



## NEWSLETTER TO SASGO MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues

In collaboration with SASOG and GMG, **coding for gynaecologic oncology** procedures have been updated according to the widely accepted American list. All our code suggestions have been accepted by SAMA and the private practice committee. We expect these codes to be published by GMG, handed out at the SAMS meeting and approved for use next year.

Since our last newsletter, two candidates were successful in the Certificate examination and we wish to welcome these **new subspecialists** to the discipline and hopefully to full membership of our society. Membership categories were updated at the last AGM when constitutional changes were accepted. All specialists, unrelated to field or discipline, are now full members of SASGO on application, while generalists and allied healthcare workers can be associates. We have also formally accepted the "Friends" category and all members are invited to nominate colleagues for this category which can be voted in at the next AGM.

**SASGO 2018** conference, held at Spier Estate from 31 August to 2 September 2018, was much more than it promised to be! Congratulations and many thanks to the organising and scientific committees for a most interesting programme and fruitful discussions. This was our largest meeting to date and we trust that our fraternity will continue to grow in numbers, expertise and depth.

The serene surroundings of Spier Estate and their excellent staff contributed to the friendly scientific atmosphere and it was also an honour to host the **WAKA** and **SAATOG** meetings. Both were reported as highly successful and it was a pleasure to interact with attendees at the social events.

Although the **SA-GOG** meeting was not held, there is still a lot of interest in the concept and Prof Lynn Denny undertook to support the initiative.

Our next SASGO meeting will be held before the **Pretoria Update** meeting on 9 May 2019. There will also be an oncology session and the invited local speaker will be Professor Denny. On the Thursday, there will be an AGM at the end of the academic session.

The combined **protocol book of the Universities of Stellenbosch and Cape Town** has been updated and they have now allowed us to have a copy or link to this booklet on our website. We accepted this opportunity with many thanks and know that it will add value to members!

So, remember to **visit our website** at [www.sasgoweb.wordpress.com](http://www.sasgoweb.wordpress.com) to stay informed of newest developments in the society. It is also time to pay your dues. You can contact our office at +27 12 743 6012 during office hours with any membership-associated enquiry or to speak to Bertha Grond who 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).

**Very best SASGO wishes.**

**Greta Dreyer (President)**

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