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## Message from the President of the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa



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*The South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the South African Medical Journal are to be congratulated on the establishment of the South African Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.*

*The publication of this specialist Journal as a supplement to the South African Medical Journal will bring its contents to a wider reading public while at the same time enhancing the value of the parent Journal.*

*The obstetricians and gynaecologists have a very representative division of obstetrics and gynaecology within the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa. As 90% of the members of this division are also members of the South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, it is self-evident that the new Journal has the support of the College.*

*The College has always acknowledged with gratitude the support of the Medical Association of South Africa in its early formative years. Once again I should like to record this on this unique occasion.*

*On behalf of the College I send you greetings and best wishes for a long and successful life for the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.*

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## Message from the Chairman, South African Regional Council, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

*Since its formation on 8 October 1946 at the 34th South African Medical Congress in Durban, the South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (S.A.S.O.G.) has gone from strength to strength. Today practically all the practising obstetricians and gynaecologists in South Africa are members. Besides meeting as a section at the general Medical Congresses, the S.A.S.O.G. has arranged interim congresses, the first of these being held in Johannesburg in May 1948, and the eleventh in Port Elizabeth in September 1962. Interim congresses have been arranged in Cape Town (3), Durban (3), Johannesburg (2), Pretoria (1), Bloemfontein (1), and Port Elizabeth (1), and have always been very well supported.*

*The creation of a special medium for the publication of the papers prepared for congresses and for other work done in South Africa in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology has been discussed at various times. Most recently it was proposed that a Journal representing all the surgical specialities should be established; this, however, was not to be.*

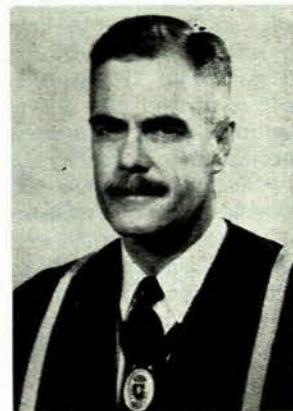
*Since the formation of the S.A.S.O.G. two other bodies representative of a substantial proportion of the obstetricians and gynaecologists in South Africa have been formed. The South African Regional Council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (S.A.R.C., R.C.O.G.) was inaugurated in Durban in July 1956 by the President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Mr. Charles Read. The Division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa was finally established in 1957.*

*Both the S.A.R.C., R.C.O.G. and the Division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa were thus formed ten years after the inauguration of the S.A.S.O.G.*

*A tribute is due to Prof. James Louw of Cape Town, whose drive and enthusiasm resulted in the formation of the S.A.R.C. As secretary of the South African Reference Committee he did all the spade work. It was Professor Louw, too, who negotiated the establishment of this Journal in its present form, as a supplement to the South African Medical Journal, with the editor, Dr. A. P. Bignault. The S.A.S.O.G. at its last general meeting in September 1962 was glad to accept this offer. The quality of the Journal will depend upon the contributions received for publication, and its future is therefore in our own hands.*

*The S.A.R.C. welcomes this Journal and acknowledges its indebtedness to the Medical Association of South Africa and its Journal for having made the publication possible.*

*On behalf of all Fellows and Members of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in South Africa I send you greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the birth of the South African Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.*



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