



CANSA Solar Radiation Symposium

16 February 2012

Invitation

Solar Radiation is as topical as climate change and skin cancer. The Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) cordially invites you to attend this informative symposium on Solar Radiation to obtain recent scientific knowledge on solar radiation, its impact and how to lower risks associated with solar radiation.

This year for our [SunSmart Awareness Programme](#), we have decided to give attention to the broader issues of UV Radiation and related matters to broaden our knowledge of these matters and their impact on our lives.

We are fortunate to have local scientists that are working on cutting edge science whose knowledge would be crucial to continuing education of professionals and others working in related industries including the health and environmental sectors.



Objectives of the Symposium.

- Update knowledge on the dangers of exposure to solar radiation
- Protection against solar radiation
- South Africa's response to the dangers and effects of solar radiation
- Equipping role players with appropriate knowledge to take informed decisions.

Emphasis will be placed on:

- UVA radiation
- UVB radiation
- Infra Red radiation
- Skin cancers including malignant melanoma
- Vitamin D Receptor (VDR) function
- Protective Apparel: sunglasses, sunscreens and protective clothing.

Speakers include:

Simon Gear – is the environmental and science correspondent for Primedia Broadcasting and the anchor presenter for 50/50 on SABC 2. He was previously a senior broadcasting meteorologist with the SABC from 1999 to 2011. He is an air quality change specialist and has worked on a wide range of private and government projects throughout South Africa.

Prof Werner Sinclair – is the Head of Dermatology at the University of the Free State. His topic is: “Sunscreens, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

Dr Dagmar Whitaker – Dermatologist. She is the President of the South African Melanoma Advisory Board and Vice-President of the Dermatological Society of South Africa. She is the author of “Melanoma Guidelines for South Africa”.

Dr Caradee Wright – is the Research Group Leader for the Environmental Health Research Group. She specialises in public health with a particular emphasis on environmental health research.

Dr Liz Bornman – is an established researcher from the University of Johannesburg who specialised in the key mediator of Vitamin D signalling. She will present data on a research project on Vitamin D Receptor (VDR) function and how it is modulated by in vitro Vitamin D supplementation.

Dr Carl Albrecht – Head of Research of the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSAs)

Braam van Reenen – Partnerships Officer of the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSAs)



Who Should Attend?

- Oncologists
- Dermatologists
- Scientists interested in Solar Radiation
- Manufacturers of sunscreens
- Marketers and promoters of protective apparel
- Department of Health
- Beauticians
- Nurses and Health Professionals
- Environmental activists
- Public Health Professionals
- Cosmetics Registering
- Authority and Industry
- Students

Date: Thursday, 16 February 2012

Time: Starting at 10:00

Venue: Southern Sun Hotel, OR Tambo International Airport

Fee: Delegates R600, Bona fide Students R300

[Click here](#) to download the registration form

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Individuals registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa can earn 5 CPD points by attending this Symposium on Solar Radiation.

Please diarise now. This may be your first important date in the 2012 Calendar.

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