



## PASCAR RHD Action Group 5: Centre's of excellence for Cardiac Surgery, training and research

Skype 19 September 2016 at 17.15 – 17.50

### Minutes

1. Welcome - Renae Stafford
2. Attendees - Renae Stafford (RS), Johan Brink (JB), George Nel (GN), Frank Edwin (FE, text)
3. Apologise - Charles Yankah
4. No response to invite from Ahmed ElSayed' (GN to try and reach him), Stephen Ogendo – response received day after meeting due to internet connection problems.
5. Choose Deputy – Stand over due to limited attendance
6. **Survey** - RS to look through available material and consolidate into draft for review by members
  - a. Identify the gaps - additional indicators
  - b. Request actual Survey (and follow-up) from Prof. Charles Yankah (study)
  - c. Prepare a draft PASCAR Survey (Questions)
  - d. Circulate by 24 October (RS to confirm)
  - e. PASCAR need to conduct Survey Monkey in November to allow for assessment and report back at Cairo in mid-January
  - f. All members would need to reach out to colleagues in person and groups to request completing survey when available. Some names mentioned as a start...
    - a. PASCAT (Prof Yankah)
    - b. PASCAR Surgical Task Force (Ahmed ElSayed')
    - c. JB request that GN ask HPCSA for list of registered South Africa thoracic surgeons
    - d. JB will ask SA College of Medicine for contact details as well.
    - e. FE - AACTVS (surgical society) led by Prof Herve Yagni-Angate CV surgeon from Cote D'Ivoire [yangniangate@yahoo.fr](mailto:yangniangate@yahoo.fr)
    - f. FE - World Society for Paediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, the Exec Director is Christo Tchervenkov, Frank Edwin represent West Africa on the governing council.



- g. JB – There is another surgical society group operating from Angola (African Society of Surgeons). No contact details at this stage.
  - h. Need to focus on practicing cardio thoracic surgeons.
  - i. FE – Contacts in Ghana, Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, Morocco and Egypt
  - j. JB – Contacts in RSA, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe
  - k. RS – East Africa – Tanzania, Rwanda, will ask Steven Ogendo for help with Kenya
  - l. GN – PASCAR Governing Council regions covers whole of Africa as well
7. **Outcome after completion** - Proposal to develop interventions and solutions for the gaps ID.
8. 14-16 January 2017, **Egypt Meeting** in Cairo (<http://ahc-scienceandpractice.com/>)
- Prof Mayosi is planning a **combined PASCAR RHD Action Groups Workshop on 13 January in Cairo preceding the RHD Scientific meeting** with Prof Yacoub. Invites and information to follow in next 2 weeks.
9. **Other business**
- Members expressed concern that international missions in Africa benefit individual patients but do not build capacity. Do not wish to curtail good works being done but need to provide direction to these missions to ensure long term sustainability of services and development of centres of excellence.
  - No next meeting date decided JL to follow-up.
10. Closed with Thanks.