

PASCAR Elected a new President and Governing Council

On 9 October PASCAR elected a new President and Governing Council in Khartoum, Sudan to lead the organisation to 2021. Dr Saad Subahi welcomed his new team and thank all for their willingness to contribute and support PASCAR programs, events and projects is much appreciated and will be a key element in PASCAR's future success.

Dr Saad Subahi (Sudan) expressed his sincere gratitude to the past members of the PASCAR Governing Council for their hard work and dedication during the previous term in office. Professor Bongani Mayosi' continued guidance as the immediate past President will be much appreciated as well as the support of Professor Benedict Anisiuba, Professor Samuel Omokhodion, Professor Serigne Ba, Professor Johan Brink, Professor Ana Mocumbi and Dr. Awad Mohammed who have stepped down from the Governing Council. I am certain that they will continue to play a major role through respective task forces.

We have the pleasure of introducing below the newly elected PASCAR Governing Council (term end AGM 2021):

President: Dr. Saad Subahi, Sudan

Secretary General: Professor Elijah Ogola, Kenya

Treasurer Professor: Amam Mbakwem, Nigeria

Immediate Past President: Professor Bongani Mayosi, South Africa

Editor Cardiovascular Journal of Africa: Professor Patrick Commerford, South Africa

West Vice-President: Professor Toure Ali Ibrahim, Niger

South Vice-President: Professor Karen Sliwa, South Africa

Central Vice-President: Professor Anastase Dzudie, Cameroon

East Vice-President: Dr. Harun Otieno, Kenya

West Assistant Secretary General: Professor Mahmoud Sani, Nigeria

South Assistant Secretary General: Professor Mpiko Ntsekhe, South Africa

Central Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Marc Nimburanira, Burundi

East Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Emmy Okello, Uganda

North Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Anas Babiker, Sudan

[Click here](#) to read the letter from Dr Saad Subahi and view photo.

Dr Saad Subahi is excited about the journey ahead and working with all to achieve the aims and objectives of PASCAR as set out in the [constitution](#). He believes the diversity of the new Governing Council will ensure that goals are effectively reached and yield outcomes of outstanding quality.

WHF African Summit (Sudan 10-11 October 2017)

African Summit on Best Practices and Access to Care

Promoting better patient care resulting from local African experience sharing

The World Heart Federation African Summit on Best Practices and Access to Care was held in Khartoum, Sudan on 10 and 11 October 2017 in collaboration with the Pan-African Society of Cardiology, African Heart Network and Sudan Heart Society.

The Summit brought together African policy makers and representatives of African national societies and foundations to share their insights and strategies on policy implementation, access to essential medicine and integrative care in Africa to promote better patient care.

Heart disease and stroke remain the world's foremost causes of premature death, despite being largely preventable through the mitigation of known risk factors. Disease of the circulatory system are concentrated in low- and middle-income countries, where over 80% of premature deaths due to heart disease and stroke occur and where Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) continues to exact a vast health burden on the people that can least afford it. Without swift adoption of prevention and intervention strategies, current trends indicate increased global death and disability from preventable non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

The WHF African Summit provided a forum to mobilize the medical community and where politicians, policy makers and organizational leaders engaged on topics at the forefront of CVD to improve cardiovascular health and care in Africa. To read more, please [click here](#) and to view the **program**, attendance and download **presentation slides**, please [click here](#)..

NATURE REVIEWS CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH AWARDS 2017: JOINT PASCAR, SUDAN HEART SOCIETY AND PAFIC CONGRESS

During the recent Joint PASCAR and Sudan Heart Society Congress 2017, the following Research Awards were made by Prof Bongani Mayosi (PASCAR President) and Gregory Lim (Nature Reviews Cardiology). Congratulations to the following winners to the Nature Reviews Cardiology Research Awards 2017 -

First Prize:

Hypertension in Mozambique: Trends between 2005 and 2015

Dr Neusa Jessen

University of Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique

Second Prize:

Physicians knowledge of and commitment to the national protocol on acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease management Khartoum

Dr Sahar Mustafa Ali

Federal Ministry of Health, Khartoum

Third Prize:

Congenital Heart Disease: the percentage and risk factors among children under age of 5 years old in 3 tertiary care pediatric hospitals in Khartoum state 2016.

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