

SASOM News



As you read this article the SASOM Annual Congress will have taken place. A full report will appear in the next issue of the journal. Apart from the usual Academic Programme to coincide with the Annual General Meeting planned for 21 November 2008 in the Western Cape, SASOM will not be hosting another congress for the next 12 months.

The ICOH2009 website is bristling with activity, and registrations for ICOH2009 are being received from all around the world. There has also been a good international response to the call for contributions towards attendance grants for deserving delegates.

The following deadlines are important:

- Early Conference Registration special rate before 30 April 2008.
- Abstract submission before 31 July 2008.

Please visit the website at www.icoh2009.co.za for the contact details, provisional programme, all the deadlines, procedure for abstract submissions, grants, registration and fees.

The Chairperson of the Organising Committee,

Prof. Daan Kocks, has been in Hamburg from 13 to 15 March 2008 to report the excellent progress made with all the arrangements for the 29th International Congress on Occupational Health – ICOH2009 in Cape Town, to the ICOH Board at the Mid-Term Meeting 2008. He also reported to the Scientific Committees on the programme, which was also well received.

While the SASOM Executive Committee members are very involved with different ICOH2009 portfolios, the SASOM Chapters have planned their own interesting programmes. The KwaZulu-Natal and Cape programmes were published in the previous Journal. The Inland Chapter under the leadership of Dr Marina Botha have two more meetings planned. See below and contact Dr Botha at Marina.Botha@lifehealthcare.co.za

The SASOM National Office is to get a permanent home from 1 May 2008. Visit the SASOM website at www.sasom.org.za or contact Jenny Acutt on +27(0)82 601 9882 or e-mail: sasomdm@iafrica.com

CPD topics for SASOM Inland Chapter 2008

Date	Time	Theme/Topic	Venue
23 July 2008	13h00 – 18h00	1. Rehabilitation Disability Work hardening 2. Talk on assessment tools	Phumulani Centre Randfontein
31 October 2008	17h00 – 21h00 (Spouses welcome) Nominal cost for participation	1. Food handlers' medical surveillance 2. The Environmental Health Officer	Prue Leith Chef's Academy Centurion