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Dear SASA WC Branch Member

RE: OCTOBER 2023 SASA WC UPDATE MEETING

Firstly, on behalf of the WC branch committee I'd like to thank you for your support at the May 2023 meeting at Kelvin Grove. This meeting was well attended by the branch – 105 doctors and 165 nurses. I'd also like to thank the attendees who completed the google form. The information from such feedback enables us to better serve the branch.

At previous branch AGMs we have heard from our members that as a collective you preferred to have the meetings at one venue instead of moving between venues, as we have needed to do in recent years. At our last CPD meeting in May the attendees fed back to us that you agreed to having Kelvin Grove as our regular update meeting venue. After receiving this feedback, we put this request to the management at Kelvin Grove. However, with the Rugby World Cup later this year (and Kelvin Grove being a sports club where such games are televised) – they could not accommodate us. The event managers have further sought to find a suitable venue in the immediate surrounds but have come back with no success.

The prerequisites for our kind of meeting limits the venues available. Our challenges include finding a venue that can accommodate the size of our delegation, as well as one where trade colleagues can exhibit in. The latter challenge is especially important as these meetings are made possible largely through the support of the trade - and many of them are not allowed to exhibit in areas in direct view of the general public.

For this reason, we needed to cast our net wider and explore other venues. The Health Sciences Faculty of Stellenbosch University (Tygerberg campus) can accommodate the size of our delegation for the date required and is able to accommodate the trade. Please understand that our deviation from the decided regular venue is only because of the challenge posed by the Rugby World Cup.



Our May 2024 meeting is expected to be back at Kelvin Grove.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and look forward to seeing you at the October meeting at Tygerberg. Our branch AGM will also be at this meeting - notice regarding this will be formally sent to you.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reinhard Overmeyer'.

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