

13th NOFSA Congress 2008



NOFSA is delighted to once again host a combined, back-to-back scientific meeting with our national endocrine society, SEMDSA, in Cape Town on 11 - 15 April 2008.

No less than three renowned international experts – Professor Jack Martin (Melbourne, Australia), Ian Reid (Auckland, New Zealand), and Paddy Ross (St Louis, USA) – as well as a host of local bone-heads will address key issues in metabolic bone disease, ranging from cutting-edge basic bone biology to deliberations on the relationship between bone and fat; paediatric osteology, including osteogenesis imperfecta and hypophosphataemic rickets; the secondary osteoporoses, notably glucocorticoid- and cancer-induced bone disease; ethnic differences

in bone strength, structure, function and fracture; and of course the current role of calcium, vitamin D, bisphosphonates, hormone replacement therapy and anabolic and dual-action drugs for osteoporosis, as well as new agents and those in development.

This congress therefore promises to satisfy the scientific needs of even the most fastidious delegates. Coupled with an exciting social programme, and held in one of the most beautiful locations in the world, this meeting does indeed have much to offer. We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town.

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