

FAQ'S

Question 1

As suitable **venues** to host large cost-effective conferences are limited in South Africa, would Sun City be considered an appropriate venue?

CTAC member replies

Whilst the venue is a resort/casino – it is one of the very few cost effective venues in South Africa able to accommodate large Congresses – such as SA Heart with over 600 delegates. The number of venues able to accommodate larger meetings is restricted in SA.

The venue offers relatively inexpensive accommodation (Cabanas & even the Cascades) for Conference delegates – not ALL accommodation is 5 star!

The options for such a large group is limited to certain venues in main cities which according to many organisers is more expensive than Sun City

The cost of transfers to Sun City average about R700 a delegate – offset against more costly accommodation options

The venue has been used as a suitable conference facility for over 20 years by Industry and denying the use thereof now will, in my opinion lead to higher cost options.

The Eucomed stance that it is not suitable has, as far as we know, not been officially decided. Should such a decision be made, it would put Eucomed members in conflict with our Pharma counterparts who would then be allowed to use it – precluding Devices/Diagnostics??

Security - it is a secure, safe venue

Captive audience – ensures delegates don't leave the venue during the day or immediately after the educational component – allows suppliers greater opportunities to engage and interact with delegates

There is no logic in Eucomed approving a venue such as Nice for Cardiostim which is clearly a holiday resort destination and not approving Sun City simply because it has a casino and other resort facilities.