

Mining Medical and Other Health Care
Professionals Association
(incorporating Mine Medical Officer's
Association)

Eleventh Annual Congress

The Mine Medical Officer's Association will hold its Eleventh Annual Congress from 2 to 4 May 2008 at the Orion Safari Lodge in Rustenburg. The venue has been carefully chosen and offers delegates, partners and families the opportunity to relax in a charming country setting in the foothills of the picturesque Rustenburg Kloof.

To view the facilities at the resort patrons can visit the website at www.oriongroup.co.za

Registration will take place at 08:45 and the congress will commence thereafter with an official welcome by the President of MMOA, Dr Rashaad Hansia at 09:30. The programme will continue through the whole of Friday, as well as the Saturday morning. The Annual General Meeting of members will be held immediately following the end of the congress.

These accredited congresses have proved to be extremely successful in the past, as they provide an excellent opportunity for delegates to attend informative up-to-date lectures as well as affording opportunities to relax with families, friends and colleagues in tranquil surroundings. For those who enjoy a social get-together after a hard day's work, exciting functions have been arranged for the Friday and Saturday evenings.

Academic presentations on Friday will include amongst others:

- An overview of the Thibela TB study;
- Occupational vibration exposure – An occupational hygiene perspective;
- X-ray quiz;

- MHSC Launch – Review of the TB audit tool;
- MHSC Launch of Occupational Hygiene Handbook;
- Behaviour based health & safety in mining;
- Occupational health accreditation; and
- MHSC Launch – Outcome of Year 2 Silicosis Elimination Programme Phase 2.

Saturday morning has a valuable programme with strong clinical focus of relevance to all, especially general practitioners who may see mine workers or ex mine workers from time to time.

The programme begins at 09:00 and continues until 12:45 and hosts the following topics:

- Psychological and cognitive aspects of fitness for work at a mine;
- Reaching ex miners with occupational lung disease;
- The impact of HIV on clinical presentation of patients at a mine hospital;
- Medical radiation; and
- MHSC Launch – Ergonomics.

Due to the continuing popularity of the congress, and to avoid disappointment, prospective delegates are urged to contact the Association Secretary who will provide them with further details:

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