

Dear SASCRO Colleagues

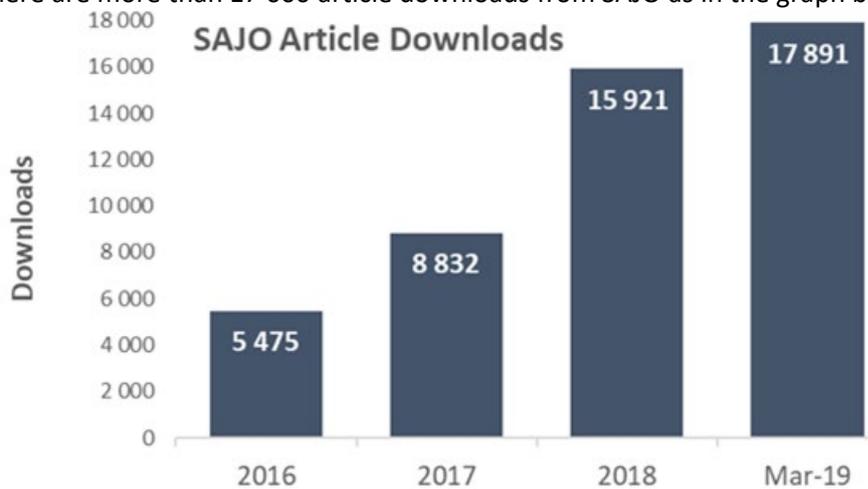
Some of our activities in 2019 are described below.

1. SA Congress of Oncology (SACO)

There are 7 expert International speakers as well as local presentation. We are set for a high quality and enjoyable meeting in Cape Town from 9 to 11 August 2019. <https://www.saco2019.co.za/>
The is still time to submit an Abstract. All abstracts will be published in the SA Journal of Oncology with a DOI number so they may be referenced internationally.

2. SA Journal of Oncology (SAJO)

The journal has been admitted into the prestigious Directory of Open Access Journals. There are more than 17 000 article downloads from SAJO as in the graph below.



The benchmark for accreditation by the Dept of Education (DoE) is the publication of 12 peer review articles per year. The journal is currently in its third year and we will apply for DoE accreditation in 2020. SAJO has published 4 articles this year, there are another 4 in-press and 8 in review.

3. The VISION for SAJO and SACO:

- SAJO and SACO will be a voice for oncologists in low and middle-income countries (LMIC).
They will empower those who care for patients with cancer in these regions.
- They will facilitate high-quality presentations and scientific papers which are particularly relevant to LMIC
- They will add to the global knowledge of Oncology by broadening its base

4. The SASCRO Website: <http://sascro.org/>

The Website has been upgraded and is kept up to date.

It includes a Tab with SASCRO Policy statements, which are helpful with Government institutions, Medical Schemes and fellow organizations.

It is accessed by approximately 15 users per day.

5. Annual census and compilation of email distribution lists

We have completed our annual census of adult solid tumor oncologists in South Africa. We found that there are 206 specialist Clinical and Radiation Oncologists in SA. Of these 169 are in private practice, (82% of the total) and 37 in the State / Academic sector (18%). There are 74 registrars with approximately 30% of them being supernumerary registrars. Adult solid tumour oncologists include both Medical oncologists and Clinical and Radiation oncologists. Clinical and Radiation Oncologists comprise 88% of the total number of adult solid tumor oncologists in S.A.

This newsletter is being sent to an updated distribution list. Should you be aware of any omissions, please forward to Alet Hambridge at alet@alfeet.co.za
I look forward to meeting fellow SASCRO Colleagues at the Congress in August.

Kind Regards,

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SASCRO Chairperson

