

Dear SASCRO Colleagues,

The current SASCRO Committee has been in office for 1 year.

### **1. The SA Journal of Oncology (SAJO)**

SAJO is jointly owned by SASCRO members and its publishers. There are 4 affiliated professional societies.

Since its inception 20 months ago, SAJO has

- Published 22 peer reviewed articles, with further manuscripts under review.
- Had over 5 300 'users' with more than 10 800 'sessions'. (Google analytics)
- Had 12 725 downloads
- The top ten countries visiting the journal site are South Africa, India, United States, France, Canada, United Kingdom, Sudan, Nigeria, Kenya and Brazil.

The website is <https://sajo.org.za/index.php/sajo/>

### **2. The SASCRO Website**

This aims to be helpful to SASCRO members. The website is <http://www.sascro.co.za/>

Over the last 12 months there have been:

- 2 089 'users' and 2 597 'sessions' (Google analytics). I am informed by an independent expert that these are good numbers where visiting is voluntary as opposed to visits for a mandatory business transaction.
- The website is accessed through Google in 53%, through hyperlinks in 31% and through other sources for the remainder

### **3. The South African Congress of Oncology (SACO)**

SACO was founded by SASCRO after one of our partners in the previous Congresses elected to have an independent meeting. The other professional societies from previous meetings have elected to remain on at future SASCRO Congresses.

SACO 2019, the inaugural meeting, will take place in August 2019 and will be hosted by Bloemfontein in Cape Town. Three outstanding international speakers have already committed to this meeting thanks to the work of the Scientific Committee chaired by Alicia Sherriff. These are Jens Overgaard, Peter Hoskins and Normand Lapierre.

The Website: <http://www.saco2019.co.za/>

SACO 2021 will take place in Sandton and the venue and Congress organizer have already been secured.

### **4. Other Activities – a sample,**

- Improve communication with Newsletters - <http://www.sascro.co.za/newsletters.html>
- Formulate statements on policy <http://www.sascro.co.za/policies.html>
- Endorse statements on treatment <http://www.sascro.co.za/treatment.html>
- Support learning activities and setting exams

- Monitor & contribute to developments on NHI
- Uphold the professional interests of Radiation Oncologists

We can look forward to SASCRO's next year and meeting again as a Society at SACO 2019.

Kind regards,  
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