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Dear Colleague

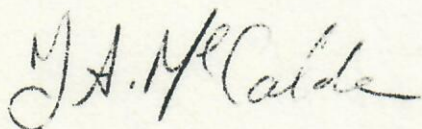
One of the basic aims of any society is to promote contact between people sharing similar interests. Thus, the Physiological Society of Southern Africa tries to bring together scientists, students and teachers with an interest in Physiology. At present the only vehicle for this contact and exchange of ideas is the annual congress which this year will be held in Durban.

The membership of the society currently stands at 85 and these members are scattered throughout South Africa and Rhodesia. Analysis of the membership list reveals that 47 of these reside in the Transvaal (mainly in the Pretoria-Johannesburg area). This concentration of members could provide the basis for more frequent meetings of the society in that area. These meetings could serve both a scientific and a social function with perhaps invited papers being read after a dinner or luncheon. It is envisaged that the nucleus of support would come from the Transvaal membership, but all members would, of course, be invited to attend.

One additional benefit may arise with these meetings. We may find that many more people in the Transvaal will be induced to join the Physiological Society, solely because we are having more frequent meetings which are relatively easy to attend.

In conclusion, the Physiological Society of Southern Africa has a lot to gain from more frequent meetings on a regional basis. This matter will be raised at our A.G.M. in Durban. Please consider the suggestion and air your views and ideas on the subject at that meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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