

SASOG has various 'daughter societies', and we are happy to promote their cause. SAJOG will carry information about their – and SASOG's – activities for your enlightenment.

The South African Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

SASOG is the national society of all obstetricians and gynaecologists in this country but has members from beyond our borders. It actively promotes women's health on all levels and provides academic leadership as well as representing the interests of the private practitioner sector.

The SASOG Council attended the recent FIGO Conference in Kuala Lumpur and is preparing to host this event in Cape Town in 2009. Franco Guidozzi (President), Morgan Pillay (Secretary) and Ron White (Treasurer) invite you to visit the SASOG website at www.SASOG.co.za for further information.

The South African Menopause Society (SAMS)

The South African Menopause Society (SAMS) was established in 1998. SAMS is affiliated to the International Menopause Society and the present SAMS President, Dr Tobie de Villiers, is treasurer-elect of the IMS.

SAMS held its 5th congress in March 2006. SAMS congresses are now held biennially, with planning for the next congress, in Cape Town on 31 October to the 3 November 2007, well underway.

SAMS now has 300 members. SAMS News, a quarterly magazine for members, highlights issues relating to SAMS and features

articles relating to menopause. The SAMS website is at www.menopause.co.za. This website is interactive for the public with a 'Question and Answer' forum. During the next year, articles of relevance to practitioners involved in menopausal medicine will be posted on a regular basis. There are links to the North American Menopause Society (NAMS), the International Menopause Society (IMS) and the British Menopause Society websites.

The SAMS Guidelines for the use of menopausal hormone therapy were published in 2004 and are currently being updated. The new Guidelines will be published early in 2007.

On 29 April 2007, at the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) Congress in Durban, SAMS, together with NAMS, IMS, IFFS and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, will co-host a full-day pre-congress workshop entitled 'The Contemporary Treatment of the Postmenopausal Woman'. In addition there will be two trilogies devoted to the menopause during the congress.

The Southern African Society of Reproductive Science and Surgery

IFFS 2007 in Durban is a few months away and there has been considerable worldwide interest, even at this stage. The vast majority of guest speakers have accepted the invitation to attend

and prospective delegates are encouraged to register soon to benefit from early registration.

The dates are 29 April to 3 May 2007 and the website is www.iffs2007.org.za

Contact the Society Secretary, Dr Roelof Menkveld (021 938-5841), or the Chairman, Dr Paul Dalmeyer (041 374-1134), for further information about the Society or the Conference.

The South African Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

SASUOG has been in existence for over 15 years and holds regular conferences to keep members and visitors up to date in ultrasound developments with guests from overseas.

Ed Coetzee (phone 021 404-6019) is the chairman and invites all readers to visit the society's website www.sasuog.org.za for the latest information and the opportunity to join the organisation.

The South African Maternal and Fetal Society

The next meeting of the Maternal and Fetal Society will be linked to the SASOG (Northern Gauteng) and University of Pretoria Update. More information will be available soon. Those interested in attending the meeting or joining the organisation should please contact Wilhelm Steyn (email: dws@sun.ac.za; tel. 021 938-9377).