

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear All

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the inaugural publication of our new journal, the South African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. In short, the SAJGH.

Just over a year ago we lost the 'Red Journal' when it was sold by the then publisher, InHouse to the Netherlands Press. Since then we have worked hard to regain control of our erstwhile journal, especially the name and the content which belong to us. I want to thank Martin Brand and Mark Sonderup for their efforts in this endeavour. Martin even sought legal counsel on this matter. Needless to say, that ship has sailed.




We have entered into a contractual agreement with MedPharm Publications who will be responsible for publication and timeous contribution of our new journal.

This is a proud moment for SAGES and we encourage you all to be part of the new journal. Not only for reading but also to engage on topics you feel important on a national level. A short communique may suffice in that instance. Happy reading.

In addition, we welcome you to the ASSA SAGES SASES congress at the IHPBA 2024 in Cape Town. We trust you will have an enlightened experience.

We congratulate HPBASA, Eduard Jonas and the team for hosting this 16<sup>th</sup> IHPBA World Congress with over 1 900 registered delegates from 98 countries and bringing this extensive scientific programme to Cape Town. There are many parallel sessions, of which the local societies, ASSA, SAGES and SASES are part of, with a vast array of interesting talks and discussions, something for everybody. Please make use of this opportunity.

See you at the congress!

**Ernst Fredericks**   
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