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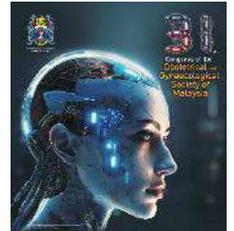
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President's Message



Dear AOFOG members,

Warmest greetings to all members of AOFOG!

I was invited to attend the 62nd Annual Congress of the Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG) & The 11th International Symposium of TAOG, 2023. I gave a plenary lecture moderated by Professor Kazunori Ochiai, Immediate Past President of AOFOG, and Professor Tsung-Hsien Su, Vice President of AOFOG. The topic of my plenary lecture was "WHO recommendations for intrapartum care for a positive childbirth experience." It stimulated a lively discussion the participants. Professor Tsung-Hsien Su and I also moderated an AOFOG session that included three very interesting topics: (1) Intimate Partner Violence (online), by Dr. John David Tait, President Elect of AOFOG; (2) Respectful Maternity Care by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-General of AOFOG; and (3) Caesarean Delivery on Maternal Request (CDMR): The Continuing Controversy, by Dr. Ravi Chandran, Past President of AOFOG.



The 62nd Annual Congress of the Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG) & The 11th International Symposium of TAOG, 2023 was extremely successful scientifically and socially. A very big Congratulations to TAOG!

I was honored to represent the Intensive Course on Obstetric Emergency (ICOE) in Nepal (September 1-3, 2023) and Laos PDR (October 20-22, 2023). ICOE is a collaboration between AOFOG and the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) to organize intensive courses on obstetric emergency in AOFOG countries with high maternal mortality ratios, including Cambodia, Laos PDR, Mongolia, and Nepal. I was impressed with ICOE and encouraged OGSM to conduct an objective evaluation of its impact on key maternal and perinatal outcomes. We had our final discussion during the ICOE in Laos on October 20 and will explore the possibility of conducting this evaluation in four participating hospitals in Laos using the interrupted time series study design. I also gave a 30-minute lecture on WHO recommendations for intrapartum care for a positive childbirth experience and prevention of postpartum hemorrhage by heat-stable Carbetocin. This stimulated a positive discussion on how to implement these recommendations in Nepal and Laos.



FIGO organized the XXIV FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, which took place in Paris from October 9 to 13, 2023. The conference was a scientific and social success. AOFOG organized a post-congress workshop on "Cervical cancer elimination: RISE to the challenge" led by Dr. Christia Padolina and Professor Ka Yu Tse. The workshop was comprehensive and well-

-organized, covering many important aspects of cervical cancer elimination. Unfortunately, we had fewer participants than we had expected. I would like to sincerely thank Professor Joong Shin Park and his team for organizing a booth at this FIGO conference to invite delegates from all over the world to attend the AFOG 2024 Congress in Busan, Korea, from May 16 to 20, 2024. Last but definitely not least, I am very pleased to inform you that three distinguished delegates from our AFOG region were elected to very important posts on the FIGO Council for 2023-2025: Dr. Ravi Chandran as FIGO Secretary General, Professor Shantha Kumari as FIGO Treasurer, and Dr. Hrishikesh Pai as Regional Trustee for Asia-Oceania. Congratulations to them! I hope that this will strengthen collaboration between AFOG and FIGO.

Before concluding, I'd like to emphasize the pressing concerns of climate change, a global-level issue with profound implications for the health of our patients. While it is a widely discussed topic, practical action remains limited. As obstetricians and gynecologists, we bear a pivotal role in safeguarding the well-being of women and newborns. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and environmental degradation have both direct and indirect consequences on maternal and fetal health, leading to increased rates of morbidity. There are numerous ways through which obstetricians and gynecologists can contribute to climate change mitigation, starting with our own actions. We can encourage our patients to reduce their carbon footprint by endorsing practices such as public transportation use, reduced meat consumption, and energy conservation. We must advocate for policies that support climate mitigation and adaptation, encompassing measures to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and bolster investments in renewable energy sources. Furthermore, we must try to avoid unnecessary investigations and treatments for our patients, e.g. antibiotic use or caesarean section without medical indications, etc. Change begins with each of us – climate change, too.



ICOE in Nepal (1-3 September 2023)



ICOE in Laos (20-22 October 2023)



Always in service,

Pisake Lumbiganon
President, AFOG.

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Secretary General's Message



We are coming towards the end of 2023 too. During the last three months AOFOG was involved with numerous activities.

62nd Annual Congress of TAOG

62nd Annual Congress of the Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG) & The 11th International Symposium of TAOG, 2023 was held on August 12th(Sat) -13th(Sun), 2023 at Windsor Hotel in Taichung, Taiwan. AOFOG conducted a session in the congress which was addressed by Dr. Ravi Chandran, Dr. John Tait and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, President Prof Pisake Lumbiganon delivered a Plenary lecture titled *"WHO recommendations for intrapartum care for a positive childbirth experience"*. The conference was mainly conducted in the local language and the conference was well attended. As always, the social programmes were very exciting and gave everyone an opportunity to meet each other, relax and enjoy.

Congratulations to the Past presidents Of AOFOG Dr. Ravi Chandran and Prof Kazunori Ochiai who were awarded the Fellowship of the TAOG.

I congratulate TAOG President Prof. Shee-Uan Chen, Secretary General Dr. Jian-Pei Huang and the officers TAOG for conducting the congress so successfully and thank everyone for inviting AOFOG.

FIGO 2023 Congress

At the recently concluded XXIV FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, which took place in Paris from October 9 to 13, 2023, AOFOG conducted a post congress workshop on *"Cervical cancer elimination: RISE to the challenge"*. This was organized by the Chair Cervical Cancer Elimination Working Group. Dr.Christia Padolina and Chair AOFOG Oncology Committee, Dr. Ka Yu Tse.

It was a very informative and educative Workshop with lectures and hands-on workstations. Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, President AOFOG made the opening remarks and highlighted on strengthening of the RISE up cervical cancer elimination program in the region. Prof Kazunori Ochiai Past president AOFOG enlightened everyone on our concerted regional efforts to eliminate cervical cancer. The workstation on self-collection for HPV testing was managed by Dr Maria Julieta Germar who also spoke about vaccination strategies. Dr Christia Padolina spoke on VIA and pap smear. Dr Ka Yu Tse demonstrated the thermal ablation treatment on pre-cancerous cervical lesions and delivered the lecture on *"Treatment facility setup and networking"*. Finally, Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa made the concluding remarks.

I wish to thank Dr. Christia and Dr. Ka Yu for organizing and conducting the workshop so successfully. [Read more...](#)

RTCOG Congress 2023

The 38th Scientific Annual Meeting of the Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists under the theme *"Smart O & G"* was held from 25-27 October 2023, Pattaya, Thailand. I thank RTCOG President Prof Vitaya Titapant and Secretary General Associate Prof. Mongkol Benjapibal for inviting AOFOG to conduct a session in the congress.

AOFOG session was titled *"Violence Against Women: Roles of ObGyn in the hidden epidemic"*. It was chaired by Prof Pisake Lumbiganon and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa

The two lectures were, Violence Against Women in Asia and Oceania delivered by Prof Unnop Jaisamrarn, Chair of SRH Committee AOFOG & "DHEERA - No to VAW" by Prof. Shantha Kumari, Past President FOGSI & Honorary Treasurer FIGO. The session was received very much by the well-attended audience and I thank Prof Unnop for organizing the very successful session.

Committee Activities

Many Committee activities were carried out by the various committees and are highlighted by the Chairs in their committee reports.

- a) [Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery Committee.](#)
- b) [Oncology Committee.](#)
- c) [Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee.](#)
- d) [Ultrasound Committee.](#)
- e) [Urogynaecology Committee.](#)
- f) [Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility \(REI\) Committee.](#)

ICOE Programmes

The Intensive Course on Obstetric Emergency (ICOE) programmes are been continuously carried out with OGSM ICOE group. Programmes were held in Nepal (September 1-3, 2023), Cambodia (29 September – 1 October 2023), and Laos PDR (October 20-22, 2023). Programmes in Nepal and Laos were attended by the President Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon.

I thank Dr. Boon Nee Tang, Dr. Gunasegaran Rajan, Dr. Thaneemalai Jeganathan & all the other resource persons of the OGSM ICOE group and the President and the Officers of OGSM for continuously supporting this programme and for taking it forward. [Read more...](#)

Congratulations...!!

Our Congratulations to Past President Dr. Ravi Chandran for been elected as the Secretary General FIGO for the term 2023 to 2025, with a resounding majority, at the recently held FIGO elections to elect members to the Council. During the last term of FIGO, Dr. Ravi Chandran served as Regional Trustee of FIGO for the Asia Oceania region. As The Regional trustee Dr. Ravi Chandran contributed very much to the Asia Oceania region coordinating many programmes with FIGO.

We Congratulate Dr. Shantha Kumari for been re-elected as the Treasurer of FIGO and Dr Hrishikesh Pai, President FOGSI for been elected as the Regional Trustee for the Asia Oceania region.

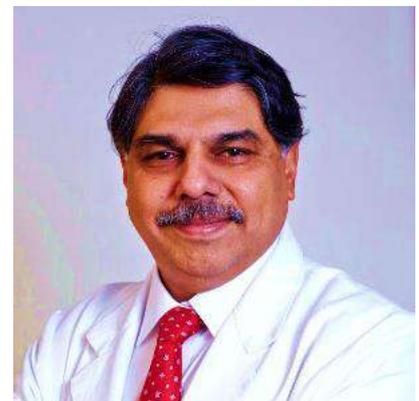
Our best wishes to all of them for a successful term of office and AOFOG looks forward to work closely with them and FIGO to the betterment of Women's health in the Asia Oceania Region.



Dr. Ravi Chandran



Dr. Shantha Kumari



Dr. Hrishikesh Pai

AOFOG 2024

We are moving closer to this grand event we all are looking forward to. Local organising committee under the leadership of Prof Joong Shin Park is kept very busy making the arrangements for the congress. Scientific Committee chair Prof. Jung-Ho Shin has come up with an excellent Scientific programme and a series of Pre-Congress Workshops which will be very helpful to the practicing Clinicians.

In addition, everyone will be able to enjoy the exciting social programmes and also will have the opportunity of exploring Busan through the various tours arranged.

I advise you to register in the congress early and take advantage of the various concessions offered. There are concessions in the registration fees for those from Low middle income countries, speakers, & for Groups of more than 25. Any National society registering more than 50 participants would also be eligible to have its own session in the Congress. [Read more...](#)

We look forward to meeting everyone in AOFOG 2024 in Busan...!!

Rohana Haththotuwa

Secretary General, AOFOG

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FIGO Congress 2023 - AOFOG Post Congress

In the recently concluded FIGO Convention in Paris, the AOFOG was given the privilege to organize a workshop on Cervical Cancer Elimination. We presented last October 13, 2023 in the late afternoon in the Post Convention activity.

The workshop was aptly entitled 'RISE' up to AOFOG's Cervical Cancer Elimination Program.

- Revisiting AOFOG's Call to action on Cervical Cancer Elimination
- Institutionalizing the advocacy and call to action
- Shifting and changing paradigms in screening thru training and sharing of best practices
- Ensuring equity on cervical cancer screening, vaccination and treatment

Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, AOFOG president, provided the Welcome address. He emphasized that the countries in Asia Oceania should move as one in keeping with the World Health Organization's Global Strategy in the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem.

In his lecture on Upscaling cervical cancer elimination in the Asia Pacific region, Prof. Ochiai highlighted the inequity of cervical cancer. The burden of the disease is higher in the low- and middle-income countries especially in the Asia Oceania region. In heeding the call of the director general of WHO, Dr Tedros, AOFOG should implement the triple intervention targets by 2030.

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated with HPV vaccine by age 15.
- 70% of women screened with high performance test (HPV test) by age 35 and again by age 45.
- 90% of women identified with cervical pre-cancer or invasive cancer receive adequate treatment and care.



He showcased the efforts made from the collaboration made in launching the AOFOG Manila Declaration: Call to Action Against Cervical Cancer in 2019. We were a sidetracked a bit during the pandemic but efforts continued on the virtual platform. Now that we are slowly returning to the new normal post pandemic, other modalities of screening are being explored like application of a telecolposcopy especially in rural settings and nonlinear optical imaging of the cervical epithelium and varied vaccinations lecture. The efforts of the GCIG and AGOG were also highlighted.

In the workshop proper, Dr. Maria Julieta Germar, who is the current president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of the Philippines presided over the Self Collection technique in HPV testing. The second module was on Visual Inspection with acetic acid or VIA which was facilitated by Dr. Christia Padolina, the head of the cervical cancer elimination program by AOFOG. The last module on Thermal Ablation was demonstrated by Dr Ka Yu Tse, the committee chair on gynecologic oncology. The workshop was received and appreciated as the participants had real hands-on experience on the three modules. Special thanks to Dr. Cecilia Llave who coordinated with JHPIEGO to allow AOFOG to use the instruments and training module.





In the lecture on HPV Vaccination strategies by Dr. Germar, highlights included community and school-based HPV vaccine implementation. Various challenges and strategies were explored like having national and regional policy, implementation of

the universal health care with integration of vaccine strategies in primary care. The most important strategy though is not to work in silos but to simultaneously act on the three fronts.

Dr. Ka Yu Tse emphasized the ideal treatment facility setup of inter phasing expertise, facility, quality assurance and establishing registry. Dr. Ka Yu related the multidisciplinary team approach and accreditation process in Hong Kong with facilitated networking system. Definitely national multidisciplinary collaboration and regional cooperation is needed to hasten up the cervical cancer elimination program.



In summing up the FIGO workshop on cervical cancer elimination, AOFOG's secretary general Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa of Sri Lanka, encouraged everyone to maximize all efforts on the three-pronged approach. He is also optimistic that the workshop module can be used in 'in person' training in AOFOG member countries.

To sum up our 2023 FIGO participation:

- **A**wareness, access and availability are key factors in cervical cancer control
- **O**ur region is suffering from cervical cancer (inequity)
- **F**ederation like FIGO and AOFOG should support our colleagues
- **O**vercoming cervical cancer is our common goal
- **G**oal is reachable

As an organization, As AOFOG we need to work together to eliminate cervical cancer by 2030.

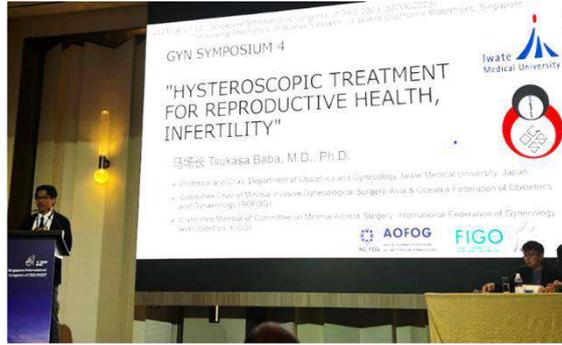
Dr. Christia Pdolina
Chair, AOFOG cervical cancer elimination working group

MIGS Committee Report

The MIGS Committee conducted two lecture-based symposiums at Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore on August 26-27th 2023 during 12th Singapore International Congress of O&G 2023 (SICOG2023) "Unlocking the Future of Women's Health". Gyn Symposium 1 was moderated by our committee member, Celene Hui, and our Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, provided a lecture "Lap vs Robot: which is better?" And Gyn Symposium 4 was arranged and moderated by Huang Zhongwei, Chair of AOFOG REI Committee, and our Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, also provided another lecture "Hysteroscopic treatment for reproductive health, infertility." There were more than two hundred attendees in SICOG2023 and very hot discussions for the potency of MIGS on reproductive health.



Dr. Hui and TB with HZ



Keynote Lecture of TB modulated by HZ

AOFOG MIGS Committee has been collaborated with FIGO MAS Committee. Thanking to the long friendship with Ravi Chandran, Past President of AOFOG and the FIGO Trustee for Asia Oceania, and Descamps Philippe, Vice President of FIGO, our Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, was appointed to moderate an educational lecture for safe and minimally invasive laparotomy at Paris

Convention Center, France on October 10th 2023 during FIGO2023.

Tsukasa Baba and one of the past MIGS Committee members, Laila Arjumand Banu collaborated with FIGO MAS Committee to join a Hands-on-Seminar session of laparoscopic suturing as the course faculties. It included AOFOG lessons to learn suturing and extra- and intra- peritoneal ligation. Furthermore, Tsukasa Baba had a keynote lecture "Critical knowledge for surgeons about Myoma, atypical Myoma, and Sarcoma" and participated as another hands-on instructor at the post-Congress session of Fibroids and Morcellation-Evidence, Surgical Principles, and Hands-On Simulation. This program also had 40 participants including AOFOG societies to learn trans abdominal morcellation with or without morcellator.



Prof. Banu and TB



Suturing training



Morcellation training

Prof Tsukasa Baba
Chair, AOFOG MIGS Committee

Oncology Committee Report

Cervical cancer remains a disease burden in the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) announced the 90-70-90 strategy to eliminate cervical cancer in May 2018. In response to the WHO global campaign, the AFOG made the Manila Declaration on 19 Nov 2019, and the Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee was set up in May 2021. Since then, the Oncology Committee and the Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee had been working very closely together to hold various educational activities on cervical cancer prevention in the past years.

The Oncology Committee had also collaborated with the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong (OGSHK) to hold a hybrid symposium on 7 Jul 2023. The theme of the symposium was ‘Novel Treatment in Gynecologic Malignancies’. Prof. Nozomu Yanaiara (Secretary of the Japanese Gynecologic Oncology Group), Prof. Jae-Hoon Kim (President of the Korean) Gynecologic Oncology Group) and Prof. Chih-Long Chang (President of Taiwan Association of Gynecologic Oncologists and ex-member of the Oncology Committee of the AFOG) were the guest speakers. Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon (President of the AFOG) gave the opening speech, and the symposium was moderated by Dr. Archana Verma (member of the Oncology Committee of the AFOG) and Dr. Ka Yu Tse.

In the XXIV FIGO World Congress of Gynecology held in Paris, the two committees organized a post-congress workshop on 13 Oct 2023. The theme of the workshop was “Cervical cancer elimination: RISE to the challenge”. It was chaired by Prof. Christia S. Padolina, and we also obtained support on some teaching materials from Prof. Cecilia Llave and the Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO). The workshop was started with Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon’s opening speech. Prof. Kazunori Ochiai then discussed the upscaling cervical cancer elimination strategies in the Asia Pacific region. After that, there were three workshops, including self-collection of HPV testing, visual inspection by acetic acid and pap smear, and thermal ablation, led by Dr. Maria Julieta V, Germar, Prof. Padolina, Dr. Ka Yu Tse, respectively. Dr. Germar also gave a lecture on the vaccination strategies. The workshop was concluded by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa at the end.

The Oncology Committee has a few plans before the next AFOG congress in 2024. First, Prof. Pisake has been invited to give a lecture on the Asian strategy in combating cervical cancer for the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (HKCOG) 35th Anniversary International Conference in Nov 2023. In collaboration with the Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery Committee, the Oncology Committee is planning a surgical video competition for the trainees, oncology fellows and young gynaecological oncologists. Winners will have awards and details will be announced in due course. A virtual surgical workshop will then follow.

Lastly, our committee is also planning to run a pre-congress workshop for the AFOG 2024 in Busan.

Ka Yu Tse

Chairperson, Gynaecological Oncology Committee



Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee Report

1. Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Obstetrics and Gynecology Association 2023 (PIT POGI 2023)

The Indonesian Obstetrics and Gynecology Association (POGI) has organized the annual scientific meeting and workshops on July 21-26, 2023 at the Alana Yogyakarta Hotel & Convention Center in Yogyakarta. Over 3,000 participants from all parts of Indonesia have joined this event.

Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn, SRH Committee Chair was invited to take part in a workshop *“Management of sexual violence against women and children”* on July 22, 2023.

Topic and speakers in this workshop were as follows:

- Overview of sexual assault against women and children (prevalence, dynamics).
Prof. Dr. Unnop Jaisamrarn MD, MHS.
- Sexual violence, in adults Types and consequences.
Dr. Dini Pusianawati, Sp.OG, Subsp Obginsos.
- Sexual violence, in Children Types and consequences.
Prof. Dr. Ova Emilia, M.Med.Ed., Sp.OG Subsp. Obginsos, PhD.
- Service provision for victims of sexual violence.
Prof. Dr. Unnop Jaisamrarn MD, MHS
- Assessment and examination of child survivor of sexual violence.
Dr. Mei Neni Sitaresmi, PhD, SpA (K).
- Treatment and follow up care.
Dr. R. Soerio Hadijono, Sp.OG, Subsp Obginsos – DTRM & B(CH).
- Documentation and reporting.
Dr. Yudha Nurhantari, PhD, Sp.F
- Case - based discussion
 - Dr. Shinta Prawitasari, Sp.OG, Subsp. Obginsos.
 - Dr. Diannisa Ikarumi Enisar Sangun, Sp.OG Subsp Obginsos.
 - Dr. Esti Risanto, Sp.OG Subsp Obginsos.

Almost 100 participants including Obs & Gyn specialists and trainees attended this workshop. Presentation and interactive discussion in this workshop have given attendees insight into the management of sexual violence against women and children.

Reproductive Health is a part of the perfection of physical, mental, and social well-being in all



matters relating to the reproductive system. Sexual and reproductive health is a universal need and is very important for women. Women bear the greatest freedom because of their physiology, their ability to give birth and to limit themselves

to sexual decisions. WHO has proposed this important list to pay attention to, namely regarding reproduction nationally and globally as an indicator of health.

Sexual harassment as a form of domestic and family violence includes rape, sexual assault, or sexual victimization committed primarily by men against women. Behaviors can include: coercion, forced or unwanted attempts at sexual penetration; forced penetration by third parties, objects, or animals; forced prostitution; forced or unwanted sexual touching; or forced delivery of part or all of the victim's genitals, or mutilation or other injuries to the victim's genitals for reasons that are not medically justified (sometimes referred to as female genital mutilation or FGM). Any of these behaviors may be facilitated or exacerbated by alcohol or drugs, and may also be associated with physical and other forms of domestic and family violence



Therefore, it is very important to learn and understand sexual and reproductive violence.

2. 12th Singapore International Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SICOG 2023)

On August 25-27, 2023, Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS) has organized the “12th Singapore International Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SICOG 2023)” at Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore.



Almost 400 participants have attended this event. The theme for the congress was “Unlocking the Future in Women's Health - Personalized and Evidence Based Care”. The scientific programme encompassed topics across various subspecialties in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and provided a timely update on the latest updates and advances in these areas.



AOFOG session on “No to Violence against Women” has been included in the congress programme. The Chairpersons for this session were Dr. Jason Lim, President of OGSS and Dr. Huang Zhongwei, Honorary Treasurer of OGSS. After the introduction, Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn, SRH Committee Chair has given a lecture entitled “AOFOG’s notion of Violence Against Women (VAW)” Key messages in this lecture included:

- VAW definition, prevalence and impact
- Roles of ObGyn medical staffs on VAW
- AOFOG’s initiative on VAW and future plan

Then Dr. S. Shantha Kumari, Honorary Treasurer of FIGO and Past President of FOGSI has shared her experience on “DHEERA-No to VAW”

After both lectures, there was Q&A together with discussion. The session has received a lot of attention from the audience.

3. 14th SAFOG Conference in association with The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India

The SRH committee has organized an AFOG session entitled “*Emerging issues in Reproductive Health*” in this conference which was held at the Lalit, Mumbai in India on September 23-24, 2023. Over 400 participants from South Asian countries have attended this event.

The Chairpersons for this session were Dr. Anahita Chauhan, Dr. Nandita Palshetkar and Dr. Jaydeep Tank. After the introduction, speakers from SRH committee have given their lectures as follows:

- Recent discoveries in hormonal contraception - Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn (Thailand).
- Essential vaccination for women - Dr. Mandakini Megh (India).
- Violence against women in Asia Oceania - Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn (Thailand)

The presentation has received a lot of attention from the audience. A thoughtful discussion has then followed.



4. Violence Against Women (VAW)

The AFOG SRH Committee and VAW Working group are trying to address the global issue of Violence Against Women (VAW) in Asia and Oceania countries via a multinational survey on VAW. Over the past three months, we have been diligently working on questionnaire modification, ethical considerations, and conducting a pilot study for our multinational survey. Looking ahead, we will provide comprehensive training for research assistants. These individuals play a vital role in data collection, and their training is critical to ensuring the consistency and quality of the information we collect. The next three months will mark the beginning of our data collection phase. We will deploy our research assistants to different locations in the target countries, ensuring a broad and diverse representation of participants. This stage is an important step in understanding the true scope of VAW in our region.

The dedication of our committee and working group members and the collaborative efforts of our partners are critical to achieving these milestones. We appreciate all experts, colleagues, and the ethics committee for their valuable contributions and guidance during this work.

Violence against women is a pressing global issue that transcends borders and affects women of all ages, races, or nationalities. However, the issue of VAW has not aroused sufficient awareness in many countries and regions, and the number of victims of VAW is likely to be underestimated. Our mission is to empower women and create a world without violence. We invite you to join our efforts and stay informed of our progress. Together we can bring about lasting change and work towards a safer, more equitable world for all. Your support is invaluable, and we appreciate your participation and efforts in acting on VAW.

Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn
Chair, AFOG SRH Committee

Ultrasound Committee Report

Webinar

A webinar on “AOFOG-OGSM Webinar on the Fetal Heart: Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence” was organised by our committee collaborating with Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) was held on 30th September 2023 with the participation of 150 Specialists, fellows, trainees and sonographers.

Professor Pisake opened the session with a welcome address and an introduction to the incidence and burden of fetal heart disease. He touched on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine generally and specifically in sonographic prenatal diagnosis. Dr Voon moderated the session and brought on ultrasound committee member Dr Archana who spoke on the updated fetal cardiac screening guidelines, which emphasized on the importance of the three-vessel view (3VV) and the three-vessel and trachea view (3VVT). A section on early fetal cardiac screening, colour doppler mapping and use of a checklist was included.

The second part of the lecture was conducted by Professor Marcin Wiechec from University Hospital Krakow in Poland, who is a world leader in developing a model for artificial intelligence in fetal cardiac screening. He highlighted the differences between postnatal cardiac sonographic pathologies which most obstetrician was taught, compared to prenatal findings. There is evidence that using AI in ultrasound can increase detection rates of various cardiac pathologies, an aspect which has plateaued despite having better imaging systems and training.

He then shared his experience developing virtual reality systems for simulation training in fetal cardiac screening. One software he and his team developed used a popular existing virtual reality hardware, therefore there was minimal additional investment required. Interestingly, Professor Wiechec was also enthusiastic about 3D printing and demonstrated the use of 3D printing of pathological cardiac findings, which was used for patient counselling as well.

Dr Voon and Professor Nazimah, the President of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) then led the discussion, which were engaging and included questions about differences in screening practices across the region. The event was well-attended, with participation from AOFOG members from at least six different countries.

Symposium

We had a session at 33rd World Congress of the International Society of Ultrasound in O&G on 16-19th October 2023 at COEX Seoul, Korea with the participation of 2300 participants.

AOFOG Ultrasound Committee has made regional and international collaboration as a foundation in moving ultrasound training forwards. One of the initiatives over the past year was to increase engagement with partner societies such as



Heatmap assessing the examiners' eye movements during scanning, to better understand and distinguish detection rates between an expert and a basic examiner/sonographer.



The webinar highlighted on OGSM's social media

ISUOG. Dr Voon Hian Yan represented AFOG at the event, as chair of the ultrasound committee and a member of the regional advisory group (RAG) of ISUOG.

He chaired the symposium workshop on *“Practical approach for the diagnosis of genetic syndromes”*. The workshop included four eminent speakers, Dario Paladini (Italy), Waldo Sepulveda (Chile), Elisenda Eixarch (Spain) and Min Chen (China) who discussed the importance of sonographic phenotyping as an approach to the diagnosis. They spoke on four categories of genetic syndromes, those presenting with predominantly cardiovascular features, facial features, central nervous system features and skeletal features respectively.

Dr Voon was also invited by the scientific committee to provide his views on ultrasound training and accessibility in Asia during the *“Roving Reporter”* session.

AFOG was given a complimentary booth during the event and Dr Voon, with the assistance of partners of the local organizing committee of the XXVIII AFOG Congress in Busan, were on hand to promote our federation’s next congress.



Dr Voon Hian Yan chairing the session on behalf of AFOG at the ISUOG World Congress



The “Roving Reporter” session where Dr Voon and Professor Ritsuko Pooh were interviewed by the President-elect of ISUOG, Professor Liona Poon.



AFOG’s booth in COEX Seoul, Korea during the congress

Dr Voon Hian Yan
Chair, AFOG Ultrasound Committee

Urogynaecology Committee Report

As we find ourselves in the heart of October 2023, we are excited to reflect on our recent accomplishment and share what's on the horizon. Our commitment to knowledge sharing and professional growth continues to drive us forward.

APUGA-AOFOG Joint Session of the 10th APUGA (Asia-Pacific Urogynecology Association) Annual Meeting 2023

Our September meeting, held on September 10th at the historic Grand Hotel in Taipei, was a momentous occasion uniting urogynecologists from across the Asia-Pacific region. We had the privilege of sharing knowledge, fostering valuable connections, and furthering our understanding of urogynecology.



The meeting was held in an in-person format with live conference streaming via YouTube. The meeting drew together experts with diverse backgrounds, showcasing the wealth of knowledge within women's health care and current perspectives on the management of various pelvic floor disorders. We invited not only experts from Taiwan, but also 9 international specialists from 7 different countries to participate in the meeting.



During the meeting, three esteemed members of the UG Committee AOFOG delivered lectures on crucial topics in Urogynecology. Dr. Suvit Bunyavejchevin covered subject about obstetric anal sphincter injuries (OASIS). Dr. Fernandi Moegni showed platelet rich plasma injection postpartum to improve levator ani weakness. Dr. Thomas Man-Jung

Hung elaborated the use of intravesical hyaluronic acid for treatment of refractory interstitial cystitis in Taiwan. To ensure smooth proceedings, Vice President Professor Charles Su, along with the former UG Committee Chairs, Dr. Chung-Hung Hsieh and Dr. So-Jung Liang served as session moderators. Additionally, we were honored to have Professor Pisake Lumbiganon and Professor Rohana Haththotuwa deliver opening remarks at the start of this session.

Therefore, attendees were treated to the latest research and developments in urogynecology, shaping the future of our discipline. By participating in dynamic discussions, workshops, and presentations, making attendees deepen their understanding of urogynecological challenges and solutions.

Upcoming Events in 2024

We are thrilled to offer a glimpse into what lies ahead for the 28th AOFOG Congress in 2024:

AOFOG Workshop: Innovations in Urogynecology

Our AOFOG UROGYN comm. Pre-congress Workshop will take place on May 17th, 2024. This event is set to bring together experts and scholars from various regions and backgrounds, with the aim of delving into key topics in the field of narrated video demonstration of urogynecological procedures. We invite you to mark your calendars and keep an eye out for detailed event information in future newsletters.

AOFOG Symposium: Advancements in Pelvic Floor Health

On May 18th, 2024 our symposium will focus on the advancements in pelvic floor health, showcasing the most recent research, clinical breakthroughs, and strategies for promoting the well-being of patients with pelvic floor disorders.

As we look forward to these exciting events, we encourage your active participation. Your presence, engagement, and contributions are vital to the success of our endeavors. Together, we can continue to advance urogynecology and AOFOG.

Thomas Man-Jung Hung

Chair, AOFOG Urogynaecology Committee

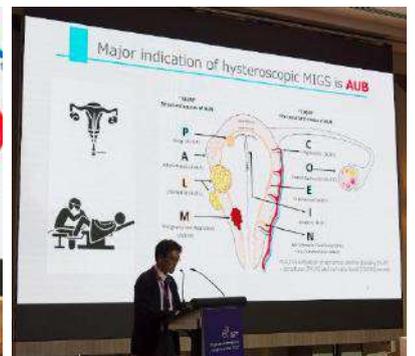
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Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI) Committee Report

The AOFOG REI Committee 2022 – 2024, comprises of the following members - Dr Huang Zhongwei is the elected AOFOG REI Committee Chair with Dr Jennifer Ko, from Hong Kong, as Deputy Chair. The Committee members are Prof.Parveen Fatima (Bangladesh), A/Prof Masahito Tachibana (Japan), Prof. Eileen M. Manalo (Philippines), Prof.Kamthorn Pruksananonda (Thailand), Prof.William Ledger (Australia) and Dr. R M Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran (Malaysia).

Education

Prof Unnop shared on AOFOG's notion of Violence Against Women during the Singapore International Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SICOG) 2023, held at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore from 26-27 August 2023. Prof Tsukaha Baba from AOFOG MIS Committee also spoke during the MIS and REI segments during SICOG 2023 as part of JSOG – OGSS collaboration. Dr Huang Zhongwei is Vice-Chairperson and Scientific Chair (Gynaecology Stream) for SICOG 2023.



Research

The AOFOG REI Committee will work closely with the Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee with immediate past Chairperson Clinical A/Prof Raymond Li on a research study on “Perception on menopause associated symptoms and the use of hormonal replacement therapy in Asian women”. We are looking to inviting other member societies under AOFOG to partake in this study once the protocol is agreeable between the lead investigators from REI (Dr Huang Zhongwei) and SRH (Prof Unnop) Committees and Clinical A/Prof Raymond Li, upon approval from the AOFOG Executive Board.

Message from AOFOG REI Committee

The AOFOG REI Committee had come together and made plans to conduct an update on the most recent developments in clinical problems seen by REI specialists. We are gearing towards the upcoming AOFOG 2024, as well as a joint effort

amongst the Committee Members to run a half-day workshop on “Seed versus Soil - what else can we do?” and a seminar on, “Updates on Ovarian Aging - the impact on Fertility Practice in Asia-Pacific Region”. Stay tune for further updates!

Huang Zhongwei

Chair, AOFOG REI Committee

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ICOE Programme

ICOE Triumph: Revolutionizing Obstetric Emergency Training in Cambodia

On 30th Sept to 1st October 2023, we embarked on a transformative journey to Cambodia, where dedicated healthcare professionals joined hands to revolutionize maternal healthcare through the Intensive Course in Obstetric Emergencies (ICOE). Cambodia, a nation rich in history and culture, stands at the heart of our narrative. Our mission was clear: to equip doctors with the essential emergency skills required to confront obstetric crises head-on to reducing maternal mortality.



Our story begins at the bustling National Maternal and Child Health Centre in the heart of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This remarkable institution serves as a beacon of hope for countless mothers and children. Our trainers, both local and international, brought their collective wisdom to the table.



Without delay, we embarked on an immersive journey. On the inaugural day, we delved directly into Training of Trainer (TOT) sessions, paving the way for a cadre of six newly minted trainers.

Day 2 kicked off with a prestigious opening ceremony led by Dr. Koum Kanal, President of the Society of Cambodia Gynaecology and Obstetrics."

Our participants, a diverse group of 27 dedicated individuals, including OBGYN residents, specialists, and doctors, came from various corners of Cambodia. Their commitment was nothing short of inspiring, with one participant traveling a staggering 410 kilometers from Poipet Referral Hospital to join our mission.

Subsequently, we plunged wholeheartedly into a series of intensive hands-on workshops that would span the following days. Our program focused on critical topics: complicated caesarean sections, postpartum haemorrhage, shoulder dystocia, estimation of blood loss, maternal resuscitation, B-Lynch sutures, vaginal breech deliveries, and the communication and transfer during emergencies.

At the end of our intensive sessions, the room was buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. Participants shared their thoughts and experiences. Many expressed their thrill at learning new skills and pledged to share their newfound knowledge with colleagues and communities. Some has plans to organize emergency drills within their healthcare settings, ensuring that knowledge and response to obstetric emergencies remained sharp.



However, it wasn't all praise; there were constructive criticisms. Some participants felt that the course had been a bit rushed, and there hadn't been enough time for hands-on practice. Language emerged as a formidable challenge during our training in Cambodia. However, our dedicated local trainers often conveyed their expertise in their native language, with our international team providing support and assistance when needed.

Our most significant triumph came in the form of pre and post-test results. Participants displayed a remarkable shift from lower marks to higher ones, demonstrating significant improvements in their knowledge and skills.

Plans are already in motion to improve the course experience for 2024. This journey was a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication, and a shared mission.

Dr Arlies Chua

O&G Specialist, ICOE Trainer since 2019

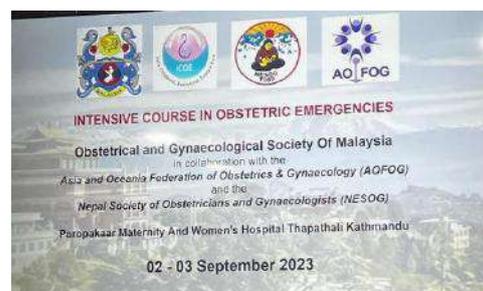
ICOE Nepal:

Every obstetrician's dream is *"Safe Childbirth-Every time, everywhere"*.

Ever since its inception in 2014 this is what exactly *"Intensive Course in Obstetric Emergencies"* popularly known as ICOE has been doing, making childbirth safer by training doctors and midwives in the Asia Pacific region, on safe delivery practices.

Ours was a vibrant team of six – led by our team leader, the spirited Dato' Dr. Zaridah Shaffie, Dr. Harris Njoo Suharjono, Prof Dr Zaleha Abdullah Mahdy, Dr. Rahmah Saaid, myself and the indispensable Mr Baskeran, the ICOE admin liaison. Together with bags full of mannequins, we flew to Kathmandu on Merdeka Day waving our Malaysia flag. Our journey was smooth, and we landed at Kathmandu late night and checked into our hotel Lavie Residence for a good night's rest. With a two and half hours' time difference I was up by 5 am and was welcomed with a beautiful sunrise and Kathmandu with surrounding hills.

Our first training day starts with the Training of Trainers (TOT) session organized by the NESOG at Paropakar hospital, across the river Bagamathie. The President of NESOG, Dr. Saroja Karki Pande and the NESOG, Secretary Dr. Sapana Amatya Vaidya welcomed us warmly and had the venue organized for the course. They ensured that we had an hourly dose of tea or coffee





and were well fed. It was an interesting day where we interacted with the 16 Nepal trainers who were very enthusiastic to conduct the course. They shared their journey in ICOE, how it had had a positive impact on their practice and why they chose to become trainers. It was indeed inspiring to know how they work with very little resources and use it optimally for providing quality health care despite challenging situations. After the session we prepared our stations for the next day and headed back to the hotel late afternoon.

The next day started early and by 7 am we were ready to set off to train 26 Nepal doctors who had enrolled for the program. The course started with our usual pretests and went smoothly without a glitch. In between we had the inauguration ceremony with the AFOG President, Dr. Pisake Lumbiganon, NESOG President Dr. Saroja Karke Pande and the Director of Paropakar maternity hospital Dr. Shri Prasad Adhikari launching the session officially. We were given a sumptuous lunch which gave us the energy to run the course until almost 6 pm.



Prof. Pisake's wonderful sharing of WHO's 'Recommendations on Intrapartum Care for a Positive Childbirth Experience' ended the day on a high note. The Nepal trainers and the NESOG members were wonderful hosts and they took us to a quaint little restaurant for a relaxed dinner after a hectic day. It was a lovely evening filled with laughter, wonderful company and delicious Nepalese cuisine, where we had the opportunity to bond with each other, something I had always looked forward to when travelling to different countries. We went back to our hotel for a well-deserved rest, tired but happy with our hearts and stomachs full!



The third day of the training started with the communication skills station and lecture, both a hit with the local doctors. We were really touched when one of our local trainers Dr. Anjana Adhikari, shared her experience about being locked up in a room by a mob after a poor outcome and how communicating the right way, as she was taught in ICOE, had not only saved her but also won her appreciation from both the mobsters and the hospital admin. It was really heartening to note that we (ICOE) were making a difference or rather, a significant impact in the lives of both the mothers and the health care staff alike!

The training concluded with our post-tests and as usual the participants had scored remarkably higher with some stations like Blynch and PPH having almost a perfect score of 10 & 9.

Our last day in Nepal was a dream come through as at 5am, we woke up to a magnificent view of snowcapped mountains from the terrace of our hotel. We soaked in the beauty of the snowcapped peaks shimmering in the golden rays of the early morning sun.



We reached home safely later that night with a heart full of beautiful memories, thanking ICOE from the bottom of our hearts for giving us this wonderful opportunity and happy that we had made the journey to motherhood safer, though not every time everywhere but at least sometime somewhere!

Dr Vinodhini Bhaskaran

Consultant O&G, ICOE trainer since 2018

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Member Society News Corner

1. Mongolian Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (MFOG)

Despite the distance, 18 Mongolian delegates attended the FIGO XXIV World Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology to share their experiences and learn from others. Delegates from Mongolia attended the Congress and emphasized the importance of the issues to their nation while learning from top experts on women's health. All of the information was supported by data and included suggestions for enhancing clinical practice.



Dr. Enkh-Undral.M, Intermed Hospital, and Dr. Tugsbayar.S, General Hospital of Tuv Province, both from the Mongolian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (MFOG), presented their study findings at the Congress. Moreover, Dr. Urjindelger Ts, president of MFOG, attended the General Assembly to vote on the FIGO council and the Board of Trustees.

2. Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (KSOG)

KSOG notified that the forum was held on the topic of the collapse of delivery infrastructure and the current state of medical litigation at the National Assembly in Seoul, Korea on 15 Sep 2023. KSOG issued a statement in early August in response to recent harsh legal actions against obstetricians. In an effort to address this issue, society organized a discussion with the participation of legal experts from various fields, including law school professors, judges, lawyers, and journalists. This forum focused on examining the current state of medical lawsuits in South Korea and discussing possible solutions.

KSOG reported that the 14th Women's Health Foundation Symposium was held on 22 Sep at the Biomedical Research Institute in Seoul National University Hospital. The symposium focused on the working conditions and issues of women who work in shift schedule (day-night). This conference included discussions with person who had experience with day-night shift work and professors in the fields of psychiatry and obstetrics and gynecology, addressing the current situation and various issues related to women working in day-night shift schedules.

Upcoming Event

- 1. The 109th Annual Congress of KSOG & 28th Seoul International Symposium**
 - a. Date: 10-11 November 2023
 - b. Place: Lotte Hotel Seoul, Seoul, Korea
- 2. The 28th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Congress**
 - a. Date: 16-20 May, 2024
 - b. Place: BEXCO, Busan, Korea

3. Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Pakistan (SOGP)

a) SOGP SAFOG Conference:(30th Sept, - 2nd October,2022 at Colombo Sri Lanka)



b) SOGP Multan Scientific Summit: (November 25-26, 2022)



c) SOGP - WHO LCG TOT Meetings:

Labour Care Guide. SOGP in coordination with WHO conducted LCG workshops for TOT's all provinces of Pakistan.



d) SOGP, Federal Government & Nutrition International: National Level Launch of the “Maternal Nutrition Campaign”: 09th May 2023 in Islamabad.

Maternal nutrition indicators in the country are poor: women of reproductive age (WRA) bear the triple burden of malnutrition—undernutrition, overweight/obesity, and micronutrient deficiencies. SOGP is a partner with Nutrition International and Government to improve the nutrition status of all pregnant women which is one of the most important factors to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.



e) SOGP Quetta Conference: June 2023

Quetta Conference: It was the vision of president SOGP, to hold conference in less privileged areas of the country to involve as many Health Care Professionals as possible. The 3 days conference which enlightened the attendees with the recent advances in obgyn. A midwifery session included in the conference for the first time in any SOGP conference. There was a 2 hours FIGO session was included which enlightened the participants regarding E-MOTIVE trial to be started in Pakistan, for early recognition and treatment of PPH.



f) Guidelines meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan: 12-14th August, 2023

A Three days meeting for the development of consensus statement for the management of liver disorders in pregnancy: A group of senior SOGP members along with the President SOGP, Prof Azizunnisa Abbasi and Prof Tazeen Abbas met with the renowned Gastroenterologists and hepatologists from all over Pakistan in Baku for three days, to draft a consensus statement regarding the management of "Liver diseases in Pregnancy". It was an amazing experience for all 3 groups as everyone benefited from the experience of each other's and were able to reach to final conclusion.



g) SOGP AKU Seminar Gynae on Oncology 9th Sept,2023

Several Symposia and seminars were held throughout Pakistan for advocacy and awareness regarding Gynaecological cancers screening:



h) SOGP AKU, PPH dissemination Seminar:

PPH is a very important cause of maternal mortality and morbidity. Several awareness sessions and workshops were held throughout Pakistan. A huge workshop was held in AKU in collaboration with the SOGP where E-MOTIVE approach was taught and advocacy done.



i) SOGP, UNICEF, WHO Seminars and symposia: were held all over the country to protect and promote breastfeeding.



j) SOGP, Family planning, Government of Pakistan & Pathfinder:

Was held on 25th October 2022 at Sindh secretariat. Qadam Ba Qadam Project was Launched on 25th October 2022. This project is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). SOGP is adamant to strengthen service delivery and access to family planning services throughout Pakistan. This can be achieved by joining hands with the partners.



k) SOGP FIGO PPH LDI Workshop in Battgram KPK



l) SOGP UNFPA 08 - 10th August, 2023 Islamabad

A consultative meeting to update and Develop guidelines for EmONC was held in Islamabad. It was attended by Vice President Baluchistan Prof. Uzma Afridi along with Prof Maryam Shoaib who is also an executive member. As there is high maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in Baluchistan, they pledged to spread the EnMOC training throughout Pakistan and especially in their region.



m) SOGP & UNICEF (NIE):

Was held on 17th and 18th October 2023 at Movenpick Hotel Karachi. UNICEF in collaboration with RMNCH Sindh organized two-day training on Nutrition in Emergencies (NIE) to develop capacity of Nutrition Working Group partners and stakeholders on responding to humanitarian emergencies. SOGP 's Secretary General attended the training as an important stake holder.



n) SOGP, UNICEF, WHO Kangaroo Mother Care:

To avert the neonatal mortality, KMC advocacy, workshops and provision of the kit was decided to be provided in PPHI run primary care units. It was also decided to organize awareness programs for all HCP with regards to Kangaroo mother care.



o) FIGO Congress 2023



4. Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM)



Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia



31st
Congress of the
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Society of
Malaysia**

Intelligence in O&G:
Real or Artificial?

4-7 July 2024
Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC)
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

**31st Congress of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia
4-7 July 2024, Sabah International Convention Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah,
Malaysia**

Greetings from the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia.

Mark your calendar for the biggest Obstetrics and Gynaecology colloquium for 2024.

The 4th-7th of July 2024 are the confirmed dates for our 31st Congress of the OGSM and we are amid of conceptualizing an unparalleled, distinctive, state-of-the-art scientific experience.

"Intelligence, Real or Artificial?" is the theme where we aspire to blend the old with the new, the art with the science, human with machine learning as we embrace the evolution towards Artificial Intelligence. As an ultra-modern conference, we have redesigned the scientific blueprint as we aim to evolve from the traditional specialty-based symposiums for a more holistic academic experience.

As to further enhance your conference experience, Sabah, the third largest island in the world is our venue, where we endeavor to elevate your academic experience with a tinge of adventure, captivating nature, idyllic beaches, untouched rainforest and embracing Borneo's diversified culture; as we passionately aim to deliver an enriching experience beyond plenaries and symposiums.

Apart from an engaging academic experience of high standards, the congress will also be a convocation to engage with our esteemed members, strengthen camaraderie, network, build fellowships as we all unite with a single passion, Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

I assure you that a meaningful and an enriching experience awaits you at the 31st Congress of OGSM next July and I sincerely hope that you will support us to make this a memorable conference. Let us all meet in Sabah, next July.

Yours truly,

Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan
Organising & Scientific Chair,
31st Congress of the OGSM,
OGSM President Elect 2023-2024

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AOFOG 2024



Dear AOFOG colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure to host the 28th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOFOG) Congress in the lovely sea-side city, Busan, Korea in May 2024. The theme of AOFOG 2024 is "Quantum Leap for Women's Health in Asia and Oceania". As the Chairman of Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (KSOG), I would like to welcome all the members and colleagues of AOFOG with warm hearts.

Busan is the second largest city and number one hub in Korea as well. The unique features of Busan, the harmony of beautiful beach and trend-setting metropolis are perfect for this huge scientific festival and thus, will make you excited.

The biennial congress is surely the centerpiece of AOFOG's activities, featuring pre-congress courses, workshops, high-level scientific programs, oral and poster presentations, exhibits, and more. Through the congress, doctors from all over Asia and Oceania discuss the very current clinical practices in obstetrics and gynecology, learn the cutting-edge scientific research and enjoy the cultural experiences of the place holding the congress. The congress will provide the new presenters with the opportunity to connect to the world-wide network and the noble leaders in obstetrics and gynecology.

In addition, as Dr. Pisake Lumbiganon, the president of AOFOG, has mentioned in his welcome message, we prepared the important social issues to share among all the delegates from each society: defeating the spread of cervical cancer and active prevention of violence against women. Together, we will be able to approach the better future for healthcare and social rights of women.

AOFOG Congress 2024 will be a meeting not to be missed! All of the organizing committee members will do their very best for a successful congress and look forward to welcoming you to Busan in 2024.

Busan is ready! This congress is for you, the next generation leader of Asia and Oceania.

With warm regards,

Professor Joong Shin Park
Congress President, AOFOG 2024



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"Quantum Leap for Women's Health in Asia & Oceania"

The 28th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Congress

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May 16 (Thu) - 20 (Mon), 2024
BEXCO, Busan, Korea

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AOFOG 2024 Overview

Title	The 28 th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Congress (AOFOG 2024)
Dates	May 16 (Thu) – 20 (Mon), 2024 Community Fellow Program: May 13 (Mon) – 16 (Thu), 2024
Theme	Quantum Leap for Women's Health in Asia & Oceania
Venue	Bexco, Busan, Korea
Official language	English (no interpretation provide)
Co-organized by	 ASAOFOG  Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Hosted by	 Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Program at-a-glance

As of July, 2023

Time	May 16 (Thu)	May 17 (Fri)	May 18 (Sat)			May 19 (Sun)				May 20 (Mon)				
09:00 - 18:00	Booth set-up	Booth set-up & Registration (08:30 - 17:00)	Registration (08:30 - 16:00) & Exhibition (09:00 - 16:00)							Registration (08:30 - 12:00) & Exhibition (09:00 - 13:30)				
09:00 - 09:30	AOFOG Executive Board Meeting	Pre-Congress Workshops	Plenary 1 <i>AOFOG President's Lecture</i>			Plenary 4 <i>RCOG President's Lecture</i>				Plenary 7 <i>Shan S Rathnam Memorial Oration</i>				
09:30 - 10:00			Plenary 2 <i>Chien-Tien Hsu Memorial Lecture</i>			Plenary 5 <i>ACOG President's Lecture</i>				Plenary 8 <i>EBCOG President's Lecture</i>				
10:00 - 10:30			Coffee Break with Poster viewing			Coffee Break with Poster viewing				Coffee Break with Poster viewing				
10:30 - 11:30			FIGO Session	Symposium	Oral Session 1	RCOG Session	Symposium	YGAA Session 1	Oral Session 5	JGCR 50 th Vol Anniversary Ceremony	Symposium	Oral Session 9		
11:30 - 12:30			WHO Session	Symposium	Oral Session 2	ACOG Session	Symposium	YGAA Session 2	Oral Session 6	Symposium	Oral Session 10	Oral Session 11		
12:30 - 13:30			AOFOG Council Meeting	Lunch & Sponsored Luncheon Symposium			Lunch & Sponsored Luncheon Symposium				AOFOG New Council Meeting	Lunch & Sponsored Luncheon Symposium		
13:30 - 14:00				Plenary 3 <i>FIGO President's Lecture</i>			Plenary 6 <i>Malaysia Lecture</i>							
14:00 - 15:30														Closing Ceremony
14:00 - 15:30			YGA Session 1	Symposium	Oral Session 3	AOFOG General Assembly	Symposium	Oral Session 7						
15:30 - 16:00			Coffee Break with Poster viewing			Coffee Break with Poster viewing								
16:00 - 17:30														
16:00 - 17:30														
17:30 - 18:30			Opening Ceremony											
17:30 - 18:30														
18:30 - 20:00		President's Night (invitees only)	Welcome Reception			Banquet (ticketed)								

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Registration

Registration Fee & Policy

Category	Early Bird <small>(until Feb. 29, 2024)</small>	Standard <small>(March 1 ~ May 5, 2024)</small>	On-site <small>(May 16 ~ 20, 2024)</small>
Physician International	\$450	\$550	\$690
Physician Local (Korean)	\$380	\$450	\$490
Physician LRC *	\$350	\$350	N/A
Trainee/Nurse/Allied Healthcare **	\$270	\$350	\$450
AOFOG Past Presidents	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary
AOFOG Fellows	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary
Accompanying Person	\$160	\$220	\$270
Banquet	\$100	\$100	N/A

*** Physician LRC**

: Must be working in an AOFOG LRC (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam). Cut-off date for Standard registration period.

**** Trainee/Nurse/Allied Healthcare**

: Verification letters required from institution should be submitted in the online registration process.

Group Registration Discount

- Any national societies meet the conditions below can receive the discounted registration fees.
 - 10% concession for 25 physicians
 - 15% concession for 50 or more physicians
- The above discount is only applied to **Physician International & Physician LRC** category who have completed registration during the early-registration period.
- If you are interested in the group registration discount above, please contact the AOFOG 2024 Secretariat at info@aofog2024.org one month before the early-registration deadline and we will guide you through the detailed procedure.
- Only pre-confirmed registrants for group registrations will be given a registration fee discount code.

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Abstract Submission

▪ We invite you to submit papers. Accepted papers will be presented at the AOFOG 2024 as either Oral session or ePosters.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline
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