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Dear ISOM Members,

As we head to mid-year, it is a perfect time to update you on our current projects. For those of you who are forward thinkers - we can confirm that plans for ISOM 2017 to be held in Cape Town, 18-20<sup>th</sup> March, are progressing well. Cape Town is a magnificent city and the programme will reflect the expertise of both local experts and international guests. This meeting has been scheduled alongside the RCOG meeting and we will be holding some joint sessions. There will be plenty of opportunities for free communications with oral presentations and eposters, a first for our society. Abstract submission will commence later in the year and we encourage you to start preparing your research. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to get feedback and support for your work from interested colleagues from around the world.

The Global Obstetric Medicine Committee continues their activities with an ever increasing number of countries represented. If you are aware of colleagues with an interest in Obstetric Medicine who are currently not involved with ISOM, particularly in low resource settings, please encourage them to check the website for details on how to participate in these projects. There will also be a special addition of Obstetric Medicine later this year concentrating on Global Obstetric Medicine subjects.

ISOM membership subscriptions are now due. Please consult the website to renew your membership as soon as possible. Show your support for our society by becoming a financial member and encouraging other members of your hospital or faculty to join us. This allows access to members only resources including lectures from previous meetings, journal watch and the members directory. [<https://www.isomnet.org/>]

Although we are not holding a Scientific Congress this year, I encourage all of you to support your national society meetings listed below as well as the ISSHP in Brazil in October [<http://www.isshp.org/meeting/isshp-xx-world-congress/>].

Finally, keep your submissions coming for **Obstetric Medicine, the Medicine of Pregnancy**. We welcome case reports, original research and systematic reviews. If you have an idea for a topic review, please submit a plan to the Editors for consideration.

I am personally looking forward to representing ISOM in Penang, Malaysia (12<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress in Maternal Fetal Medicine, October 2016) and Hyderabad, India (Obstetric Medicine Update 2016). If you're in the region you might want to join these interesting meetings.

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