



SASPEN News: March 2023

SASPEN is honored to be part of the innovative endeavors that are transforming healthcare. The collaborative culture of the healthcare community is promoting an attitude of excellence and innovation.

SASPEN pledged their support to the International Declaration on the Human Right to Nutritional Care "Vienna Declaration" at the ESPEN 2022 Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism Congress. The Declaration defends the right to food, the right to health and promotes nutritional care for the fight against disease-related malnutrition. The Declaration is a non-legally binding document that seeks to promote a global recognition for the right to access nutritional care for all patients in any setting.

The 45th ESPEN Congress on Clinical Nutrition & Metabolism will be held in Lyon, France from 11 to 14 September 2023. Early Bird Registrations opens in April 2023.

This year's annual congress hosted by the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa Congress (CCSSA) and SASPEN will be hosted as an "in-person event" on 12 to 15 October 2023 at the Boardwalk Convention Centre in Gqeberha / Port Elizabeth. The congress will feature local and international speakers with vast expertise in the field of clinical nutrition. Information regarding registration and congress content will be available on SASPEN's website soon.

Continuing the topic of education, the popular SASPEN PM Ward Round Club has kicked off for 2023 in February, with monthly CPD accredited case presentations as an online platform. Access to the PM Ward Round is available to all SASPEN members. For information on topics, keep an eye out on our social media platforms or our website. If you are

interested in presenting a case at one of these events, please contact info@saspen.co.za.

SASPEN research grants in partnership with ENASA, aim to encourage further studies in the field of disease-related malnutrition and to establish the role on enteral feeding in disease related malnutrition. SASPEN invites all potential candidates to apply for the 2023 research grants. Applicants must be fully paid-up members of SASPEN. For more information, please visit our website.

The SASPEN committee would like to thank all our members for their support, dedication and commitment to science based nutritional care and innovation. We are looking forward to an exciting new expansion of our existing platforms, that will support and encourage the development and application of clinical nutrition practices in South Africa and beyond. SASPEN offers an all-inclusive membership from 2023. Membership include access to educational opportunities, interest based-working groups, updated guidelines and opportunities to network within the greater field of healthcare in the context of nutrition. Anyone interested in becoming a member (and those who have supported the growth of the Society over many years) are encouraged to update their information on our new website to access the new innovative initiatives.

Please join us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on LinkedIn to stay informed about events and opportunities. You can visit our webpage on www.saspen.com for any information on the Society and our activities.