

## NEWSLETTER TO SASGO MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues

It gives me great pleasure to communicate several exciting developments in our society to you.

Firstly, the editorial responsibility of our journal, SAJGO, is transferred to Prof Hannah Simonds who will be assisted by Dr Linda Rogers. I am sure that these ladies will lead the journal to new heights and will introduce many improvements. I wish to congratulate them on behalf of the society and assure them of our full support.

Please assist them to ensure that the journal remains locally relevant and widely read and spoil them with a choice of South African and regional content to choose from! We will certainly endeavour to keep the journal one of the first choices for local peer reviewed academic output.

Secondly, I want to thank SASOG Council for their on-going financial support of the journal. It is highly appreciated and we will continue to include the printed journal as a SASGO and SASOG membership privilege as long as it is feasible.

All members are invited to visit the SASGO website at [www.sasgoweb.wordpress.com](http://www.sasgoweb.wordpress.com) to stay informed of newest developments in the society. You can contact our office at +27 12 743 6012 during office hours with any membership-associated enquiry. Bertha Grond manages all administrative and legal matters on behalf of the society; her efforts are highly appreciated. The official e-mail address is [sasgopost@gmail.com](mailto:sasgopost@gmail.com)

The above website, e-mail address and telephone number can also be used to update your membership status and to ensure that your annual membership fee is paid. Please assist us in this way to spread our wings as a society and to serve you as members in more ways than were previously possible.

During the remainder of 2017, the South African Gynaecologic Oncology Group (SAGOG) will meet to plan the road ahead. This new subcommittee of SASGO will serve as the clinical research platform for multicentric and coordinated national

research programmes. It follows the example of many other countries including Australia/New Zealand, Turkey and Europe. We plan to start relatively small and hopefully expand over time; the focus will be on locally relevant projects. Interested parties can contact Dr Dominique Richards who will organise the 2017 programme: [dominic.richards.uct.ac.za](mailto:dominic.richards.uct.ac.za) SASGO is also active in a number of other areas. We wish to expand our collaboration with ESGO and with IGCS and our members are involved in the national sub-specialist training and assessment programmes to ensure better training, support and service in remote areas in our country and beyond. A big thank you to all involved.

### Upcoming meetings:

- SASGO session at SASMO/SASCRO meeting in Sandton (4–6 August 2017)

Contact person Dr Hannah Simonds – [hsimonds@sun.ac.za](mailto:hsimonds@sun.ac.za)

- SASGO pre-conference meeting at Pretoria Update (7–9 September 2017)

Contact person Prof Leon Snyman – [leon.snyman@up.ac.za](mailto:leon.snyman@up.ac.za)

- SASGO 2018 will be held at Spier Estate (31 August – 2 September 2018)

Contact person is meeting chairman Dr Bruce Howard ([bhoward@mweb.co.za](mailto:bhoward@mweb.co.za))

We look forward to engaging with you at these events and invite all members to attend and take part in full!

### Very best SASGO wishes

#### Greta Dreyer (President)

On behalf of the SASGO office  
and SASGO executive committee:

Leon Snyman (Secretary)

Haynes vd Merwe (Treasurer)

Bruce Howard (Conference Chair)

Hannah Simonds (Journal Editor)