Dear Colleagues

2019 sees the 10th edition of the SUNecho course, a milestone that the Division of Cardiology of Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Hospital is immensely proud of.

When Apple launched the 2019 version of its I-phone 10, or I-phone X as they labeled it, they launched it as I-phone X Max. So here comes SUNecho 10 Max! It is still the authentic, comprehensive South African echocardiography course, only more so! As always it is guaranteed to improve your echocardiography knowledge and skills, irrespective of your status as a novice or expert echocardiographer. Over the past decade the course has been structured to entrench basic echocardiography principles, applying these principles in a case based approach utilizing critical thinking to solve even complex challenges. Whether your aim is an introduction to the wonders of echocardiography, success in an echocardiography accreditation examination (such as the locally hosted British Society of Echocardiography examination) or adding new skills to your already considerable expertise, you will all be benefitting from the SUNecho approach.

For our 10th anniversary we have ensured that the expert faculty that has characterized SUNecho over the past decade are back again this year. Philip Herbst, our legendary course director and Navroz Masani, echocardiography expert, educator and entertainer will both be included in the Faculty of SUNecho 10. The 3D workshop preceding SUNecho will be led by Alfonso Pecoraro who will also be a major contributor during the main program.

For those attending for the first time, welcome to the Division of Cardiology, a flagship of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University. For those familiar with our course, welcome back as members of the class of 2019. For the 10th edition of SUNecho we are allowing ourselves the luxury of hosting you at the Protea Hotel, nestled in the vineyards of the Stellenbosch region. We look forward to participating in this course with you, sharing our experience, knowledge and trademark Stellenbosch University hospitality. The key to maximizing your benefit from this course lies in active participation, raising questions, sharing your experience, challenging the faculty and enjoying what SUNecho 2019 has to offer.

We value your ongoing support and ask that you consider supporting SUNecho 10 again. We have outlined a number of funding opportunities related to the course. Please click here to download the form of intent. It will be appreciated if you can complete the form and return as soon as possible to Hanri Lennox on hlennox@consultus.co.za or fax: 021 938 9855.

Should you have any questions relating to sponsorship for the course, opportunities for exposure at the course or would like to contribute in any other way, do not hesitate to contact the course organisers for further discussions.

Kind regards,
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