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African Union Communiqué on Eradication of ARF and RHD

Action Group 5 Meeting Minutes

24 August 2016

Venue: Skype Conference Call

Time: 16h00 – 17h00 (South African Time)

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Renae Stafford
2. **Attendees:** Renae Stafford (RS), Johan Brink (JB), Stephen Ogendo (SO), Charles Yankah (CY) and Janette Lombard (JL)
3. **Apologise:** Bongani Mayosi (BM), George Nel (GN)
4. **No RSVP:** Ahmed ElSayed (AE), Frank Edwin (FE)
5. **Introduction of members**
 - **RS:** General and Critical care and trauma surgeon, with masters in public health and in health care quality and patient safety. (From USA, now stationed in Tanzania: Southern shore of Lake Victoria) Work also with Touch Foundation (Tanzania)
 - **JB:** Cardiac thoracic surgeon at UCT. Previous Vice President of PASCAR, now secretary for the South. Part of PASCAR Surgical Taskforce. Part of new cardiac initiative in Namibia. Training surgeons for Africa.
 - **SO:** Cardiac thoracic surgeon, (trained in UK) joined University of Nairobi; public facility. Left, now stationed at University in Kisumu (Lake Victoria) trying to get public cardiac unit going there.
 - **CY:** Retired in Germany (Berlin) and pioneer/surgeon that helped build the German Heart Centre in Berlin. Supported heart programme in Cape Town.
6. **Summary of meeting**
 - AU Communiqué, 7 Action Groups (http://www.pascar.org/uploads/files/CVJA_Addis-Ababa-Communique-2016.pdf) Workings with RHD Task force to support further development in cardiovascular services in hospitals and universities. Cardiac thoracic surgery infrastructure in Africa.
 - Frank Edwin and RS spoke in Addis Ababa about CY publication that could be of great help.
 - CY: How is the funding of this going to work?

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- Update CY Publication to identify the gaps. (Can't approach a funder without knowing what the gaps are)
 - Writing a proposal and develop interventions and solutions for those gaps
 - There should be regional centres of excellence for training and surgery (South to south missions - Interactions and partnerships, there is a lot of talent in the continent)
 - Self sustaining programmes – need political will. Intergovernmental agreements.
- Quick wins/medium term on slide BM put together (attached in email)
 - Funding of Centres and Transport/access to those centres
 - CY:
 - Work on excising centres instead of new ones? (10 year development plan)
 - Spoke of Chinese Government Cardiac Centre (Dares Salaam – Tanzania)
 - Would like to comment on Cardiology Programme in next meeting

7. Next step, specific tasks

- All: Mapping Gaps in CY Publications (use his indicators and add others we think appropriate)
- Choose a Deputy if RS unavailable
- Third /last Monday of each month 16h00 (South African Time) (Will use Doodle Poll to determine best time slot)

8. 14-16 January 2017, Egypt Meeting in Cairo (<http://ahc-scienceandpractice.com/>)

- Cairo Meeting theme: Frontiers in Cardiology, with a spotlight on RHD with the “Latest on Science”. We would be expected to give a progress report on each Action Group.
- This meeting will take the place of Addis Ababa Meeting for 2017

9. Any other business - none

10. Closing remarks

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