

SAGES 2008 CAPE TOWN 8 – 11 AUGUST

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CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Dear Colleague,

The South African Gastroenterology Society (SAGES) 2008 Conference will be a combined meeting with the South African Society of Endoscopic Surgeons (SASES) and will be held from Friday 8 – Monday 11 August 2008.

Delegates are offered all the right ingredients for a successful meeting. At the South-western tip of Africa where the two oceans meet and Table Mountain rises majestically from the sea lies Cape Town – The Mother City. This affectionate name is a reflection of its status as the oldest city in South Africa. The Cape Town International Conference Centre is the venue for the conference which is within easy reach of the fascinating Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with its wide range of entertainment, restaurants, coffee bars, pubs and shops.

Cape Town usually enjoys beautiful weather in August with mild temperatures. The city and the Western Cape has a lot to offer visitors at that time of the year – the Waterfront, Robben Island, beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Franschoek and the whales along the coast at Hermanus are only a few of the attractions to this part of the world.

The scientific committee has put together a comprehensive and balanced academic programme and the theme of the conference will be “Trends in Gastroenterology”.

An excellent international faculty is participating including Dr John Nicholls (UK), Dr Jenny Heathcote (Canada), Dr Simon Travis (UK) and Prof Loren Laine (USA). We are waiting on confirmation from our other invited international speakers. A one day GP Gastroenterology Update will be held concurrently with the congress on the Saturday or Sunday. A workshop to compliment the theme of the conference will be held on Monday 11 August 2008 at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Besides talks on numerous topics by invited speakers (local and international), there will be opportunity for presentation of original research work, either as oral or poster presentations. Delegates are encouraged to use this meeting as a forum to discuss their research findings, both in clinical and basic science.

So to enjoy a superb scientific programme in the most delightful of environments, simply complete the form on intent on the website (www.sages.co.za) to receive further information. Online registrations with a secure credit card payment facility and an online abstract submission facility will be available from 30 November 2007.

We've got the **table**, the **cloth** and the **centre**. You're invited to be the **delegate** in August 2008.

Warm regards

Christo van Rensburg
Chair: SAGES 2008 Organising Committee



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