



SASA
SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS
NATIONAL CONGRESS 2026
EASTERN CAPE
GUARDIANS AT THE EDGE

 9th - 13th September 2026



Boardwalk International
Convention Centre,
Gqeberha / Port Elizabeth



TRADE INVITATION LETTER

To our valued trade partners,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA) National Congress 2026, taking place in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) at the Boardwalk International Convention Centre from 9 - 13 September 2026. This landmark event will be proudly hosted by the SASA Eastern Cape Branch.

Our theme, "Guardians at the Edge", with the tagline *Umoya, Ubomi, Ubuchule - Breath, Life, Skill*, speaks to the dual responsibility and privilege of anaesthesiologists. As specialists, we stand at the edge - pioneering new science, advancing innovation, guiding patients safely through their most vulnerable moments, and guarding wellness for ourselves and our teams. With umoya (breath), ubomi (life), and ubuchule (skill), we embody both the science and humanity of perioperative care, shaping safer futures for our patients.

The congress will provide a dynamic platform for academic exchange, professional growth, and meaningful engagement with trade partners. Delegates will include anaesthesiologists, intensivists, pain specialists, nurses and trainees from across South Africa and beyond. The scientific programme will be robust and diverse, offering cutting-edge research, practical updates, and engaging sessions across the full spectrum of anaesthesia and perioperative care.

Following the survey conducted with our trade partners, we have carefully listened to your feedback and are committed to implementing as many of your suggestions as possible, ensuring maximum engagement and value while maintaining long-term sustainability.

Trade opportunities will include:

- A central exhibition space at the Boardwalk ICC for the full duration of the congress, serving as the hub for catering and networking.
- Dedicated trade sponsored breakfast lunch and breakfast symposia.
- Marketing and branding sponsorship opportunities.
- Exposure to a wide delegate base, with strong daily attendance from anaesthesiologists, intensivists and anaesthetic nurses.
- Opportunities to collaborate with thought leaders and decision-makers in anaesthesia.
- Engagement beyond the exhibition floor, with workshops and interactive sessions creating lasting partnerships.

Our Professional Congress Organiser (PCO) will ensure that the trade experience is both impactful and accessible. Packages will be designed to provide maximum visibility and value for your organisation.

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and Scientific Committee, we warmly invite you to be part of this congress. Together, we can showcase innovation, advance knowledge, and continue shaping the future of anaesthesia and perioperative care. Your support empowers members of our Society to continue servicing the Healthcare Environment and those that become our patients; placing us as Guardians at the Edge.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Eastern Cape in 2026.

Sincerely

Dr Sadé Hendricks
2026 SASA Congress Chair