



NEWSLETTER TO SASGO MEMBERS

Dear Colleagues

The recent **colposcopy workshop** at the Pretoria UPdate were well attended and informative. We look forward to the development and launch of a national colposcopy group which will provide a home to everyone interested in pre-invasive disease of the lower genital tract. The gynaecologic oncology workshop and sessions were also very well received.

The society had a members' meeting where several issues were discussed, and we formally adopted the **new logo**:



Among other matters discussed was the future of **our academic journal** as the academic publishing world moves away from printing. We subsequently received a renewed sponsorship for the journal from our mother society, SASOG, for which we are very thankful. The sponsorship enables us to continue publication of the SAJGO without charging author's fees. This is especially important as we wish this to remain a relevant journal for the developing world. The main journal will in future be the digital version, while copies may be printed from time to time as needed. The international footprint of the journal has increased significantly since it is published on the Taylor and Francis platform.

We would like to see and welcome everyone at the **upcoming SACO congress** in Cape Town from 9 to 11 August 2019. The collaboration with our clinical and radiation oncology colleagues remains of the highest importance and we appreciate the opportunity to share the conference. Gynaecologic oncology sessions will be on the Saturday and

there are special rates for SASGO members. The programme will include research highlights from all the academic units, which we look forward to seeing in printed version in the journal as well! Please make sure you have saved this date and attend. Our own biennial **SASGO congress** will only be in 2020 and will be hosted by the Johannesburg team. More information will follow soon.

All **fellowships** in the country are fully subscribed and our training units are also favourite destinations for visiting scholars. The need for trained gynaecologic oncology surgeons for especially developing countries remain huge and we are proud to contribute to train fellows for needy areas in our country and elsewhere on the continent. A word of welcome also to all newly qualified subspecialists to our fraternity!

The first **SA-GOG collaborative research** project will probably be a registry for pregnancy and reproduction associated malignancy which is being developed by Dr Elize Wethmar and will be hosted on the SASGO web. Other researchers with plans or ideas for collaborative research are invited to contact myself or prof Lynn Denny.

Lastly, remember to **visit our website** at www.sasgoweb.wordpress.com to stay informed of newest developments in the society. The office number is +27 12 743 6012 for membership-associated enquiries or administrative and legal matters on behalf of the society and the e-mail address is sasgopost@gmail.com.

Very best SASGO wishes

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On behalf of the SASGO office and SASGO executive committee