Dear SASCRO member,

Our next Oncology Congress will take place from the 9-11 August 2019. The meeting is to be called the SA Congress of Oncology (SACO).

The program for the meeting will kindly be organized by Dr Alicia Sherriff from Bloemfontein as the SASCRO representative, together with the representatives of other organizations. The lead organizer from SASCRO rotates through the major centres. As there is no suitable venue in Bloemfontein, Alicia has proposed that the meeting be held at the Cape Town International Conference Centre (CTICC) in the interests of the Congress. Since Friday is a public holiday, it is an attractive weekend for participants.

SASMO has unfortunately decided to withdraw from participating in the meeting as an organization. SASCRO respects SASMO's decision. We are sorry as SASMO has added value to the meeting.

The other professional oncology societies have indicated, with enthusiasm, that they will participate.

The SA Congress of Oncology will have an inclusive national vision with participation of all professional oncology organizations. It will represent about 97% of Oncology professionals who attended our past meetings. The Congress will include both international and locally relevant content. It will have both plenary sessions of general interest and streams of specialised interest. It will uphold high professional standards.

We look forward to a productive and enjoyable relationships with all in Oncology and to a successful meeting in August 2019.

Kind Regards,

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