



*'Becoming a Surgical Pioneer'*

**Inaugural IASSS Symposium  
&  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SASSS Symposium  
July 2014**

**INVITATION TO DELEGATES**

**Hosted by:**

**UCT Surgical Society  
University of Cape Town, South Africa**



**UCT SURGICAL SOCIETY**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Surgical Society of the University of Cape Town, South Africa invites you to attend the Inaugural International Association of Student Surgical Societies (IASSS) Symposium combined with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern African Student Surgical Societies (SASSS) Symposium.

The symposium will offer all delegates the opportunity to gain knowledge and practical skills crucial in “Becoming a Surgical Pioneer”. All students of all medical school institutions are offered the chance to take part in this African-driven, global innovation. The combination of practical workshop experiences and guest lectures by world-renowned South African surgeons culminates in a lineup guaranteed to make history with this international, first-of-its-kind symposium.

The UCT Surgical Society implores you to take advantage of this opportunity. Please see the following document for information regarding the symposium, and if you have any further queries and concerns please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town!

*The UCT Surgical Society team*

## **SYMPOSIUM GOALS**

The 2014 Inaugural IASSS Symposium is an innovation in student leadership, and a first of its kind. The combined Inaugural IASSS and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SASSS Symposium will envisage the ethos of what it takes to become a surgical pioneer, encouraging the enthusiasm and creativity it requires to lead surgical discovery. This practically-focused, workshop-based event has the following goals:

- to practically equip delegates with competent skills necessary for holistic surgical care
- to expose delegates to more advanced surgical skills
- to expose delegates to the journeys of some surgical “greats” who have each pioneered in their field on a global scale, with an emphasis on encouraging future innovation
- to showcase student research
- to enable global and regional collaboration
- to build inter-personal relationships amongst culturally unique and diverse individuals
- to provide delegates with a unique experience of UCT, Cape Town, and South Africa
- to raise funds for breast cancer awareness and intervention

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## **INAUGURAL IASSS & 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SASSS SYMPOSIUM 2014**

*(PLEASE NOTE: Symposium content is subject to change. Please register for the symposium, or visit [www.iasss.org](http://www.iasss.org) or [www.surgsoc.org](http://www.surgsoc.org) to receive updated information)*

Date: 7-10 July 2014

Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa

Theme: “Becoming a Surgical Pioneer”

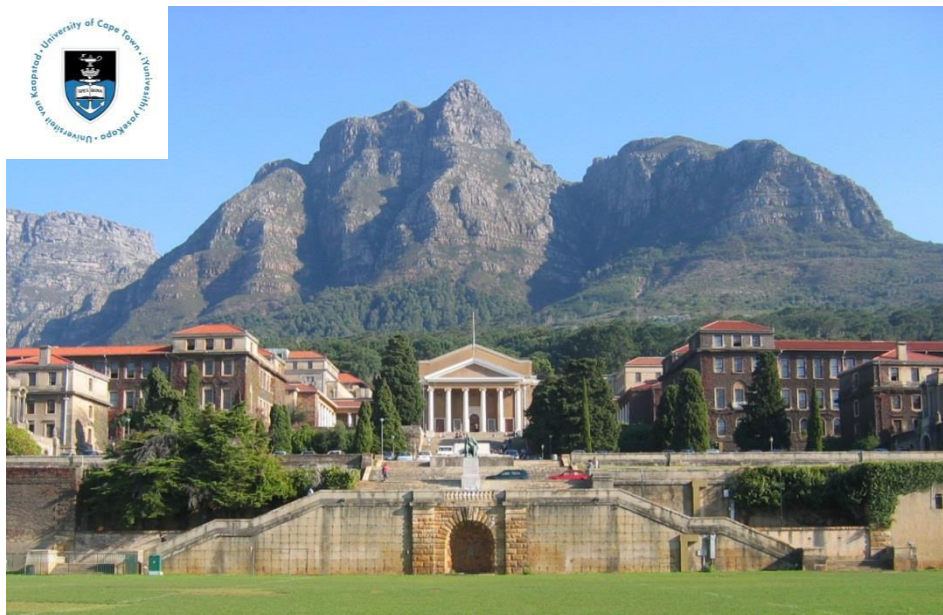
Support: The 2014 Symposium is supported by:

Prof. Willem de Villiers: Dean of the University of Cape Town Health Sciences Faculty

Prof. Delawir Kahn: HOD Groote Schuur Hospital Department of Surgery, Cape Town.

Prof. Georges Azzie: General Surgery, University of Toronto, Canada.

The IASSS 2014 Symposium is officially endorsed by the International Surgical Society (ISS-SIC) – official body of the World Journal of Surgery.



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## ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

	Monday 7 July 2014	Tuesday 8 July 2014	Wednesday 9 July 2014	Thursday 10 July 2014
7.45	Golf Day	Tea	Tea	Tea
8.00		'The Scope of ENT Surgery' Endoscopic Dissection  <i>Dr. Darlene Lubbe</i>	'From the First Human Heart Transplant to New Cardiothoracic Advances' <i>Dr. Jacques Scherman</i>	TopKnife Selection Test
8.15				(Transport)
8.30				Practical Workshop 4
8.45		'A South African Trauma Experience' <i>Prof. Andy Nicol</i>	'Pushing the Boundaries of Transplant Surgery' <i>Dr. Elmi Muller</i>	
9.00				(Transport)
9.15		Student Debate "This House believes that medical students are better trained in 'developing countries than in 'First World' countries"	Research Competition	Lunch
9.30				Lunch
9.45		(Transport)	Lunch	
10.00				Practical Workshop 1
10.15		(Transport)	(Transport)	
10.30				Practical Workshop 2
10.45		Registration		
11.00				Welcome, Societies, Sponsors
11.15		Cocktail Evening	Formal Dinner	
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## **WORKSHOPS**

Four workshop themes will be run throughout the course of the symposium. The provisional programme (subject to change without notice) includes:

- "It's not brain surgery" - neuroanatomy, imaging and neurosurgery
- "Another day, another trauma" - an interactive trauma-surgery workshop and discussion
- "Sure, I know what I'm looking at" - surgical applications of ultrasonography and cardiac echocardiography
- "Gaming for surgeons" - laparoscopic skills and theatre tricks

Delegates have the option of attending workshops throughout the symposium. There will be 5 groups of workshop attendees (maximum 20 delegates per group). Each group will cover the same workshop topics, with the only difference being the order in which the workshops are done. Workshop registrations will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve and availability basis. There is a limit on the number of delegates which can attend workshops and your place will only be confirmed once proof of payment has been received.

Workshops will consist of practical teaching and practice opportunities supervised by a tutor in the field. Workshops will range from between 60 and 90 minutes in duration.

These provisional workshop topics are subject to change without notice, but updates will be posted leading up to the symposium regarding the confirmation of topics, change of topics, and contents to be covered in the workshops.

## **CHARITY**

5% of all proceeds from registration fees will be contributed to the 'Breast Course for Nurses' programme.

'Breast Course for Nurses' ([www.jennyedge.co.za/2013/07/the-breast-course-for-nurses.html](http://www.jennyedge.co.za/2013/07/the-breast-course-for-nurses.html)) breast cancer awareness and intervention project was founded by renowned breast surgeon, Dr. Jenny Edge, in July 2013 to increase the number of, and training in nurse breast cancer counselors in the Johannesburg and Cape Town public health service. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer to affect South African females and, with early identification, 70—85% of women can achieve cancer remission. The Breast Course for Nurses programme focuses on familiarizing nurses with the practical assessment and effective management of common breast problems, to achieve early breast cancer identification.

## **GLOBAL TOPKNIFE COMPETITION**

The TopKnife competition is a firmly established UCT Surgical Society annual event where students compete amongst each other in the realms of academic surgical knowledge (radiology, anatomy, instruments), surgical suturing skills, and laparoscopic skills. For the first time, TopKnife will become a global competition!

Delegates will be selected from each of the workshop sets. The most competent delegates will be selected by the workshop demonstrators over the course of the symposium. 3 delegates from each of the 5 workshop sets will be selected (a total of 15 delegates) who will then compete in a competition on the final day of the symposium. The competition will be judged by various demonstrators from the workshops, and the content assessed will be based on what is covered throughout the course of the symposium.

Traditionally the TopKnife competition has had many different prizes and awards and this will not be any different this time! Plenty prizes will be available and will be awarded at the close of the symposium.

## **STUDENT DEBATE**

The Student Debate entitled “This House believes that medical students are better trained in developing countries than in ‘First World’ countries” will take the form of a formal debate, but with a twist. There will be two teams of 3 speakers – one side consisting of delegates from developing countries, and one side from ‘First World’ countries. The ‘First World’ delegates will argue for the proposed statement, and the developing country delegates will oppose. This will form the structure of the REVERSE debate, which will otherwise follow a formal structure.

If you are interested in taking part as a speaker in the debate please indicate this on the registration form. The sooner you register and offer to be a speaker the longer you will have to prepare! Once teams have been selected they will be put in contact with each other so that they can prepare their argument in advance, bearing in mind that 1 speaker from each team will have to compile a rebuttal speech on the day.

Each speaker will be allowed 9 minutes to speak, with 15 minutes total for questions from the floor and 15 minutes for feedback. The session will be chaired by a senior patron of the IASSS.



## **RESEARCH COMPETITION**

All delegates are invited to present research in which they have been involved at the Research Competition. Entry numbers are limited.

Entrants' research must have been done between 2012 and 2014, and must have a surgical basis. Each entrant will be allowed 7 minutes to present their research, followed by 2 minutes of questions. Judging will take place based on content, presentation, relevance, and speakers will be penalized for going over time. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the symposium. Consultation with project supervisors and/or project partners must be done before submission.

Judges will be confirmed closer to the event date.

If you wish to enter a research project of yours please indicate this on your registration form, and you will receive confirmation of your entry at a later date.

## **VIDEO COMPETITION**

All delegates are invited to present a video in the Video Competition. Entry numbers are also limited.

Delegates may enter a video of 'anything surgical', which may range from a video of a procedure to a demonstration of anatomy, and everything in-between. These videos must be RECORDED, and must be original work and not copied from online sites or other sources. The videos will be judged by the audience of delegates and the video receiving the most votes will win. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the symposium.

Each video is allowed to be up to 6 minutes in length (5mins for the video, 1min for questions), but may be shorter if desired. At the end of the 6-minute period the video will be stopped, so do be sure to follow the time allowance.

Audio may/may not be used, and any recording device may be used, including endoscopic devices.

Please take note of patient confidentiality when recording your videos and ensure that this is obtained for distribution of the video. Supervisors and/or project partners must also be consulted prior to presentation.

If you wish to enter a video of yours please indicate this on your registration form, and you will receive confirmation of your entry at a later date.

## **GOLF DAY**

All delegates are invited to take part in an official golfing event in conjunction with the 2014 Symposium. This will take place on the date shown on the timetable above (venue to be confirmed).

You are encouraged to enter! This is a great opportunity to meet some new people and enjoy something outside of medicine. Golf clubs however will NOT be provided, unless arranged beforehand. If you cannot bring your clubs over to the symposium with you please indicate so on the registration form and arrangements can be made if enough notice is given. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the symposium for the winner of the golf day (individual stableford scoring), longest drive, and closest to the pin.

Please note that there will be an extra cost (as shown in the registration fees section below) to take part in the golf day, which will cover half-way house lunch. If you wish to enter the golf day please indicate this on your registration form, and you will receive confirmation of your entry at a later date.

## **COCKTAIL PARTY**

This semi-formal wine and dine social event will be a great opportunity to meet the various guest speakers and international delegates before the official beginning of the 2014 symposium. It will take place at the time shown on the timetable above.

The dress code is semi-formal.

All delegates are encouraged to attend. Cocktail party tickets are included in the registration fee.

## **FORMAL DINNER**

This formal dining and social event is similar to the cocktail party described above and will be a great opportunity to get to know the various international delegates. It will be a formal sit-down dinner and will take place at the time shown on the timetable above.

The dress code is formal.

All delegates are encouraged to attend, bearing in mind however that these tickets are NOT included in the registration fee and can be purchased at an extra cost as shown in the registration fee section of this document.

If you wish to attend the formal dinner please indicate this on the registration form in the area provided.



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## **IASSS SYMPOSIUM 2014 SCRUBS**

All delegates are offered the chance to purchase a set of scrubs (top and pants), branded as the official IASSS Symposium 2014 scrubs. The design will be featured on the registration form in draft.

Description: Solid black scrubs, white and red trim around the neck, IASSS logo & delegate name embroidered over breast pocket on the left-hand side, and “Inaugural IASSS Symposium, Cape Town 2014” over the breast on the right-hand side.

If you would like to purchase a set of official symposium scrubs please indicate this on your registration form. Each set of scrubs will cost an extra ZAR 250.00 (not included in the registration fee). Fitting will be done prior to the symposium so that the order can be received at the symposium itself.

## **REGISTRATION**

To register as a delegate for the IASSS & SASSS Symposium 2014 please follow the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eYEUieNQr93Sryz9UP31EJSHs01idTJvgZSefmz-fvQ/viewform>

The registration form is an online form. Please fill this in and submit it.

The closing date for registration is: **6 June 2014**

There are two categories of registration:

### **Option 1: Full Registration**

This allows the delegate access to the assigned set of workshops, all lectures, demonstrations, the debate, and competitions. This also includes a ticket to the cocktail party. Each of the three days also includes tea, snacks, and lunch which will be included in the registration fee.

### **Option 2: Limited Registration**

This allows delegates access to only the lectures, demonstrations, debate, and competitions. Delegates will NOT have access to workshops. This option does include a ticket for the cocktail evening. The cost of tea, snacks and lunch for each day is included in the registration fee.

### **Extra Costs**

The following items are NOT included in the registration fee and will incur additional costs: accommodation; travel expenses; formal dinner; golf day; scrub set (please see below for costs).

### Process

Please complete the registration form and AWAIT CONFIRMATION of availability of your request BEFORE making your payment.

Step 1: Complete the online registration form

Step 2: Await confirmation of availability

Step 3: Complete EFT payment (account details given with confirmation of availability)

Step 4: Await confirmation of receipt of proof of payment

Please note that your registration spot will only be confirmed AFTER proof of payment has been received. Details for proof of payment address will be provided in the documents following submission of your registration form.

### Early Bird Registration

Registration for UCT Students will open on 15 February 2014. THE FIRST 20 STUDENTS TO REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON REGISTRATION FEES!

### Late Registration

Delegates wishing to register after the registration has closed (after 6 June 2014) may do so only by directly contacting the IASSS Symposium committee (see contact details below). A fee of R150.00 will be charged for late registration.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Included in the registration fee: Access to all events (except workshops which are only included in FULL registration), daily morning teas, daily lunch & drinks, cocktail party ticket, transport from UCT residence accommodation to the symposium and back each day, transport between symposium venues.

NOT Included in registration fee: Formal dinner, golf day, official set of scrubs, travel expenses, accommodation, food (outside of what is included, as seen above), recreational transport, airport transfers, and recreational spending money.

### Symposium Fees

The costs are as follows:

	<b>UCT Surgical Society</b>
<b>Full Registration (Inc. Workshops)</b>	ZAR R300.00  Early Bird: ZAR R270.00
<b>Limited Registration (Exc. Workshops)</b>	ZAR R175.00  Early Bird: ZAR R157.50
<b>Late Registration (Penalty Fee)</b>	ZAR R150.00
<b>Accommodation (per person per night)</b>	ZAR R200.00
<b>IASSS Symposium 2014 Scrubs</b>	ZAR R250.00
<b>Formal Dinner</b>	ZAR R165.00
<b>Golf Day</b>	ZAR R 160.00

## **ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT**

### Accommodation

Delegates travelling to Cape Town will be offered accommodation in the Graca Machel and/or Baxter residences (UCT on-campus student housing). This will unfortunately not be covered in the registration fee and if delegates wish to make use of this housing it will come at an additional cost of ZAR 200.00 per person per night. No extra meals (outside of what is provided at the symposium) will be provided in the organized accommodation. Other options for housing include self-sought accommodation in hotels, bed & breakfast housing, or hostels. Alternatively delegates may wish to contact UCT students and arrange accommodation with them.

If you wish to make use of the provided accommodation option, please mark this in the appropriate section in the registration form.

### Symposium Transport

Transport services will be provided according to the timetable activities. This will include all transport between provided accommodation and symposium venues, as well as between different symposium venues.

No transport will be provided between symposium venues and self-sought accommodation.

### Recreational Transport

For recreational activities in Cape Town, the details and information of taxi services and public transport services will be provided in the registration documents delegates will receive once proof of payment has been received.

### Airport Transfers

Details of different airport transfer options will be provided in the registration pack delegates will receive once proof of payment is received.

### International Travel

Unfortunately UCT can provide no support for travel expenses. Most universities have travel funds which delegates are encouraged to seek out and make use of. If you require an official invitation document for administration purposes please contact us directly with the contact details given below.

## **VISAS**

Delegates must be made aware of the need for South African visas when travelling from certain countries worldwide.

A list of countries exempt from requiring South African visas can be found at the link below. More information about visas and applications for a South African visa can be found here as well:

<http://www.southafrica-newyork.net/homeaffairs/visaexempt.htm>

Delegates requiring a visa, and who will require official documentation may request a letter of invitation addressed to the South African embassy. If you require such a letter, please indicate this on the registration form in the appropriate area.


## **NB: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Cadavers will be present at some demonstrations and workshops

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For queries and further information please feel free to contact the symposium committee (details given below). Also feel free to explore the various websites given below, as well as making use of the various Facebook and Twitter profiles in order to receive regular updates.


### Symposium Queries/Information

 [iasss.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:iasss.symposium@gmail.com)

 [www.iasss.org/symposium](http://www.iasss.org/symposium)

### IASSS

 [www.iasss.org](http://www.iasss.org)

 IASSS (Open Group)

 @IASSSoc

 [iasssoc@gmail.com](mailto:iasssoc@gmail.com)

Registration form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eYEUIeNQR93Sryz9UP31EJSHs01idTJvgZSefmz-fvQ/viewform>

### UCT Surgical Society

 [www.surgsoc.org](http://www.surgsoc.org)

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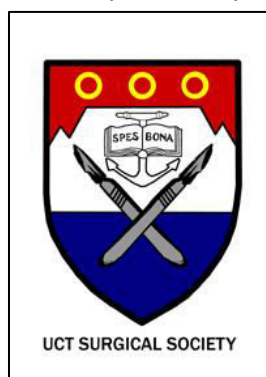
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