

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.

South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. SASOG is the representative organisation for all O&Gs in South Africa and also has members from the surrounding countries. SASOG works for excellence in women's health through continuing education, research, partnerships with government and other bodies, and international contact through FIGO, of which SASOG is an executive board member.

The new SASOG Council has Franco Guidozzi as President, Morgan Pillay as Secretary, Ron White as Treasurer and B G Lindeque as IPP.

The SASOG website www.SASOG.co.za will carry all congress and meeting information.

South African Society of Gynaecological Oncology.

SASGO is the representative society for persons registered as subspecialists in gynaecological oncology and those eligible for registration as such, also for fellows in training to become subspecialists. Persons interested in gynaecological oncology but not involved in the subspecialty process can become associate members. The Executive Committee consists of B G Lindeque as President, Hennie Botha as Secretary and Robbie Soeters as Treasurer. SASGO works for excellence in health care for women with gynaecological cancers. The aims are to further this through training, research and co-operation with national and international bodies, government and academic institutions.

The SASGO website will be running soon, providing information on the Society and its meetings. There will be a link between the SASOG and SASGO websites.

South African Society of Reproductive Science and Surgery. The main focus of the SASRSS is to serve its members and to advance and develop the discipline of Reproductive Medicine as a recognised subspecialty of excellence. We invite all clinicians, scientists, laboratory staff and nursing staff with an interest in Reproductive Medicine to become members.

The main focus of our forthcoming activity is the staging of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) 3-yearly conference in Durban on 29 April - 3 May 2007 (website www.iffs2007.org.za).

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South African Menopause Society. SAMS promotes women's health during the midlife and beyond. Membership is open to members of the medical, nursing and all related professions. Information is available at www.menopause.co.za.

The next meeting is the 5th biannual meeting at Sun City on 2 - 5 March 2006

The South African Maternal and Fetal Society has as its main goal the promotion of the health and welfare of pregnant women and their fetuses. We aim to hold biannual research conferences with the emphasis on research into conditions affecting the mother and her fetus, but we also attempt to improve the care of pregnant women and their fetuses by holding continuing medical education meetings in conjunction with the research conference. We also aim to produce newsletters bringing members' attention to

important developments in the field.

The Society will probably have to play a major role in the development of Maternal and Fetal Medicine, a new subspecialty recently recognised by the HPCSA. This will involve assistance in training, including recognition and identification of suitable teachers in the early years of this subspecialty. It is therefore important that everyone interested in the field should join the Society to make it as representative as possible. The secretary is Prof. Wilhelm Steyn. Contact him for details at dws@sun.ac.za. The Society has its next meeting on 11 May in Pretoria. Contact eileen@londocor.co.za or sonja@londocor.co.za for more details.

The South African Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology was formed in 1990 to assist all doctors doing obstetric and gynaecological ultrasound to be properly trained and aware of advances in the field, and to give expert advice. These are still our goals.

We now have a website, www.sasuog.org.za, on which you will find interesting cases and advice on numerous topics. We also organise update congresses every second year. The next congress will be on 26 - 28 October 2006 (check the website).

In an era of increased litigation it is vital to keep up to date and to receive valuable information. Our committee represents all the best academic centres in South Africa and many excellent doctors in private practice (chair: Ed Coetzee). Everyone doing obstetric and gynaecological ultrasound should belong to SASUOG. Visit the website now and join!