



## SASPEN News

The annual Critical Care Society of South Africa (CCSSA) congress took place in Durban on 23–26 August 2018. SASPEN joined CCSSA again this year for a very successful congress. Two LLL courses were presented by the international faculty, Prof Claude Pichard and Prof Remy Meier, as well as one of our local teachers, Dr Ravi Oodit. For those who missed the congress keep an eye out on the SASPEN social media platforms for access to congress presentations via the SASPEN website for members. Some of the presentations will also be available on Medtalkz at a later stage.

SASPEN would also like to congratulate Mrs Cristen Flint for winning best allied health oral presentation on the CCSSA programme for her presentation on PN prescription practices in paediatrics and neonates. This congress also marked the first Arina Prins Clinical Nutrition awards. Congratulations to Mrs Lizl Veldsman (best publication in an international journal), Ms Anna-Lena du Toit (best publication in a local journal) and Mrs Reinette Tydeman-Edwards (best case study publication). SASPEN would like to thank Fresenius Kabi for their support in making this award possible. SASPEN would also like to congratulate all the winners of the lucky draws that took place at the SASPEN stand. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

With the congress still fresh in our minds, SASPEN would like to confirm that we will once again be joining CCSSA for the Critical Care congress in 2019 in Cape Town. Save the dates: **28 August – 1 September 2019**. We are already planning a very exciting and hands-on programme.

The SASPEN PM Ward Round club initiative in the Western Cape has hosted seven successful events thus far and is planning another two events for the year. With the success of this meeting we are hoping to soon expand it to the rest of the country – watch this space! In the meantime we are working on a PM Ward Round Member login on the SASPEN website where members will have exclusive access to the presentations. We would like to thank the industry for supporting this initiative; SASPEN would not be able to do this without your support!

ESPEN Block membership through SASPEN is coming up for renewal again. Watch the SASPEN social media platforms for more information.

SASPEN is excited to offer a new benefit to our members in the form of professional indemnity and medical malpractice cover. SASPEN is offering discounted rates through Intersure with a unique monthly payment option. Please visit the SASPEN website for more information.

SASPEN is also proud to announce that we gained four LLL teachers at the recent ESPEN congress. Congratulations to Prof Renee Blaauw, Mrs Lizl Veldsman, Mrs Logesh Govender and Mrs Ilsabé Spoelstra! Welcome to the LLL team! We look forward to your support and expertise in this very important programme.

We would like to hear about your initiatives and plans. Please like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and join us on LinkedIn to stay informed about events and opportunities. You can visit our webpage on [www.saspn.com](http://www.saspn.com).