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Dear ISOM members,

Since our very successful meeting in Singapore in May 2015, your Executive have been busy behind the scenes with a number of projects. I am pleased to report that our revamped website is very close to being launched. We hope you will find the new look and new features helpful to your own practise. Apart from membership management, as members you can search for colleagues, keep up to date with our Journal Watch and Guidelines selection and access lectures from the most recent ISOM meetings. This will also be your portal for online access to Obstetric Medicine Journal if your subscription is connected with your ISOM membership.

More importantly we are seeking your participation with your contributions to Journal Watch which should be forwarded to Niharika Mehta (contact info on the website). The website is also designed to have up to date information about training sites and postings regarding your research interests and projects. There is also information on how to enrol in the highly popular Obmed Listserv to discuss your clinical conundrums.

The value of the website is to enhance out two way communication with our members. Please pay us a visit and connect regularly with the Society.

Our other project is planning for future ISOM meetings. We are very pleased to announce that the next International meeting of ISOM will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in March 2017. We will be meeting immediately prior to the RCOG conference and we hope that many of our members will take advantage of this opportunity to see beautiful Cape Town and participate in a fantastic academic programme.

Finally, Tabassum Firoz and Oier Ateka have been leading ISOMs participation in an ISSHP/ISOM Global Health Committee. This is a joint Initiative between ISOM and our sister organisation, The International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy (ISSHP). The aims of the Committee are to promote best clinical, research, and advocacy practices to partners in under-resourced settings internationally. Our ultimate goal is to build capacity and improve outcomes for women and their babies wherever they live. If you are interested in the work of this Committee, please contact Tabassum or Oier directly.

Your ISOM subscription notice will be arriving in November. Your renewal now will be good until December 2016. Please ensure you remain financial to take advantage of the benefits of membership.

Best wishes

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