

## ENDOSCOPIC COMMITTEE AND CME – SASREG

During 2009/10 our aim was to up the general education and training of endoscopy in South Africa. We started to have representatives in the different regions namely Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Pretoria, Johannesburg and Bloemfontein.

The idea was to have every 3-4 months local/regional workshops, and use this as a training platform for the local private gynaecologist as well as the registrars of the area. In 2009, at Vincent Pallotti, we did three of these workshops. They were all well attended. Drs Heylan and le Roux held a successful workshop at Kingsbury at the end of 2009. dr's Abrie de Bruyn and dr Stefan Volschenk were involved in their own workshops in Pretoria and Johannesburg. Dr Danie Botha was involved in a regional workshop in Port Elizabeth. This regional meeting was held in Port Elizabeth and it was successfully hosted by Paul Dalmeyer and Danie Botha. The new unit was also opened. It was a huge success and stemming from this it was decided that dr Kobus Cotzee, with the help of his colleagues in Durban, will host the next regional meeting in Durban, August 2011.

In the beginning of 2010, we were invited as members of SASREG to be part of the Academic Forum. This was initiated by Prof Leon Snyman and was held in February 2010 in Johannesburg. The forum represented all the academic units in South Africa. **Summary:** We want to have the whole of the country on the same level when it comes to endoscopic training and the focus was primarily registrar training. From this meeting evolved that Johnson & Johnson donated box trainers to every University. Dr Abrie de Bruyn compiled a box with all the specific training modalities needed. This was very well received and is already part of the Tygerberg Endoscopic Room. The curriculum proposed by the academic forum was accepted by the COGSA and will be part of the logbook to be completed before the finals can be attempted.

A workshop at Vincent Palotti was held in March 2010 in non-fertility endoscopy. Dr Wattiez was invited but unfortunately he could not attend due to the volcanic ash at that stage. Dr A de Bruyn approved to help and he did a wonderful job. We did Laparoscopic Sacrocolpexy as well as laparoscopic myomectomy and Laparoscopic Hysterectomy at this workshop. The idea was to emphasize the fact that SASREG's vision is not only that for fertility but we also feel strong about the endoscopic training of our sub specialist field like oncology and uro-gynaecology. This was the first of many to come!

As said, the focus of our endoscopic training in 2010 was registrar training. The first combined meeting of Grootte Schuur and Stellenbosch was held in September 2010. Dr Stephen Jeffrey was the host. The University of Stellenbosch will host the next meeting in March 2011. The University of Pretoria did an endoscopic workshop at the end of August 2010.

## **Vison for 2011**

**1: To help the Academic Forum successfully implement the endoscopic curriculum in all universities.**

**2: To build on the regional meetings.**

**3: To initiate a system, ? proctor, where we can evaluate endoscopic surgeons and accredit them to benefit from their dedication.**

**This system should then form the basis for negotiations with medical aids.**

**4: In collaboration with prof Bash Goolab, there will be negotiations to improve the current coding system for endoscopic procedures.**