

## Critical Care Society of Southern Africa

This year the President's Award for excellence went to Professor Jan Pretorius of the University of Pretoria. Professor Pretorius is one of the Society's few surgeon-intensivists and has served on the council for many years.

The President's Critical Care Nursing Award went to Stephilia Tshukutsoane. Stephilia is attached to the ICU at the Chris Hani-Baragwanath Hospital and is well known for her excellent work in clinical research, nursing and teaching in critical care.

This year the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa Congress was held at the Champagne Sports Resort, Central Drakensberg. This was an awesome meeting held at a beautiful venue with an attendance of over 1 000 delegates, speakers and trade representatives. Excellent talks were given by local and international speakers, which included: Ivor Douglas (USA) on ARDS, Fiona

Coyer (Australia) on nursing, Jeff Lipman (Australia) on antibiotics, Jan Wernerman (Sweden) on nutrition, David Linton (Israel) on ventilation and Tex Kassoon (Canada) on paediatrics.

Congratulations to Maryke Spruyt and the Bloemfontein team for an excellent academic programme and to our usual congress organiser, Sue McGuinness, for laying on a great event.

Next year's congress will once again be combined with the SA Thoracic Society and will be held at the ICC in Durban from 27 to 31 July 2011. In keeping with the Society's current policy of bringing critical care to smaller centres, next year's refresher course will be held in East London during November.

The Nursing Forum has continued its activities throughout the year, with organised teaching rounds, journal clubs and workshops held in various centres around the country. For details see the website: [www.criticalcare.org.za](http://www.criticalcare.org.za)