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Dear IUGA members and friends,

As you have hopefully learned from our President's messages and my columns in the IUGA Newsletter, the Foundation for International Urogynecological Assistance (FIUGA) was founded by IUGA to help fund the educational and research activities of the IUGA throughout the world. Our initial project was to work with our colleagues in Ghana to help educate the Fellows and residents in Urogynecology and Gynecology about our subspecialty and how to care for underserved women with urinary incontinence, prolapse and voiding dysfunction. Our fundraising has also focused on supporting the eXchange programs and now to support research grants given to our members to support their early hypotheses.

We have not had any organized office support of our own and now are seeking to hire a part time staffer to help organize and coordinate all of these teaching, research and fundraising activities. To get this off to a strong start we need your help. We have run a silent auction at the annual meeting over the last two years and wish to expand this further this August in Cape Town.

On behalf of the FIUGA Board I would ask you to contact me at [peterksand@gmail.com](mailto:peterksand@gmail.com) with any educational, vacation or other offerings you might be able to contribute to this year's auction. I would also encourage everyone to bid generously on these items to help support our work to help your IUGA.

Thanks so much for your help,



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