



# SASCeTS

SOUTH AFRICAN STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY

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Dear colleagues

It is with regret that I write to inform you that the organising committee and SASCeTS executive have decided to postpone the Biennial SASCeTS Conference that was planned to be held in November in conjunction with SASMO. Obviously, the impact of the SARS-CoV2 pandemic on the ability of speakers and delegates to travel and congregate has forced us to reschedule. We are currently looking for a suitable venue for the second half of 2021 and will inform you as soon as this is confirmed.

In the interim we are working on three other initiatives to keep the education ethos alive. We plan;

- 3-5 consecutive evening lectures in November 2020. These topics and speakers will be selected to tie in with the planned conference
- Since there is a disruption in the normal education of registrars and fellows, we will run a series of lectures in conjunction with SACHAS and from our side focusing on some of the fundamentals of transplantation
- On the 18th of June and the 2nd of July at 19:00 there will be lectures on managing transplant patients with specific reference to the challenges arising from the SARS-CoV2 pandemic.

In the background, the working parties continue to work diligently at the registry program, cell and gene therapy regulations and engaging of the DOH regarding access. As previously highlighted, interested persons are encouraged to contact the various chairs to become involved and contribute.

Our financial report has been submitted to the auditors and despite not receiving congress income this year we are in good standing and again I encourage working parties to submit their budgets for funding of their various projects.

Please use the link to the SASCeTS website ([www.sascets.org.za](http://www.sascets.org.za)) to check our minutes from previous working party and executive minutes as well as the link to register for the upcoming webinar (this will be in place in a few days' time so please check back). Your invoice for annual membership fees will be sent tomorrow and I urge you to pay it as this covers all of our administrative costs.

I look forward to seeing you at our virtual lectures and encourage you to participate and ask questions.

Keep well

David Brittain  
Chairman