SASOG Congress 2014
36th National Congress of the South African Society of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
Sunday 18 May - Wednesday 21 May
Cape Town ICC, South Africa

1st Announcement & Call for abstracts
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Dear colleagues

You are warmly invited to attend the 36th South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Congress (SASOG 2014) to be held from Sunday 18 to Wednesday 21 May 2014 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). The many facets of the past 35 SASOG congresses have all been carefully assessed and modernised. SASOG 2014 will excel in providing:

- A scientific programme with the latest and most appropriate scientific information for advancing women’s and maternal health presented by eminent international and South African experts.
- A variety of pre-conference workshops.
- A social programme with ample opportunities to interact and socialise with colleagues and friends.
- An extensive exhibition of the industry showcasing the most recent developments in our discipline.
- An ultra-modern conference venue second to none.
- Convenient and comfortable accommodation catering for every need and taste.
- An experience of Cape Town, the surrounding sea resorts and wine lands, that are one of the most popular global tourist destinations.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Hospital is hosting SASOG 2014. We are committed to provide an excellent congress, please diarise the date and make use of our early registration which will be announced soon.

Warmest regards

Prof Gerhard Theron
Departmental Chairperson, Stellenbosch University

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Committee members:
Prof Tinus Kruger, Dr Stefan Gebhardt, Prof David Hall, Prof Hennie Botha, Dr Kobus van Rensburg, Prof Gerhard Theron

Interest groups:
1. Health politics/National Health Initiative/Medico-legal matters
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2. Obstetrics/Maternal fetal medicine/Imaging/Perinatal HIV
   Prof Wilhelm Steyn, Prof David Hall, Prof Lut Geerts
3. Gynaecological oncology/Breast health/HIV
   Prof Hennie Botha, Dr Haynes van der Merwe
4. Urogynaecology/Pelvic floor
   Dr Kobus van Rensburg
5. General gynaecology/Adolescent gynaecology/Family planning
   Dr Thabo Matsaseng, Dr Judy Kluge
6. Infertility/Endocrinology/Laparoscopic surgery/Menopause
   Prof Thinus Kruger, Prof Igno Siebert, Dr Saleema Nosarka

Other committees:
Core: Prof Gerhard Theron (Chair), Prof Tinus Kruger (Treasurer), Prof Wilhelm Steyn, Prof Hennie Botha, Dr Kobus van Rensburg, (secretary to core committee – Ms Madaleine du Toit)
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Invited International Faculty

Dr Mohamed Aboulghar (Egypt)
Reproductive Medicine

Prof Geoffrey Cundiff (Canada)
Urogynaecology

Prof Guus Dekker (Australia)
Obstetrics

Prof Sergio Oehninger (United States)
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Dr Cathy Spong (United States)
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Prof Rene Verheijen (The Netherlands)
Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Marian Willinger (United States)
Obstetrics

Giulio Aniello Santoro (Italy)
Urogynaecology
Saturday 17 May 2014

Exhibitors-set up

09h00 - 17h00

**Pre Congress Workshops** - *(Numbers of all Workshops are limited).*
- Obstetric Ultrasound Workshop
- Ethical Workshop:
  - Mastering Your Risk – MPS
  - Mastering Adverse Outcomes – MPS
- Endoscopy Workshop for Theatre Sisters
- Hysteroscopy Workshop
- Pelvic Anatomy Cadaver Workshop
- Pelvic Organ Prolapse Surgery – How to Choose and What to Do

Sunday 18 May 2014

09h00 - 13h00    Pelvic Floor Ultrasound Workshop
09h00 - 17h00    Interactive Update (Endoscopy / Aspects of Gynaecology and Endocrinology)

14h00

Registration opens for the congress

19h00

Opening ceremony & Cocktail Function

Monday 19 May 2014

07h00 - 08h00    Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposia
08h15 - 17h00    Scientific Sessions
19h00

Speakers’ Dinner

Free evening for all delegates
Tuesday 20 May 2014
07h00 - 08h00  Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposia
08h15 - 17h00  Scientific Sessions
17h30 - 18h30  SASOG Annual General Meeting
19h00  SASOG Congress Dinner

Wednesday 21 May 2014
08h15 - 12h30  Scientific Sessions
12h30 - 13h00  Closing of Congress
13h00 - 14h00  Lunch
09h00 - 13h00  Post Congress Workshop
REGISTRATION INFORMATION
The Congress Organisers will confirm all registrations in writing only once full payment has been received. The registration fees are payable in South African Rands ONLY and will include:

- Admission to all scientific sessions for the duration of the congress including breakfast symposia (excludes pre-congress sessions)
- Congress bag
- Programme, abstract book and other important material
- Luncheons and teas
- Admission to cocktail function.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES
The registration form must be completed in full (see enclosed registration form or visit the website www.sasog.co.za for further information). Please return your registration form with proof of payment to fax 086 592 3390 or email yvonne@londocor.co.za. You will receive confirmation of registration within 72 hours of submitting your registration form and proof of payment. Should you not receive confirmation please contact Yvonne on email: yvonne@londocor.co.za or on +27 11 768 4355

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION
Notice of cancellation must be given in writing. An administration fee of R350.00 will be charged to cancelled registrations received prior to 15 April 2014. Any cancellations received after this date will result in a 100% cancellation fee.

PERSONAL INSURANCE
Please note all delegates are responsible for their own travel insurance, medical insurance and cancellation fees.

LANGUAGE
The congress will be conducted in English. No translation service will be available.

CPD ACCREDITATION
The congress as well as the pre-congress workshops and sponsored breakfast symposia will be CPD accredited.

NAME BADGES
All participants must wear their name badges during the congress, whilst visiting the exhibition area and during social functions for security reasons. Your co-operation will be appreciated.
**FLIGHTS**
Should you require any flight reservations, please contact:
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The following hotels are within walking distance to the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

**The Westin Grand Hotel - Adjacent to the CTICC**
Deluxe single room R1990.00
Deluxe double R2210.00
**Michael Collins** E-mail: michael.collins@westin.com
Booking Code: SASOG Congress 2014 / Reference 531001

**Southern Sun The Cullinan**
1 Cullinan Street, Cape Town Waterfront, Cape Town
Standard Single R 1500.00 per room per night, bed and breakfast
Standard Double R 1800.00 per room per night, bed and breakfast
**Rona Pillay** E-mail: Ronap@southernsun.com Tel: +27 11 367 4256

**Southern Sun Waterfront Cape Town**
1 Lower Buitengracht, Cape Town
Standard Single R 1300.00 per room per night, bed and breakfast
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The committee invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for oral and poster presentations.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **28 February 2014**. Registrars are specifically invited to present.

All abstracts must be submitted online at [www.sasog.co.za](http://www.sasog.co.za). Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.

All appropriate abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. All abstracts received will be acknowledged, and authors will be sent acceptance or rejection letters by the 31st of March 2014. Please note that authors of accepted abstracts must be registered delegates. **INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS:**

1. Each abstract must clearly state the following:
   a. Abstract title (the title of the abstract must not exceed 25 words)
   b. Name of list of author(s). The name of the presenting author must appear first in the list of authors.
   c. Affiliation of author(s).
   d. Contact details of first author (telephone numbers, e-mail address etc)

2. Abstracts must be typed in English, single line spacing, Arial font size 12.

3. The body of the text must not exceed 350 words (this excludes the information listed in point 1)

4. Please adhere to the following format:
   a. Introduction: should be brief and informative and state the aim of the study
   b. Methods: include description of subjects and research methodology
   c. Results: outline the findings of the study supported by statistics as appropriate. Do not use figures, graphs or tables in the abstract. The data provided must be sufficient to permit peer review of the abstract
   d. Conclusion: provide summary and relevance of the main findings

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