "Simunye - we are one" will be reflected in the programme, that will provide for practicing general pediatricians everywhere with clinical updates of all the major sub-specialties.

Ethical themes and aspects of pediatric surgery relevant to the pediatrician will be integrated into the programme as well as "Academic" Pediatrics covering aspects of research and teaching at under-and postgraduate levels.

Plenary Sessions

Including:

- The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Global Child Health - the current state of health of children in the world and progress towards the MDGs.
- The State of the World's Newborns - major issues determining maternal and newborn health in developing & developed countries
- Determinants of Health - genetics, nutrition and the environment
- Disasters and Trauma affecting Child Health - children's needs in disasters and humanitarian crises and the worldwide epidemic of trauma
- Winning the War against the "Bugs" - the global burden of infectious diseases affecting children and the challenge of emerging infections

Parallel Symposia

Parallel Symposia will be scheduled each day following the plenary session and will include invited speakers and selected free papers. Topics will include:

- Environmental Hazards & Tobacco
- Quality of Care
- Child Advocacy Longitudinal cohort studies-what do they achieve?
- Sessions dedicated to General Pediatricians including:
 - Neonatology: The management & outcomes of the very low birth-weight baby, new aspects around asphyxia and resuscitation, preventing & managing necrotising enterocolitis, feeding choices, Kangaroo Mother Care - in all settings.
 - Infections: Prevention of HIV & HAART, what's new in the diagnosis of TB, Malaria prevention, vaccines & the anti-vaccine lobby.
 - Pulmonology: Sleep disordered breathing, chronic lung diseases, bronchiectasis.
 - Cardiology: Rheumatic fever in the new millennium, other cardiac infections, chest pain in children, hot topics & the heart.
 - Gastro-enterology: Over & under nutrition, chronic liver disease, food fortification
 - Neuro-developmental: Autism spectrum disorder, discipline & children, early childhood development, advances in epilepsy.
 - Adolescent Pediatrics: Sexuality, adolescents with chronic diseases
 - Haematology/Oncology: The burden of sickle-cell anaemia, investigation & management of ITP, improving survival in childhood cancer, palliative care, cord blood banking.
 - Other: Pediatric pain syndromes, spinal deformities, primary immune-deficiencies, the global child dental task force, appropriate genetic testing.

Workshops

Including:

- Child development for the general pediatrician
- Child health and the environment
- Interpreting the pediatric chest radiograph
- Implementing Pediatric HAART
- An approach to the dysmorphic child