

Dear SASCRO Colleagues,

In 2019, SASCRO aims to serve SA Oncologists and Oncology as a strong, professional and prestigious Society.

SASCRO also recognizes that there are groups within SASCRO with valid different professional interests. These include the state and private sector, the independent practices and users of different treatment techniques - amongst others. SASCRO seeks to accommodate all these – see quote below. The key is good communication and understanding.

In 2019, we will have a great opportunity to advance our aims at the SA Congress of Oncology (SACO) in Cape Town from the 9 to 11 of August 2019). SACO will have strong multi-disciplinary participation. The Congress brochure is at: <https://www.saco2019.co.za/documents/first-invitation-v4.pdf>

The Congress has an outstanding International Faculty:

- Michael Boyer, Med Onc from Australia – Lung, head and neck cancer
- Peter Hoskins, Clin Onc from England – urology, gynaecology, lymphomas, brachytherapy
- Normand Lapierre, Rad Onc from Canada – CNS and paediatrics
- Jens Overgaard, Radio-biologist from Denmark –radiobiology, translational research
- Daniel Vorobiof, Med Onc from Israel and SA – breast cancer and melanoma
- Marianne van de Wetering, Paed Onc from the Netherlands– Paediatrics, supportive care

The Congress will also have peer reviewed local presentations which will be published in abstract form with a DOI number in our Journal, the SA Journal of Oncology.

I thank Alicia Sherriff and her team for developing the academic program.

Our important AGM and elections of members of the SASCRO Committee will also take place at SACO.

We look forward to 2019

Kind Regards,
Raymond Abratt
SASCRO Chair

Quote:

"NOW this is the law of the jungle, as old and as true as the sky,
And the wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the wolf that shall break it must die.

As the creeper that girdles the tree trunk, the law runneth forward and back;
For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.