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President's Message



Dear AOFOG friends and colleagues!

2026 is setting up to be a busy and productive year for AOFOG culminating in the AOFOG Congress 2026 in October in Sydney. Planning is going well with regular meetings between the host society RANZCOG and members of the executive board. It looks an exciting, robust scientific programme with an entertaining social programme in a vibrant city. I encourage you to put the dates in your diaries.

The year began as usual with the impressive AICOG 2026 in Delhi. As usual it was a great 5 days. Friendly and welcoming hospitality and a stimulating scientific programme. The AOFOG session was well received with myself talking on collaboration and partnership, Dr Rohana Haththotuwa on management of labour and Professor Pisake Lumbiganon on guidelines for PPH.

Dr Jaydeep Tank organised a meeting with Jhpiego and MSD for Mothers to again discuss the progress of Uniting for Quality. It was a very successful meeting with good progress occurring in the pilot countries, Philippines, Mongolia, Bangladesh Pakistan and Nepal. It was also decided to invite Indonesia to partake.

Congratulations also to Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, Immediate past President, for receiving the honorary fellowship of the Indian College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ICOG).

In February there was also a very successful webinar on Cancer Genetics organised by the Gynae-Oncology Committee chaired by Professor Ka Yu Tse from Hong Kong.

Again thank you to the Secretariat, Flora and Nimali for their hard work, the executive board for their support, The Chairs of the Committee for their commitment, and you all for the work you do in improving the health, health outcomes and wellness of the women in our region.

Kindest regards,

Dr John Tait President, AOFOG

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Secretary General's Message

Greetings from the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and very best wishes to you all for a fruitful, productive, and successful 2026.



This is indeed a landmark year for AOFOG — the year of our flagship Congress AOFOG 2026. I know that many of you have been looking forward to this important gathering, and it promises to be a busy and exciting year for our Federation and its member societies.

Over the past three months, AOFOG has continued its academic and collaborative engagements across the region. I am pleased to highlight some of these activities.

Quality of Care Project Workshop – Mongolia

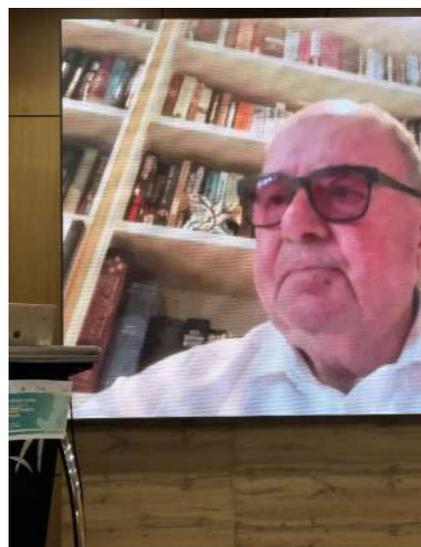
The Mongolian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in association with AOFOG and Jhpiego, organized a two-day workshop titled “*Uniting for Quality: Advancing Quality of Maternal Health in Mongolia*” from 1–2 December 2025 in Ulaanbaatar.

Despite the freezing winter temperatures of -30°C , the warmth, enthusiasm, and commitment of participants made the workshop a remarkable success.

The event brought together multiple national stakeholders, including representatives from MFOG, the Ministry of Health, public and private hospitals, Universities, UNFPA, World Health Organization, and the Midwives Association. AOFOG was represented by myself as Secretary General, Dr. Jaydeep Tank (Director, Quality of Care Programme), and Dr. Parvez Menon, Associate Director of Johns Hopkins International Education in Gynecology & Obstetrics, representing Jhpiego.

The primary objective of the workshop was to align national stakeholders around a unified strategy to improve the quality of maternal health care and to co-create a pragmatic roadmap for implementing a Quality of Care (QoC) model within Mongolia's health system. The discussions focused on embedding standards, mentorship, and certification processes into routine practice.

Through plenary sessions, multi-stakeholder dialogue, and group work, participants developed a comprehensive roadmap outlining short-, medium-, and long-term actions.



A pilot site was identified for implementation and evidence synthesis for future scale-up. Importantly, the workshop concluded with a strong multi-stakeholder commitment involving MFOG, AOFOG, the Ministry of Health, and key professional associations.

Our sincere appreciation goes to MFOG President Dr. D. Unurjargal, Immediate Past President Dr. Ts. Urjindelger, and Dr. S. Narmandakh for their leadership and hard work in organizing this highly successful workshop.

My thanks also to Dr. Parvez Menon and Dr Jaydeep Tank both of whom who facilitated and conducted the workshop so efficiently.



AOFOG Campus 5 – Poor Ovarian Responders

The Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Budi Wiweko, successfully conducted **AOFOG Campus 5** on 21 December 2025 at the ITC Grand Chola in Chennai.

This in-person workshop focused on “*Poor Ovarian Responders*” and was designed to highlight the latest evidence, innovative technologies, and holistic approaches in managing this challenging clinical group. The programme featured lectures, discussions, and an expert panel session, providing practical insights for clinicians across the Asia–Oceania region.

AOFOG President Dr. John Tait inaugurated the workshop, followed by an overview of AOFOG and its activities presented by myself. Distinguished expert speakers included Prof. Budi Wiweko, Dr. Nandita Palshetkar (India), Dr. Miyuki Harada (Japan), and Dr. Mukhri Hamdan (Malaysia). The workshop concluded with an engaging panel discussion moderated by Dr. Rohan Palshetkar on “*Future Directions in Poor Responder Management*.”

With nearly 100 participants and lively academic exchanges, the workshop was very well received. I extend my sincere thanks to Prof. Budi Wiweko, Dr. Nandita Palshetkar, and all speakers for organizing and contributing to this informative programme.

AICOG 2026

The 68th All India Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AICOG 2026), the annual scientific conference of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), was held from 14–18 January 2026 at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi.

With over 10,000 delegates from India and around the world, AICOG continues to be one of the largest academic gatherings in our specialty. The scientific programme was outstanding, featuring world-renowned speakers showcasing the latest developments and innovations in obstetrics and gynaecology.



At the kind invitation of the organizers, AOFOG conducted a dedicated one-hour session chaired by Dr. Alpesh Gandhi (FOGSI Representative to AOFOG) and Prof. Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary General, AOFOG).

The session included:

- Dr. John Tait – *Collaboration and Partnership: The Role of AOFOG*
- Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa – *Redefining Intrapartum Care Based on Recent Evidence*
- Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon – *Consolidated Guidelines for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of PPH: WHO 2025*



I warmly congratulate Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, Immediate Past President of AOFOG, on being awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Indian College of O&G.

We also witnessed the induction of Prof. Bhaskar Pai as President of FOGSI for 2026. We congratulate him and look forward to close collaboration during his term. Our appreciation also goes to the outgoing President Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar and Secretary General Dr. Suwarna Khadilkar for strengthening the ties between FOGSI and AOFOG during 2025.



I sincerely thank Organizing Chairperson Dr. Ashok Kumar, Scientific Advisor Dr. Alka Kriplani, Scientific Chairperson Dr. Neerja Bhatla, and the entire organizing committee for graciously including the AOFOG session in the busy scientific programme.

Upcoming Activities

AOFOG will be participating in and conducting sessions at several national congresses in 2026, including those organized by:

- The Taiwan Association of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (March, Taipei)
- The South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (SAFOG 2026, April, Kathmandu)
- The Japan Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (May, Sapporo)
- The Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (July, Petaling Jaya)
- The Indonesian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (July, Banten)
- The Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (September, Colombo)
- The Korean Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (November, Seoul)

These engagements reflect AOFOG's strong commitment to regional collaboration, knowledge exchange, and capacity building.

Committee Activities

Detailed reports from the following committees are featured in this Newsletter:

- [Maternal & Fetal Medicine Committee](#)
- [Sexual & Reproductive Health Committee](#)
- [Ultrasound Committee](#)
- [Gynaecological Oncology Committee](#)

I thank all Committee Chairpersons and members for their dedication and continued contributions to AOFOG's mission.

AOFOG 2026 – Sydney, Australia

We are steadily approaching the much-anticipated AOFOG 2026 Congress, to be held from 12–15 October 2026 in Sydney, hosted by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG).

The congress theme,

“Equivolution: Equity and Sustainability in Women’s Health,”

aptly reflects our collective vision for the future of women’s healthcare.

The scientific programme, now nearing finalization, includes workshops, plenary lectures, symposia, panel discussions, and free communications featuring renowned experts from within and beyond our region. We are particularly pleased with the participation and collaboration of international partner organizations, including International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The enthusiasm shown by our member societies in participating in the Scientific sessions has been truly encouraging. In addition to a rich academic programme, the organizing committee is planning exciting social events and tours that will showcase Australia’s unique culture and natural beauty.

I encourage all members to register early and take advantage of the early bird registration.

Let us come together in Sydney this October to celebrate academic excellence, collaboration, and our shared commitment to advancing women’s health across Asia and Oceania.

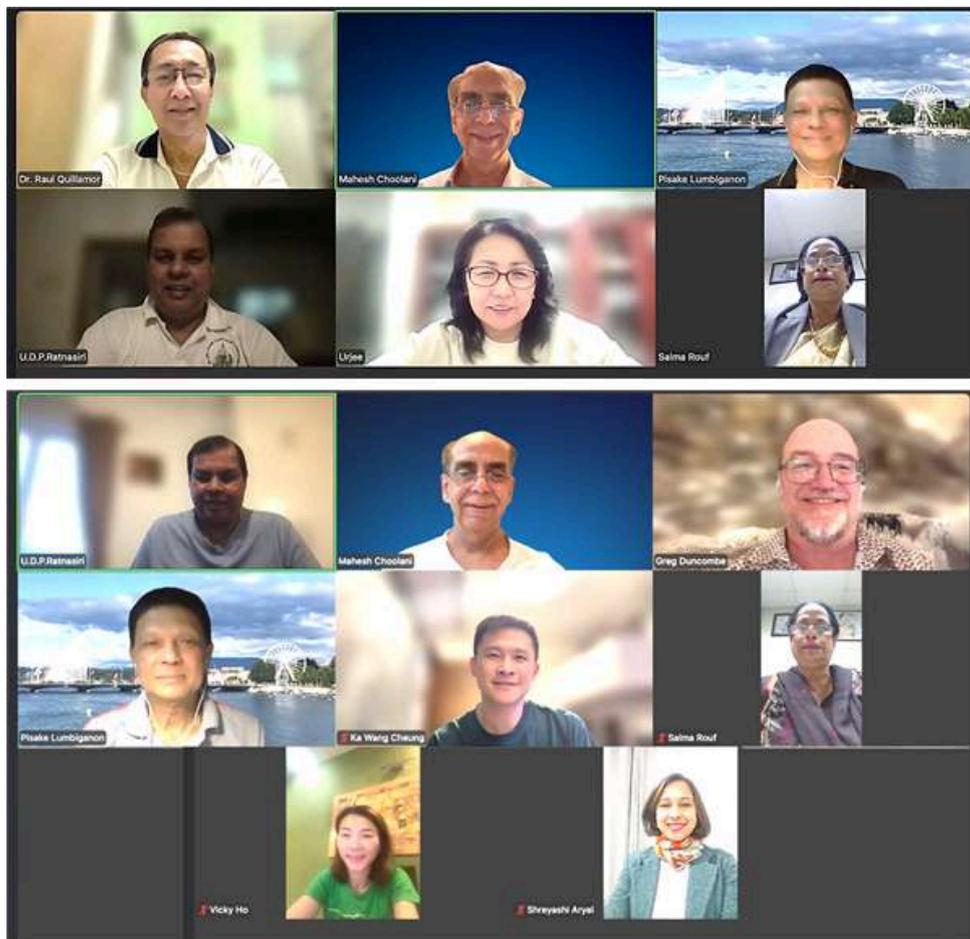
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Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa Secretary General,AOFOG

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Report of the Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee

The AFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Committee convened on 24th November 2025, 6th January 2026, and 3rd February 2026, all conducted via Zoom. During these sessions, the Committee Chair and members engaged in comprehensive discussions on various activities, including Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection, the AFOG Statement on Caesarean Section Rates, the Pre-Congress Workshop Program for AFOG 2026, and the Webinar on the Robson 10-Group Classification.



The Chair and members of the AFOG MFM Committee convened during the MFM Committee meetings via Zoom.

Recent Activities of the AFOG MFM Committee

1. Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection:

The Committee acknowledged that the PPH study protocol and supporting documents are finalised. Member countries were advised to proceed with institutional and/or national IRB submissions and to begin data collection only after ethics approval is obtained. The AFOG support letter has been circulated to assist with local ethics applications.

The study aims to collect data on 1,000 deliveries (not 1,000 PPH cases), with an anticipated collection period of 6–12 months. Several countries have submitted IRB applications, which are pending approval. At least one country has received approval and is preparing to commence data collection, while other sites are preparing submissions or confirming IRB status.

Ethics requirements and approval timelines vary by country. Ongoing follow-up and progress updates will continue.

2. The Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG) Statement on Optimising Caesarean Section Rates:

The Committee finalised the AOFOG statement on caesarean section, reaffirming that caesarean sections should be undertaken only for medical indications, while acknowledging regional variations, including maternal request. The statement describes caesarean section as a safe, life-saving intervention, noting that it may sometimes be associated with short- and long-term complications.

The Robson 10-group classification is endorsed as a neutral and practical tool to monitor trends, identify key contributors to rising rates, and guide quality improvement, rather than to assess indications or impose targets. Regional caesarean section data will be presented as ranges rather than averages, and language throughout the statement emphasises optimisation rather than reduction of rates. Contributing factors are framed as multifactorial and non-judgmental, reflecting clinical, cultural, and system-level influences.

The Committee highlighted the global rise in caesarean section rates, the influence of non-clinical factors in some settings, and challenges in resource-limited contexts. A future webinar on the Robson classification was supported to explain its value and application. The statement also calls for regular monitoring of caesarean section trends at hospital, regional, and national levels. The final statement will be submitted to AOFOG for approval.

3. Pre-Congress Workshop Program for AOFOG 2026:

The Committee revised the Workshop Program for AOFOG 2026 and resubmitted it to the organising committee. The workshop, titled “**Compassion in Maternal–Fetal Medicine: Integrating Empathy into Evidence-Based Practice,**” focuses on compassion, empathy, and emotional well-being in maternal–fetal care, emphasizing the psychosocial and emotional aspects of high-risk pregnancy and complex deliveries.

The three key topics are:

1. Healing with Humanity: The Role of Compassion in High-Risk Pregnancy Care
2. The Hidden Trauma of High-Risk Obstetrics: A Framework for Compassionate Counselling and Care in Complex Deliveries, and
3. Perinatal Medicine and the Emotional Landscape: Supporting Families Through Uncertainty.

Presenters will ensure alignment with evidence-based practice while highlighting empathy, communication, and family-centered care. The program is currently pending approval from the AOFOG 2026 organising committee.

4. Webinar on the Robson 10-Group Classification:

The Committee finalised plans for an AOFOG webinar on the Robson 10-Group Classification, titled “**Implementing the Robson 10-Group Classification to Optimise Caesarean Section Rates in Asia and Oceania.**” The 90-minute session is scheduled for 4 April 2026, 2:00–3:30 PM Singapore time.

The program will include an opening and welcome address, followed by three talks:

1. What is the Robson 10-Group Classification and Why It Matters
2. The Robson 10-Group Classification – A WHO perspective; and
3. Implementation Experience, Barriers, Facilitators, and Optimisation Strategies in the Region.

A moderated panel discussion will follow, focusing on interpretation, practical challenges, and strategies to optimise caesarean section rates in the region. The final webinar proposal will be submitted to AOFOG for approval.

Upcoming planned activities for AOFOG MFM Sessions

The Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) Annual Congress, scheduled to be held in Sapporo, Japan from May 15th to May 17th, 2026. The details of the AOFOG MFM Session are as follows:

Topic	Speakers
Opening Remarks by Chairpersons	Dr Rohana Haththotuwa Secretary General AOFOG Sri Lanka Prof Hiroaki Kajiyama Editor in Chief, JOGR Japan
Welcome Address	Dr John Tait President New Zealand
Double the Danger: Understanding Maternal and Fetal Infections in Pregnancy	Professor Mahesh Choolani Chair MFM Committee Singapore
WHO Recommendations for the Prevention and Treatment of Maternal Peripartum Infections	Professor Pisake Lumbiganon Immediate Past President Thailand
Silent Invaders: Prevention and Management of Fetal Infections in Pregnancy	Professor Krishnendu Gupta Deputy Secretary-General India
Q&A, and to give Concluding Remarks	Dr Rohana Haththotuwa Secretary General AOFOG Sri Lanka

Professor Mahesh Choolani, MFM Committee Chair, AOFOG

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Report of the Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee and Violence Against Women (VAW) Working Group

1. AFOG – OGSM – UNFPA – WHO Webinar

On 28 February 2026, the AFOG SRH Committee will cohost a regional webinar entitled “**Clinical Implications of WHO New Contraception Guidelines,**” in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNFPA, and the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM).

The webinar is organized in response to the recent publication of the WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (MEC) 6th Edition and the Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use (SPR) 4th Edition, representing the first comprehensive update of these cornerstone guidelines in more than a decade. The programme includes Opening and Welcome Remarks by Dr. John Tait (President, AFOG) and Dr. Kannappan Palaniappan (President-Elect, OGSM), and is chaired by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General, AFOG).

The scientific sessions feature an overview of the updated WHO MEC 6th and SPR 4th editions by Dr. Nancy Kidula (WHO), followed by presentations on the clinical implications of the MEC 6th Edition by Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn (Chair of SRH Committee, AFOG), the application of the SPR 4th Edition in clinical practice by Dr. John Teo (Malaysia), and implementation challenges and opportunities in the Asia–Oceania region, including the role of UNFPA by Dr. Anthony Daly (UNFPA). The webinar concludes with a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Angeline Wong Tze Yin (SRH Committee Member, AFOG). This activity reflects the SRH Committee’s ongoing commitment to strengthening evidence-based contraceptive practice across the Asia–Oceania region and supporting member societies in translating global WHO guidance into practical, context-appropriate clinical implementation.

Clinical Implications of WHO New Contraception Guidelines
Webinar

Saturday, 28th February 2026 15:00 - 17:00 (GMT+8) Malaysian Time

AGENDA

Opening & Welcome Remarks by **Dr. John Tait, President AFOG** and **Dr. Kannappan Palaniappan, President-Elect of OGSM**

Chaired by **Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General AFOG**

Overview of the WHO MEC 6th Edition and SPR 4th Edition by **Dr. Nancy Kidula, WHO**

Clinical Implications of the WHO MEC 6th Edition by **Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn (Thailand), AFOG**

Applying the WHO SPR 4th Edition in Clinical Practice by **Dr. John Teo (Malaysia), OGSM**

Implementation Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia–Oceania Region: The Role of UNFPA by **Anthony Daly, UNFPA**

Panel Discussion moderated by **Dr. Angeline Wong Tze Yin (Malaysia), AFOG**

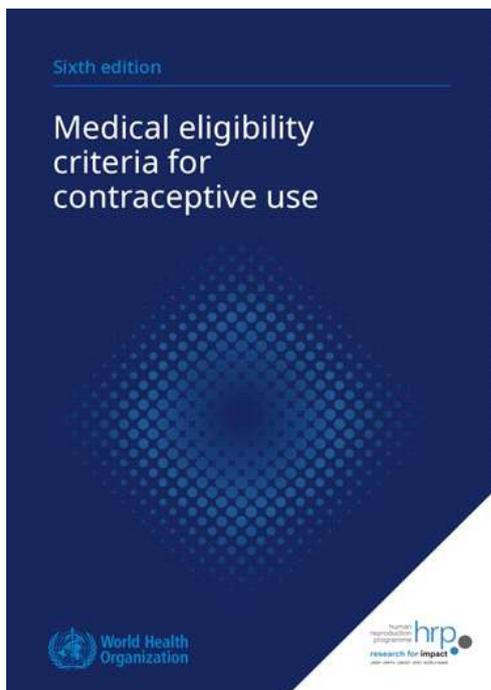
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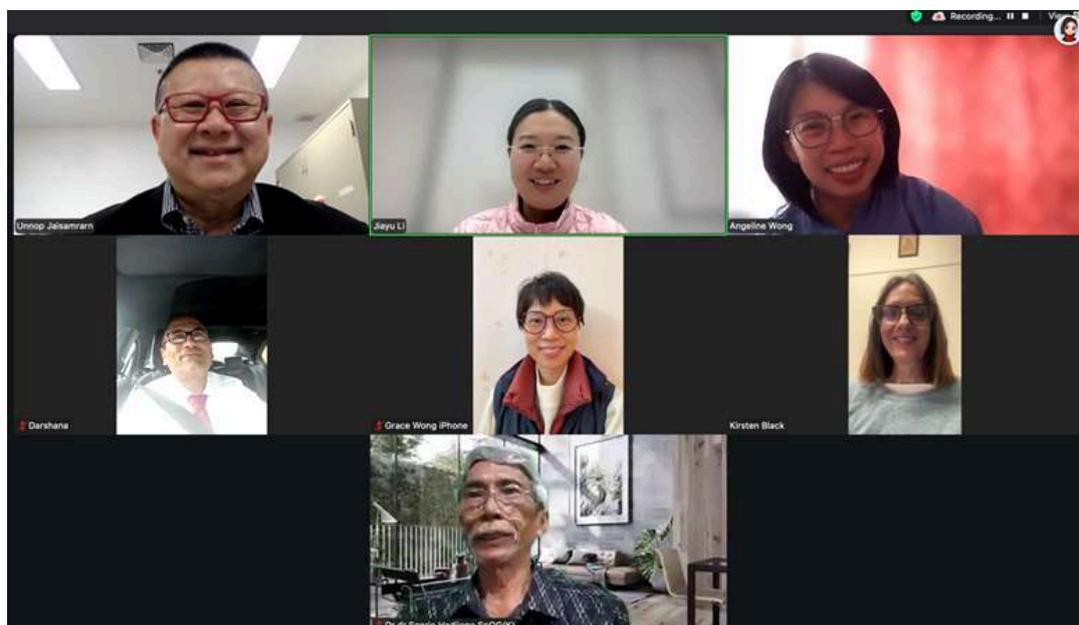


2. AFOG SRH Committee & VAW Working Group Meeting

The Committee reconvened on 12 February 2026 to review progress and advance implementation plans. Work on the AFOG Practice Recommendations on postpartum contraception continues, and members discussed identifying an additional topic for future recommendations, including potential regional adaptation of the updated WHO MEC guidelines.

Prof. Unnop updated the group on the official launch of the 6th edition of the WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria and 4th edition of the Selected Practice Recommendations, with plans to introduce these updates through AFOG sessions and national society meetings. The AFOG 2026 Scientific Meeting preparations are progressing, with confirmation that the *“Strengthening the AFOG Declaration to Advance Regional Action on Violence Against Women”* will be presented in Sydney.

The multi-country VAW survey has expanded further, with substantial data collected in several member countries and questionnaire translations completed in additional settings; analysis has commenced, beginning with Thai women’s data. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening research outputs, regional coordination, and advocacy efforts to advance sexual and reproductive health and address violence against women across Asia and Oceania.



3. Ongoing Regional Survey – Violence Against Women (VAW) in Asia and Oceania region

The VAW Working Group is conducting a multi-country survey to assess violence against women among reproductive-aged women and healthcare staff across Asia and Oceania. Data collection has been completed in several countries within the region. The findings will provide important regional evidence to guide policies and strengthen efforts to improve women's health and safety.

4. Manuscripts in Progress

The AOFOG SRH Committee and VAW Working Group is currently developing manuscripts on the creation of standardized questionnaires to assess VAW among both medical professionals and reproductive-aged women. These instruments are designed to capture the experiences of obstetrics and gynecology medical staff, including workplace and systemic challenges, as well as to enable cross-country assessment of VAW prevalence, patterns, and risk factors among women. The development of these regionally applicable questionnaires represents a critical step toward strengthening data comparability and evidence generation across Asia and Oceania, providing valuable tools to inform research, policy, and interventions aimed at preventing violence against women and improving reproductive health outcomes in the region.

Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn
Chair,
SRH Committee, AOFOG.

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Report of the Ultrasound Committee

AOFOG-POGI Ultrasound Outreach

17-18 January 2026

Kalimantan Barat INDONESIA

The AOFOG Ultrasound Committee, in collaboration with the Perkumpulan Obstetri & Ginekologi Indonesia (POGI) organized a two-day ultrasound outreach in Kalimantan Barat (West Kalimantan), Indonesia.

Bringing high-level diagnostic expertise to local practitioners, AOFOG led by Dr Voon Hian Yan (Malaysia) and committee member Dr M Adrianes Bachnas (Indonesia) were supported by a distinguished faculty of specialists from across Indonesia. Conducted in Rumah Sakit Anugerah Bonda Khatulistiwa, the outreach targetted almost 30 obstetricians & gynaecologists in the province.



This initiative served as a critical clinical training opportunity for an underserved region, one of the largest provinces in the vast Indonesian archipelago. In fact, our most dedicated participants was an obstetrician serving in Putussibau, who was willing to travel for more than 16 hours to level-up! Indeed, Kalimantan Barat was chosen because of the geographical challenges-the province is home to just 5.7 million people out of approximately 286 million people in Indonesia, the world's 4th most populous country.



The organizing committee (left) and participants attentively tuning in (right)

A warm and opulent welcoming ceremony was held in the Provincial Governor's Official Residence as AOFOG and POGI guests were greeted with traditional dances and poetry the night before. Participants arrived early the next day and started with the pre-test for the workshop. The formal event began with opening remarks from Prof M Alamsyah Aziz representing POGI President Prof Budi Wiweko, Dr Tri Wahyudi (Head of POGI Kalimantan Barat), Dr Syahnural Lubis (Hospital Director).

Dr Voon welcomed the participants on behalf of AOFOG and gave an overview of the course, and an introduction to AOFOG.

Key imaging topics of interest were identified during initial program planning. Obstetric topics focusing on fetal cardiac evaluation, neurosonography, fetal growth restriction and placenta accreta spectrum were delivered by Dr Adhi Pribadi, Agus Rushty, Agus Sulistiyono, Dr Adrianes and Dr Voon. Dr M Wahyu Utomo moderated the session and provided succinct summaries of each lecture whilst taking questions from the audience. The live demonstrations went well and were live streamed remotely without much technical challenges.



Some of the speakers and participants in good spirits before the course, in matching attire



One of several live demonstrations performed by Dr Adrianes (left) and Dr Voon discussing opportunities for collaboration with AFOG

Similarly, a wide range of gynaecology topics were covered. Dr Fernandi Moegni and Dr Ashon Sa'adi spoke on anal sphincter evaluation, pelvic floor assessment, endometriosis, PCOS and ultrasound in assisted reproductive technology respectively. Local gynae-oncologist Dr Manuel Hutapea moderated the sessions, and there were engaging discussions about complex cases of patient under their care after lectures by Dr Andi Dharma Putra.

Participants rotated through five stations on each day, allowing additional time for hands-on and exposure to a myriad of cases. In fact, there were cases of new anomalies detected in some of the patients who volunteered for the workshop.



Participants were engaging, actively volunteering (left) and getting pearls of wisdom from Dr Fernandi (right)

The feedback received from the participants was really encouraging and many were thankful that such training opportunities were conducted in their province, as opposed to other major cities within the country.

I also would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation to the hardworking and jovial local organizing committee, led by Dr Rina Nulianti.

**Dr Voon Hian Yan (MALAYSIA) Chair
AFOG Ultrasound Committee**

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Report of the Gynaecological Oncology Committee

The Oncology Committee of the AFOG continued to strive providing up-to-date education of the oncologists and fellows in the Asia-Pacific region. One of the major events was the The AFOG-ASGO Gynecologic Oncology Research Workshop, organized by the Oncology committee of the AFOG and the Education committee of the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO), and was supported by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong (OGSHK) and the Asia-Pacific Gynecologic Oncology Trials Group (APGOT).

It was the first-of-its-kind research workshop in our region. The workshop aimed to arouse the interest in gynecologic oncology research in the Asia-Pacific region, to equip the participants with the knowledge and the principles of research, to improve their grant writing and manuscript writing skills, and to develop collaboration. It was composed of three parts. The first part was a five series of webinars, held from 26 Jul 2025 – 15 Nov 2025 (Fig. 1a).

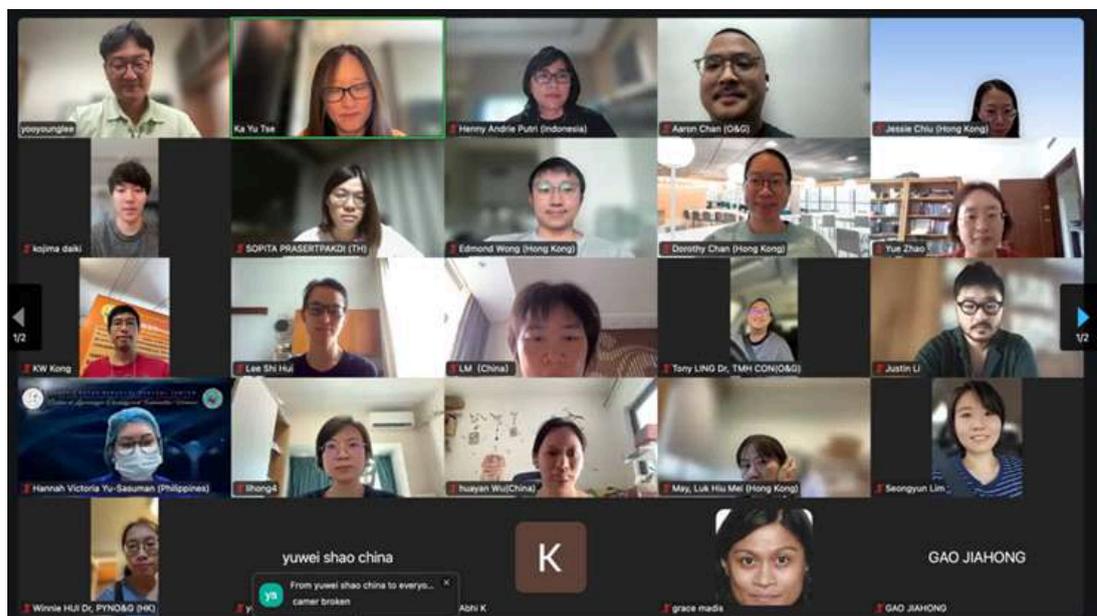


Fig. 1a – One of the webinars of the AFOG-ASGO Research workshop (16 Aug 25)

The second part was a pre-workshop mentoring session from Aug – Nov 2025, where the faculty members and the participants were divided into five groups. Each group had organised around three sessions of online discussion about their research proposals. The third part was an in-person workshop held in Hong Kong on 10 – 13 Dec 2025, consisting for lectures and round-table discussions (Fig. 1b). 30 participants from different countries in Asia registered for the workshop, and 27 finally attended to in-person workshop.

There were 39 experts from different fields helped running this workshop, including gynecologic oncologists, medical oncologists, radiologist, biostatisticians and epidemiologists. Each participant also had a chance to present their research proposal for 5 minutes followed by 2-minute question time.

Fig. 1b – Local organising committee from the OGSHK for the AFOG-ASGO Research workshop (Left to right: Ms Charlotte Chan, Dr. Gladys Kwok, Prof. Ka Yu Tse, Dr. Tony Yuen, Dr. Stanton Ho, Ms Phyllis Li)



At the end, Dr. Shi Hui Lee (Singapore) obtained the Best Presentation Award, Dr. Tao Wu (China) obtained the Innovation Award, and Dr. Seongyun Lim (Korea), Dr. Sohyeon Jeong (Korea), Shi Hui Lee (Singapore) got the overall Third, Second and First-place Awards, respectively. There were good feedbacks from the faculty members and participants, and was a big milestone in the gynaecological oncology field in Asia.

To enhance the knowledge on cancer genetics, the Oncology Committee organised two webinars on 31 Jan and 14 Feb 2026 (Fig. 2). It was chaired by Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology Committee). The speakers were from a diverse background, including medical oncologists, gynaecological oncologists, reproductive medicine specialist, genetic counsellor, and pathologist. Overall, 90% commented the workshop as excellent and 10% as good.

Cervical cancer elimination is always a goal of our committee. On 26 Nov 2025, Prof. Tse represented the Oncology Committee to join the AOFOG–POGS 2025 Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit, which was jointly held by the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and the AOFOG Cervical Cancer Elimination Working Group. She gave a lecture on ‘An update of the WHO position on HPV vaccines’ and included the work done by the AOFOG on this topic.

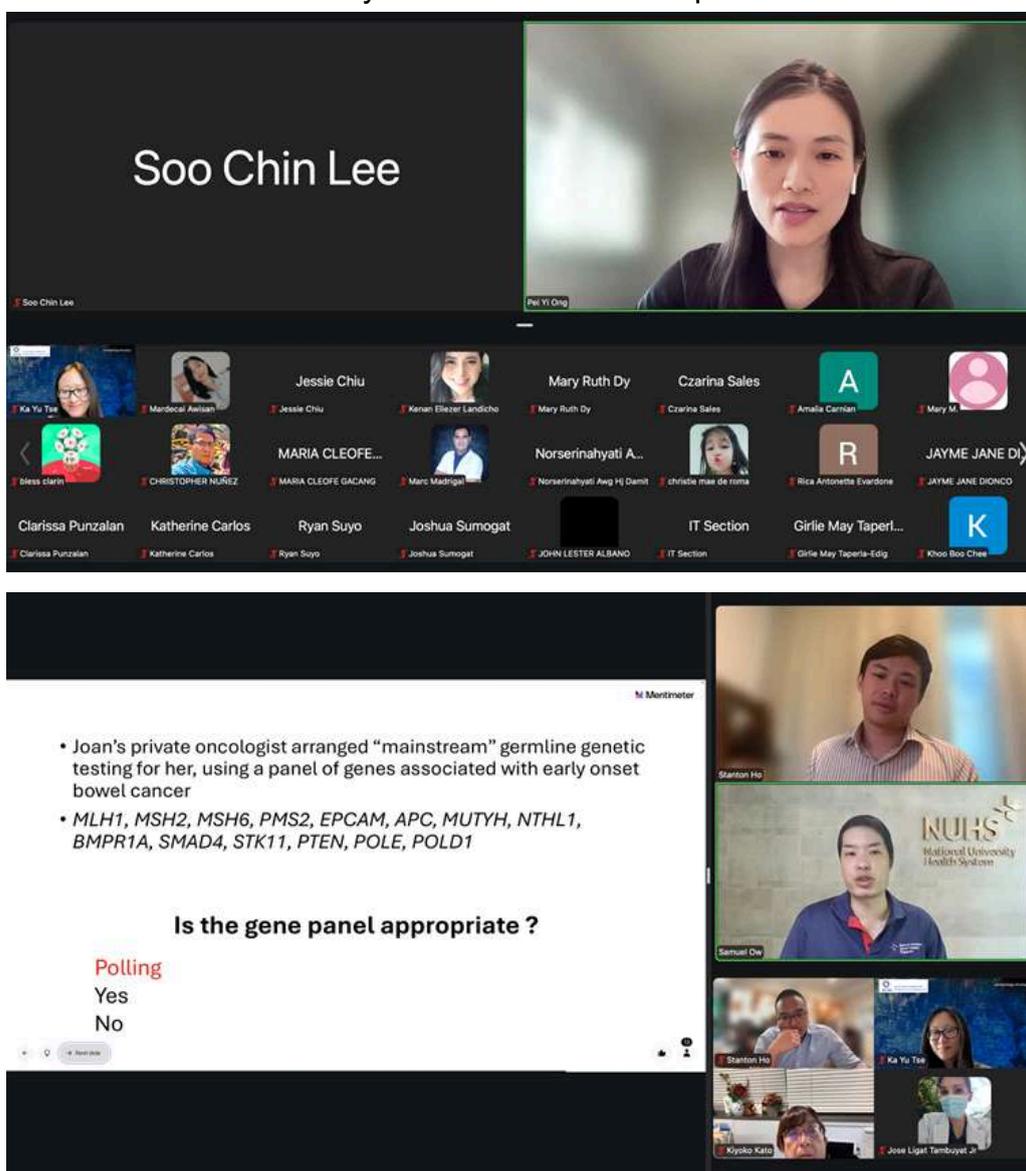


Fig. 2 – AOFOG Cancer genetics webinars on 31 Jan and 14 Feb 2026

Ongoing / Upcoming activities

Apart from the genetics webinar, the Oncology Committee is also conducting a survey to evaluate the current landscape of genetic testing services in the Asia-Oceania, trying to identify any gaps and unmet needs in this rapidly developing field. The questionnaire can be conveniently accessed via the provided QR code (Fig. 3) or through the following link, which will remain active until Apr 2026:

https://hku.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5tCm6uXGnaT8G8K



Fig. 3 - The AOFOG Gynaecological Cancer Genetic Services Questionnaire

The Oncology Committee is also invited to organise an AOFOG session during the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2026 Congress on 17-18 Apr 2026. The topic will be on 'Cervical Cancer Elimination'.

In addition, there will be an AOFOG session in the OGSHK 65th Anniversary cum 32nd Biennial Scientific Symposium 2026 on 28-29 Nov 2026. The Oncology Committee will be invited to support the pre-congress '3rd Intensive post-operative care (iPOC) course' with the OGSHK.

Lastly, the interpretation of radiological images remains a common challenge among gynecologic oncologists in daily clinical practice. To address this need, the Oncology Committee is organizing a virtual course that will convene gynaecologists and radiologists for an in-depth discussion on various imaging modalities, guiding the participants to interpret findings ranging from normal to pathological. Further details will be announced in due course.

Dr. Ka Yu Tse
Chairman, Gynaecological Oncology Committee

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Member Society News Corner

1. News from Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB)

Scientific Seminars

OGSB Monthly Scientific Seminar on Recurrent Pregnancy Loss (RPL) held on 26 August 2025 at RDRS, Rangpur.



OGSB Monthly Scientific Seminar on PCOS held on 22nd September 2025 at Sarinda Sobari resort, Mymensingh.



Monthly Scientific seminar of OGSB "Theme: Safe Hands, Safe Outcome: Avoiding Surgical Injuries in Women" held on 22 October 2025 in Venue: Radisson Blu, Mejbhan Hall, Chittagong.



OGSB Monthly Scientific Seminar on Prenatal Diagnosis held on 30th November 2025 at 11:00 am in the IT Park, Jessore.



OGSB Monthly Scientific Seminar on "Pregnancy in the wrong place - a hidden danger" held on 17 December 2025 at Cumilla.



OGSB Monthly Scientific Seminar on High-Risk Pregnancy held on 30th January 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Hotel Star Pacific, Dargah Gate, Sylhet.



Advocacy & Public Awareness Programs

Celebrating World Contraception Day held on 29 September 2025 at Dhaka Club.



Round table on PCOS held on 17th September 2025 at Prothom Alo Office, Dhaka.



Round table on Diabetes held on 10th November, 2025 at Prothom Alo Office, Dhaka



Round table on *"Ensure a bright future for the premature newborn from the right start"* held on 17th November, 2025 at Prothom Alo Office, Dhaka.



Round table on *"Eliminating Cervical Cancer by 2030: Where we are?"* held on 1st December, 2025 at Prothom Alo Office, Dhaka.



Round table on *"Cervical Cancer Elimination: Progress & Challenges Towards 2030"* held on 7th January 2026 at Prothom Alo Office, Dhaka.



Health Camps & Monitoring Visits

OGSB and UNFPA, organized a health camp for the underprivileged at Beparir Char, Nunkhawa Union, Nageshwari Upazila, Kurigram On August 27, 2025.



OGSB and UNFPA, organized a health camp at Upazila Health Complex, Charfashion, Bhola on October 29, 2025.



OGSB and UNFPA, organized a Health Camp at Korail Slum on 27 November 2025.



Monitoring Visit at Rohingya camps and Friendship Hospital & MCWC in Cox's Bazar, on 19 November 2025.



Training & Capacity Development Programs

Training on USG (TVS & Obstetrical USG) held on 5-6 November 2025 at OGSB Hospital & IRCH, Mirpur, Dhaka.



Workshop on Laparoscopic surgery in Endometriosis in OGSB Hospital, Mirpur held on 18 & 19 Nov. 2025.



Training on Life Saving Skill in Pregnancy and Childbirth (LPSC) And Orientation on Labour Room Management Protocol, held on 2-4 December 2025



National TOT on Obstetric Safe Surgery Standardization held on 24-26 November 2025, at Six Season Hotel, Gulshan-2.



Residential Training on Cervical cancer Screening, Treatment and Management (Basic VIA Training) held on 20-24 December 2025



OGSB Mentorship Program successfully inaugurated on 28 December 2025, 16th batch of Residential Training on Cervical Cancer Screening, Treatment & Management (Colposcopy Training) from 27 December 2025 to 01 January 2026 at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).



28 December 2025 President OGSB and Focal Person of OGSB Mentorship Program Prof. Firoza Begum visited the National Fistula Corner DMCH.



OGSB in the advancement of women's health' & Reception for Newly Promoted Gynecologists held on 27 January 2026 , Officers Club, Ramna, Dhaka



Prof. Firoza Begum President-OGSB

2. News from Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society Myanmar Medical Association (OGSMMA)

Aim

This course has been carefully designed to strengthen both theoretical understanding and practical skills in Gynaecological laparoscopic surgery



BASIC GYNAECOLOGICAL LAPAROSCOPY SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME



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A two-day intensive training programme was commenced with an inspiring opening speech by Dr Kyaw Shwe, Rector of University of Medicine (1), Yangon.



Professor Dr. Aye Aung, President of Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) delivered the welcoming remarks.

A total of 53 trainees enthusiastically took part in the academic lectures and hands-on drill.

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Distinguished speakers

- Professor Dr. Khin May Thin (Retired Professor and Head, UM 1)
- Professor and Head Dr. May Myo Kywe (UM 1)
- Professor Dr. Mya Mya Aye (YCWH)
- Professor Dr. Moe Nwe
- Senior Consultant (YCWH)
- Surgeon Dr. Naing Lin Zaw (EYGH)



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All 53 participants were awarded with certificates of completion at the end of the programme.



Prof Dr May Myo Kywe
President, OGSMMA
Myanmar



3. News From Korean Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (KSOG)

Title: AOFOG Session on Postpartum Hemorrhage at KSOG 2026 Seoul International Symposium

The Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (KSOG) is pleased to announce that the KSOG 2026 Seoul International Symposium will be held in Seoul on 13–14 November 2026. In close collaboration with AOFOG, a dedicated AOFOG Session will be organized as part of the scientific program to further strengthen regional cooperation and academic exchange.

The main theme of the AOFOG Session will be Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH), reflecting its importance as a leading cause of maternal mortality and the recent global initiatives aiming to reduce PPH-related deaths. This focus is in line with the new consolidated PPH guidelines jointly launched by FIGO, WHO, and ICM, and with AOFOG's continued efforts to promote the PPH care bundle throughout the Asia–Oceania region.

The session will be co-chaired by Professor Tsung-Hsien Su and Professor Joong Shin Park, and will feature three invited speakers: Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Professor Mahesh Choolani, and one Korean speaker.

The tentative lecture titles are as follows:

- Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
“FIGO–WHO PPH Roadmap 2023–2030: Global Initiatives and the Role of AOFOG”
- Professor Mahesh Choolani (Chair, AOFOG MFM Committee, Singapore)
“From E-MOTIVE to Practice: Implementing the PPH Care Bundle in the Asia–Oceania Region”
- Korean Speaker (TBD)
“Current Status and Challenges of PPH Management in Korea”

Through this AOFOG Session, KSOG hopes to provide a practical and forward-looking platform to share experiences, discuss implementation strategies, and explore collaborative approaches to achieving zero preventable maternal deaths due to PPH in our region. Further details regarding the program and speakers will be shared in upcoming issues and on the KSOG website.

Prof Jee -Kwan Lee
Chair Korean Society of O & G

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