



**SUNECHO**  
CRITICAL THINKING IN ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

**6 SEPTEMBER 2021 | HANDS-ON 3D ECHO WORKSHOP | Venue: Division of Cardiology, Tygerberg Hospital**

**7 – 10 SEPTEMBER 2021 | SUNECHO COURSE | Venue: Protea Hotel, Techno Park, Stellenbosch**

Dear colleagues, delegates and friends

We hope you are all well and safe during these extraordinary times as we face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic! Many lives have been lost and millions around the world have suffered ill health. Vulnerability has taken on new meaning in previously robust contexts and countries. Consequently, the Organizing Committee has had no choice but to further postpone the conference to 6 – 10 September 2021 to be held at the same venue in Stellenbosch.

Cardiac imaging plays a critical role in modern cardiology practice and echocardiography remains the central modality used for clinical decision-making. The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the SUNecho course aims to improve echocardiography knowledge and skills for all practitioners involved in using this modality. Over the past decade the course has been structured to build on basic echocardiography principles and aims to demonstrate, using a case based approach, how to apply these principles utilizing critical thinking to solve even complex clinical challenges. Whether the 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 already considerable expertise, delegates will all be benefitting from the SUNecho approach.

This year we have ensured that the expert faculty that has characterized SUNecho over the past decade are back. Philip Herbst and Alfonso Pecoraro will form the backbone of our local faculty supported by international faculty including Navroz Masani, echocardiography expert, educator and entertainer. A 3D workshop preceding the formal SUNecho course will again be hosted to give delegates a hands-on introduction to this exciting echocardiography modality.

You are welcome to visit the website on [www.sunecho.co.za](http://www.sunecho.co.za) for more information.

We value your ongoing support and ask that you consider supporting SUNecho 2021 again. We have outlined a number of funding opportunities related to the course and decided due to the current economic financial constraints the sponsorship opportunities will remain the same as 2019 rates.

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](mailto:hlennox@consultus.co.za).

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.

Best wishes



**Philip Herbst**  
Chair: SUNecho 2021