



The Association of Surgeons of South Africa

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings on behalf of the new Executive Committee of the Association of Surgeons of South Africa

There is much in the way of news.

1) ASSA Executive Committee 2011 – 2013

The new Executive committee was elected and appointed at the Biennial ASSA/SAGES Congress in Cape Town in April 2011. Below is a list of office bearers and representatives and their contact details.

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2) The 2011 ASSA/SAGES/EHPBA

The 2011 ASSA/SAGES congress was coupled with the 9th European Hepato Pancreato - Biliary Association Congress and was held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 12 – 16 April 2011.

A world class postgraduate course, scientific programme, a host of renowned international speakers and superb organisation resulted in hugely successful congress. It was very well attended with approximately 1500 delegates, of whom 900 were representatives from over 60 countries.

3) Obituaries

It is with much sadness that we report the death of two members, Dr Johnny Marr and Dr Phoebus (Fifi) Perdikis. We send their families our sincere condolences. Dr Ian Marr (Johnny's brother) and Prof Cedric Bremner have been kind enough to agree to contribute an obituary for each.

4) The death of DR Sensosenkosi Mkhize

The conditions and environment of the country's public institutions and hospitals in particular are of ongoing concern for all of us. No more powerful reminder is needed than the recent murder of our young colleague Dr. Sensosenkosi Mkhize at the Middleburg Hospital on June 7, 2011. Dr Mkhize was stabbed by a patient and died soon thereafter from the injuries sustained. ASSA wishes Dr Mkhize's family sincere condolences and hopes that the SAMA organized march to the Presidency on 15 June 2011, at the Union Buildings and the delivery of a Memorandum will help to inform of the plight of healthcare workers and the dire state of our public institutions.

5) Congratulations

5.1 On a positive note ASSA would like to congratulate the successful candidates in the recent Fellowship exams. A record number of 31 candidates were examined.

The following were successful

GENERAL SURGERY

Brand M
Broeze N
Cassimjee I
Du Plessis LM
Gildenhuis CG
Goga R
Gomes Varela C
Jayakrishnan R
Laing GL
Malherbe GF
Marais PJA
Monzon Torres BI
Mthethwa MR
Quayson FW
Rosic T
Sham S
Thomson DA
Tsotsetsi SC
Van der Merwe R

SURGICAL GIT SUB-SPECIALTY

Marumo T
Naidoo N

5.2 Sanofi/Aventis fellowship

Dr Nikki Allorto was awarded this fellowship, and will use this award to travel to Sydney Australia.

5.3 The outgoing EXCO awarded distinguished service awards to;

- Dr Stan Cooke for his contribution and pivotal role in establishing Colo-rectal Surgery in South Africa
- Dr Carl Schulenberg for longstanding service to the surgical community, representing ASSA and general surgeons on the Specialist Private Practice committee of SAMA and a past director of Surgicom
- Prof Julien Oettle for outstanding teaching and dedicated editing of the SAJS for 10 years
- A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Mrs. Yvonne Pyne-James for her longstanding and ongoing contributions to the smooth running and administration of the society.
- Belated congratulations to Professor Ken Boffard for his position as Chairman of the International Society of Surgery for 2009 – 2011.

6) Upcoming meetings

Annual Colorectal Society Meeting

Cullinan Lodge, near Pretoria, July 28 – 31 2011.

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South African Society of Endoscopic Surgeons Spring Getaway

Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensburg. 20 – 23 October 2011.

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- The Water Sisulu University in the Eastern Cape will host the 2013 ASSA Congress
- The University of Kwazulu Natal will host the 2015 ASSA/SAGES Congress

7) Reciprocal Society News

ASSA continues to enjoy the reciprocity of several international societies. Professors Martin Veller and Sats Pillay attended the ASGBI meeting in Bournemouth in May 2011. Professor Ken Boffard is the present Chairman of the International Surgery Society. The International Surgery Week is to be held in Yokohama, Japan August 28-September 1, 2011.

Professors Delawir Khan and Sats Pillay were invited to attend the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in Pattaya, Thailand in July 2011. This will be held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons.

8) Funds and dues

The present treasurer Ines Buccimazza delivered an excellent and thorough financial report at the Exco meeting held in April in Cape Town. The society's finances are in a healthy state. However for administrative reasons many members did not receive their reminder for annual contributions. This has led to many of us being in arrears, and has now been addressed. Please look out for an account in the post and via e-mail.

The projected costs of maintaining the society have been examined and a nominal increase in subscriptions of 10% was approved at the last meeting.

The present subscription for 2011 is R1050.00.

9) Website

Please take some time to look at our website at www.surgeon.co.za. Your comments and suggestion would be appreciated.

10) The South African Journal Of Surgery

Professor Jake Krige has agreed to continue the editorship of the SAJS. Thanks to Professor Julien Oettle for 10 years of quiet, unfussy and excellent co-editorship. The SAJS is one of only two South African Journals to be listed on PubMed. Please support the journal and consider submitting publications

I look forward to an exciting and fruitful year on behalf of the society and would welcome any comments, suggestions and criticisms whether formal or not.

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Secretary
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