



SASOM news

At the time of writing, several SASOM Members are preparing to attend the International Commission on Occupational Health triennial congress – ICOH2015, from 31 May to 5 June 2015 in Seoul, Korea. We wish them an exciting educational experience and look forward to their reports on the proceedings and articles on their experiences, to be published in the journal on their return.

SASOM CONFERENCES

SASOM hosts a two-day Annual Congress every year as well as a conference to accompany the SASOM Annual General Meeting in November of each year. This year, the SASOM Western Cape Chapter will host the latter conference, on 20 November 2015.

SASOM ANNUAL CONGRESS 2015

The SASOM Annual Congress will take place at the Protea Hotel OR Tambo Airport in Kempton Park on 19 and 20 June 2015. The provisional programme includes the following topics by excellent presenters:

Friday, 19 June 2015 (08h00 –16h30)

Welcome	Prof. Daan Kocks, Chairman of SASOM
SASOM's role in the future	Prof. Daan Kocks, Head: Dept. Occupational Health, Sefako Makgatho University
SASOM position paper on construction medical examinations	Sr Jan Lapere, OMP and LLB SASOM legal advisor
The difference between what is right and what is ethical	Mr Peter Strasheim, Senior Advocate
When is a worker an employee?	Mrs Elmien Wehncke, Senior legal advisor, LWO Employers Organisation
When is an injury at work an injury on duty?	Mr Peter Strasheim, Senior Advocate
Psychiatry – history taking, mental evaluation, diagnoses, psychiatric conditions, emergencies, principle of treatment	Prof. Pierre Joubert, Neuropsychiatrist and Principal consultant, Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital, Pretoria
Psychiatry in occupational health – initial health evaluation (include/exclude), psychometric testing, sick absenteeism, identify the disorder, shifts, fitness for work, effects of treatment, the team, responsibility, rehabilitation, referring emergencies, reporting an occupational disease, when to consult and counsel, etc.	Prof. Pierre Joubert, Neuropsychiatrist; and Dr Danie Ungerer, Senior Occupational Health And Safety Specialist, City of Tshwane

Saturday, 20 June 2015 (08h00 –16h30)

Drowning – what to do, when to stop doing it	Dr Miles Bartlett, Surgeon and Senior Consultant, Milpark Hospital, Johannesburg
Coughing – reasons and management	Dr Gerhard Ras, Pulmonologist in private practice, Pretoria
Wound care and management of chronic ulcers	Sr Liezl Naudé, Director: Eloquent Health and Wellness
Fatigue – identify and manage	Dr André van Jaarsveld, CEO: BSS Africa
Medical apps available	Dr Leon Seymore, OMP, City of Tshwane
ECG interpretation – three easy steps to interpret an ECG: takes one minute, very simple and easy to understand, practical.	Dr Carin Claassens, CEO: Claassens and Claassens
Principles of management of abnormalities in the consulting rooms, local clinic or small casualty, when to refer	
Human lipids – what is healthy and how do I stay healthy?	Prof. James Ker, Senior Consultant, Steve Biko Academic Hospital; and private practice
Arthritis – medicine and management	Dr Elsa van Duuren, Rheumatologist in private practice, Pretoria
Human health genetics – how old will I become? Will I get cancer? Will I ?	Prof. James Ker, Senior Consultant, Steve Biko Academic Hospital, Pretoria
A canine companion in rehabilitation of patients after a CVI, severe injuries, in coma, etc.	Mrs Charlene Kruger & Dogs, OT, New Kensington Clinic

SASOM has applied for 18 Continuing Education Units (CEUnits) for full attendance at the Congress as verified by the official attendance lists which must be signed by the delegates. These CEUnits will include clinical, non-clinical and ethics units as awarded by the SA Medical Association.

The Congress registration form is available on the SASOM

website: www.sasom.org and from the SASOM National Office. Please contact Jenny Acutt, tel. +27 (0)12 803 7418, e-mail: info@sasom.org.

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