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AOFOG APM & EBM MEETING 10-12 April 2026, Jakarta

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President's Message



Dear AOFOG colleagues and friends,

It has been a busy four months. There have been three significant overseas trips. In March AOFOG had the honour of having an AOFOG session at the 65th TAOG congress. I spoke on collaboration and partnership; the way forward for Women's health, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon on WHO guidelines for PPH and Professor Krishnendu Gupta on climate change. The session was well received.

In May AOFOG was again Honoured to have a session at the 78th Congress of JSOG. The topic was the prevention and management of infectious diseases in Pregnancy. Three very good speakers in Professor Pisake Lumbiganon. Professor Mahesh Choolani and Professor Krishnendu Gupta spoke very well. I had the privilege of being part of a session "World Leaders in Women's Health. The East-West Dialogue". Speakers from ACOG, EBCOG RCOG, TAOG, KSOG, OGSS and JSOG discussed the issues with training and workforce, very similar issues with exciting and innovative ways to try and solve them. Professor Frank Louwen from FIGO and I talked on the status and future directions of our organisations.

The third trip was to Jakarta in April where the Annual Planning Meeting was held, hosted by the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The meeting was very successful. The Chairs of the Committees presented their work over the past 12 months and their plans going forward. It was gratifying to see all their hard work. Congratulations.

One of the features that all 3 trips had in common was the incredible hospitality of the 3 national societies. We were made to feel very welcome and that AOFOG is a useful organisation. Collaboration and partnership are alive and well and is seen as the way forward to improving the health of women and babies in our region.

Other activities have included welcome addresses at several webinars and workshops.

In February AOFOG-OGSM-UNFPA webinar on Clinical implications of WHO new contraception guidelines.

In March POGS Jhpiego Unilab workshop Nurture PH a national dialogue on maternal and newborn health in UHC.

In April AOFOG MFM Committee. Implementing the Robson 10 Group classification to optimise Caesarean section rates in Asia and Oceania.

In May REI Committee campus 6 Cutting edge technology in the management of abnormal uterine bleeding.

In May Ultrasound Committee and the Cambodian Society of obstetrics and Gynaecology. A 2-day workshop on practical ultrasound.

AOFOG 2026 in Sydney in October is coming together nicely. Regular meetings are being held between the organising committee and a subgroup from the AOFOG executive board. The scientific programme is looking exciting. There is a good mixture of speakers from AOFOG National Societies and other international organisations. I hope the date is in all your diaries and I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would like to thank the Secretariat, Flora and Nimali. Rohana, the secretary-general, the executive board, the Chairs of the committees for all their support and hard work and you for all your efforts to improve the health, health outcomes and wellness of the women, babies and mothers of our region

Kindest regards,

Dr John Tait
President AOFOG

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Secretary General's Message



Over the past few months, the activities of the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology have continued to reflect the Federation's strong commitment to advancing women's health across our region through collaboration, education, advocacy, and professional engagement.

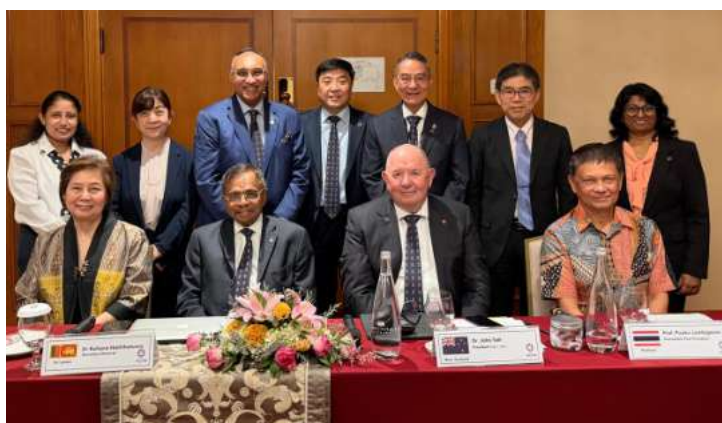
I have had the privilege of representing AOFOG at several national society congresses and scientific meetings held across the region. These meetings provided valuable opportunities to strengthen partnerships with our member societies, share AOFOG initiatives, and engage with colleagues who continue to contribute immensely to the advancement of obstetrics and gynaecology in Asia and Oceania. The enthusiasm, academic excellence, and camaraderie demonstrated at these gatherings reaffirm the strength and unity of our Federation.

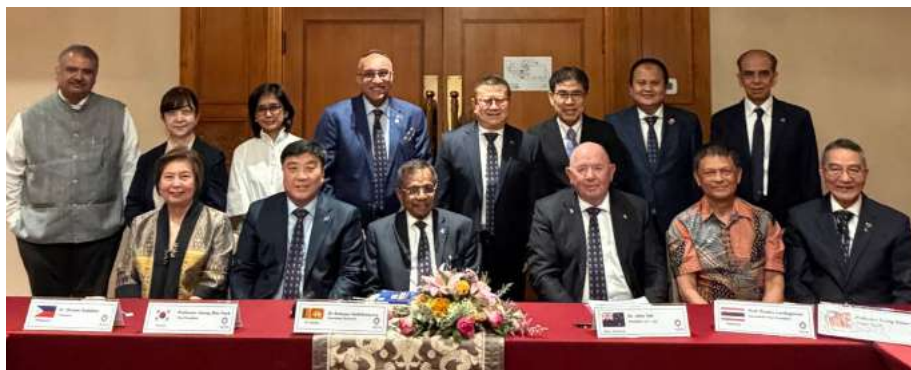
During this period, AOFOG committees and working groups have remained actively engaged in advancing their educational, scientific, and advocacy agendas. The dedication shown by our committee chairs and members in organizing webinars, scientific sessions, collaborative projects, and regional initiatives is deeply appreciated and reflects the vibrant spirit of AOFOG.

Executive Board Meeting (EBM) and the Action Plan Meeting (APM)

The EBM and the APM of the Committee Chairs with the Executive Board members were successfully held on 11th April 2026 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia.

The EBM was conducted in the morning and was attended by all Executive Board members. The meeting was highly productive and provided an excellent opportunity to discuss important matters concerning the Federation and its future activities.





The APM was held in the afternoon, during which the Committee Chairs presented their completed activities, ongoing projects, and future plans. The session also provided a valuable platform for the Committee Chairs to discuss challenges encountered in their work and to seek guidance and clarification from the Executive Board members.

Congratulations extended to POGI for organizing the Sprin Fun Walk on the morning of 12th April 2026 in support of women's health. It was a wonderful and enjoyable experience for all AOFOG members who participated, and we were deeply impressed by the excellent organization and the enthusiasm displayed throughout the event.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to the POGI President, Prof. Budi Wiweko, and all POGI office bearers for their warm hospitality in hosting the AOFOG meetings. Also, we are thankful for the delightful dinner hosted for the AOFOG participants, filled with entertainment and memorable surprises, and for organizing the exciting tour for AOFOG members. These are truly appreciated and contributed greatly to the success and camaraderie of the meetings.



TAOG Congress

The 65th Annual Congress and the 12th International Symposium of TAOG 2026 were held from 28–29 March 2026 at the Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected President, Professor Wei-Chun Chang, and the re-elected Secretary General, Professor Jian-Pei Huang, together with all members of the Board of Directors, for organizing and conducting an outstanding conference of exceptionally high standard. I also sincerely thank the organizers for inviting AOFOG to conduct a scientific session during the congress.

The AOFOG Session was chaired by Professor Tsung-Hsien Su (President-Elect, AOFOG), Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General, AOFOG), and Professor Joong Shin Park (Vice President, AOFOG). The session featured the following lectures:

- *Collaboration and Partnership: The Way Forward to Improve Women's Health* — Dr. John Tait (President, AOFOG)
- *Consolidated Guidelines for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Postpartum Haemorrhage: WHO 2025* — Professor Pisake Lumbiganon (Immediate Past President, AOFOG)
- *Climate Change, Environmental Pollution and Women's Health: An Overview* — Professor Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary-General, AOFOG)

This conference provided a valuable opportunity not only to update our scientific knowledge but also to reconnect with dear friends and colleagues from international organizations such as FIGO, ACOG, and our counterparts from Korea and Japan.

We also greatly appreciated the thoughtfully arranged social programmes and tours, which enabled delegates and accompanying persons to experience the warmth, culture, and hospitality of Taiwan and return home with very pleasant memories.

Under the able leadership of Professor Wei-Chun Chang, and with the dynamic support of Professor Jian-Pei Huang, TAOG has continued to work in close collaboration with AOFOG on numerous initiatives. May our collaboration continue to flourish, and may our friendships grow even stronger in the years ahead.

JSOG Congress



The 78th Annual Congress of the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) was held from 15–17 May 2026 in Sapporo, Japan.

As always, the congress was organized and conducted exceptionally well, with the participation of leaders from FIGO, ACOG, RCOG, EBCOG, and member societies including TAOG and KSOG. We were also pleased to see participation from OGSS. I sincerely appreciate the efforts made in bringing these organizations together.

I congratulate the Chairperson of the Executive Board, Professor Masaki Mandai, and the President of the 78th Annual Congress, Professor Hidemichi Watari, for organizing this highly successful congress and appreciate the hard work of all the organizers involved.

We are grateful for the inclusion of the AOFOG Session titled *Prevention and Treatment of Infectious Diseases in Pregnancy*, chaired by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General, AOFOG, Sri Lanka, and Professor Hiroaki Kajiyama, Editor-in-Chief of JOGR, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan.

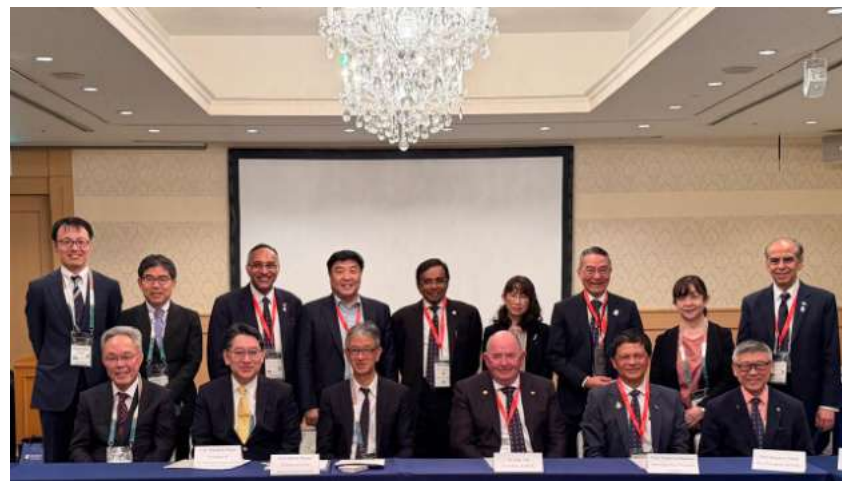
The session included:

- Welcome Address — Dr. John Tait, President, AOFOG
- *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, AOFOG
- *Silent Invaders: Prevention and Management of Fetal Infections in Pregnancy* — Professor Krishnendu Gupta, Deputy Secretary-General, AOFOG
- Q&A Session and Concluding Remarks — Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa



I thank Prof Choolani for organizing the session & all the speakers for their excellent presentations. It was a highly informative session that was very well received by participants.

I also wish to congratulate the organizers for including the session *World Leaders in Women's Health: The East-West Dialogue*. Bringing together leaders from various international organizations which created a highly valuable and insightful discussion.



I would also like to express our sincere gratitude for the warm hospitality extended to AOFOG officers and their spouses. Everyone greatly enjoyed the social events and well-organized tours.

Furthermore, we appreciate the opportunity provided for discussions between the JSOG and AOFOG officers. We look forward to welcoming a large delegation from JSOG at AOFOG 2026, further strengthening the bond between our two organizations.

SAFOG Congress

The Conference of the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SAFOG), held in association with the Annual Conference of the Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NESOG), took place from 16–18 April 2026 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

SAFOG is a federation comprising obstetrics and gynaecology societies from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The organizers invited AOFOG to conduct a scientific session.

Professor Ka Yu Tse, Chair of the AOFOG Oncology Committee, organized the session titled *Cervical Cancer Elimination*, which aimed to review key aspects of cervical cancer prevention, promote evidence-based medicine, and facilitate collaboration and capacity building.

The session included:

- Welcome Address — Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General, AOFOG
- *Overview of the WHO 90-70-90 Cervical Cancer Elimination Programme: AOFOG Perspective* — Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
- *Treatment Facility Set-up* — Dr. Ka Yu Tse (Hong Kong), Chair, Oncology Committee, AOFOG
- *Management of Abnormal HPV Results* — Professor Christia Padolina, Treasurer, AOFOG
- Q&A Session — All speakers

The session generated considerable interest among participants, particularly as cervical cancer elimination remains a major public health priority across South Asian countries.

The conference also witnessed the induction of the SAFOG President for 2026–2028, Dr. Kusum Thapa of Nepal, during the inauguration ceremony.

The conference was exceptionally well attended and maintained a very high academic standard, with many distinguished speakers from the region and beyond participating.

I wish to congratulate the newly elected SAFOG President and Council Members, and we look forward to working in close collaboration with SAFOG in advancing women's healthcare in South Asia.

I would also like to congratulate and thank NESOG President Professor Padam Pant, NESOG Secretary General Dr. Sandesh Poudel, and the entire Organizing Committee for conducting an outstanding and memorable conference.

Committee Activities

Committee activities and achievements will be presented separately by the respective committee chairs in their reports.

- [Maternal & Fetal Medicine Committee](#)
- [Oncology Committee](#)
- [Reproductive Endocrinology Committee](#)
- [Ultrasound Committee](#)
- [Sexual & Reproductive Health Committee and Violence Against Women Working Group](#)

Upcoming Activities

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

- Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (July, Petaling Jaya)
- Indonesian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (July, Banten)
- Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (September, Colombo)
- Korean Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (November, Seoul)
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society of Hong Kong (November, Hong Kong)

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

AFOG 2026 – Sydney, Australia

As we continue our journey together, preparations are progressing steadily for the AFOG 2026 Congress in Sydney, Australia. We warmly invite all member societies and colleagues to join us for what promises to be an outstanding congress of academic excellence, regional collaboration, and fellowship.

AOFOG 2026 will provide an important platform to exchange knowledge, strengthen professional networks, and collectively shape the future of women's healthcare across our region.

The scientific programme will include workshops, plenary lectures, symposia, panel discussions, and free communications featuring renowned experts from within and beyond our region.

We are honoured to announce the following distinguished plenary and keynote speakers:

- Professor Asma Khalil (United Kingdom) — S.S. Ratnam Memorial Lecture
- Professor Lourdes Blanco Capito (Philippines) — C.T. Hsu Memorial Lecture
- Professor Philippe Descamps (France) — Malaysia Lecture
- Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran — Keynote Speaker
- Dr. Michael Robson — Keynote Speaker

We are particularly pleased with the participation and collaboration of international partner organizations, including the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), and the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG).

In addition to the rich scientific programme, delegates will enjoy excellent social functions providing opportunities to reconnect with friends and colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere. A wide range of excursions will also be available, allowing participants and accompanying persons to explore the beauty, culture, and cuisine of Australia.

Look forward to seeing everyone in large numbers in Sydney at AOFOG 2026

Finally, I would like to thank all our member societies, Council Members, committee chairs, and colleagues for their continued support and commitment to AOFOG. I look forward to our continued collaboration in the months ahead.

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa.
Secretary General AOFOG

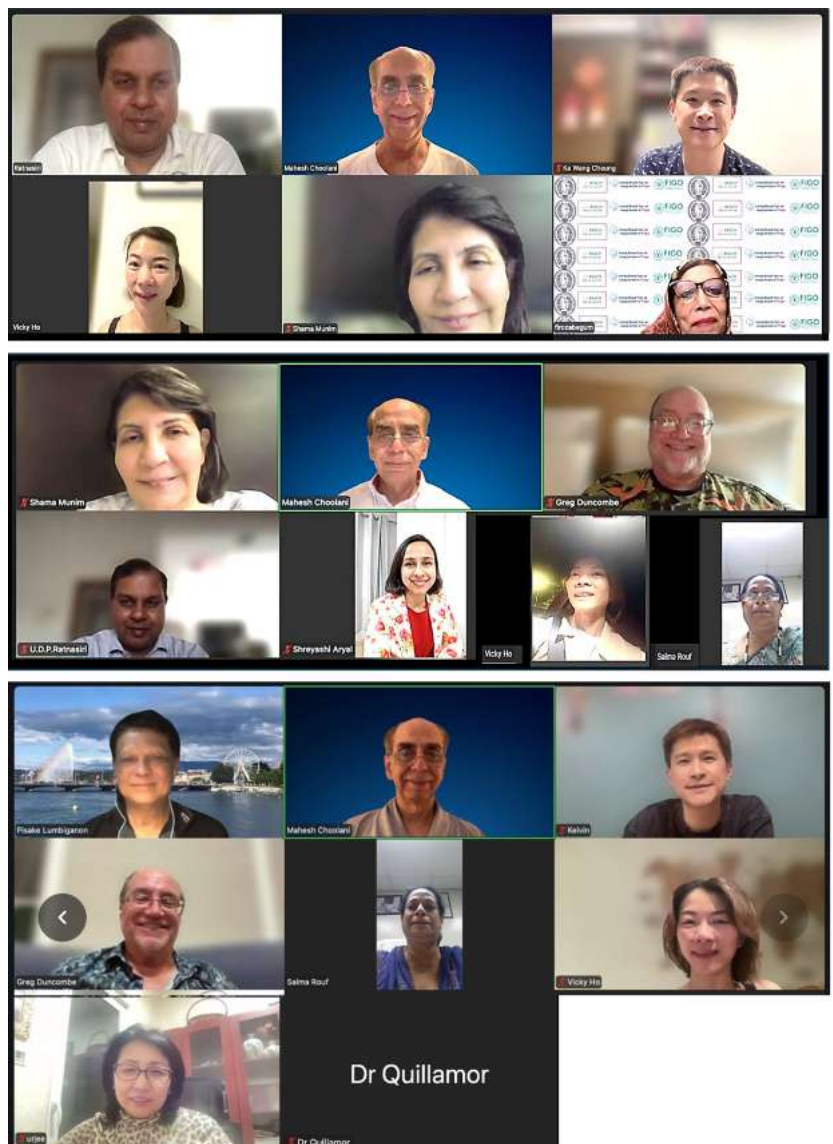
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Report of the Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee

The AOFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Committee convened on 3rd March 2026, 7th April 2026 and 5th May 2026, both conducted via Zoom. During these meetings, the Committee Chair and members engaged in comprehensive discussions on several key initiatives and strategic priorities, including Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection; the AOFOG Statements on Caesarean Section Rates and Preeclampsia Screening; webinars on the Robson 10-Group Classification and Preeclampsia Screening and Prevention; the Pre-Congress Workshop Programme for AOFOG 2026; and other upcoming AOFOG MFM activities.

The webinar on the Robson 10-Group Classification was successfully conducted on 4 April 2026 and received overwhelmingly positive feedback. Committee members reviewed the feedback and noted that participants found the content highly relevant, practical, and applicable to clinical practice, particularly for obstetric audit and decision-making. There was strong interest in continuing similar educational webinars addressing real-world clinical challenges. Suggested future topics included preeclampsia, sepsis in pregnancy, fetal growth restriction, thyroid disorders, gestational diabetes, placenta accreta spectrum, and intrapartum fetal monitoring, reflecting key priority areas across the region.

The Committee emphasised the need to move beyond position statements towards practical implementation. National member societies will be encouraged to adopt and operationalise key AOFOG recommendations, including the use of the Robson 10-Group Classification, optimisation of caesarean section rates, and sustained implementation of PPH prevention and management strategies, to ensure meaningful and lasting impact at the national level.



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

Recent Activities of the AFOG MFM Committee

- 1. Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection:** Committee members are working with their respective institutional and/or national IRBs to obtain ethical approval and initiate data collection. Several countries have submitted IRB applications, which are currently pending approval. At least four countries have received approval and have commenced data collection, while other sites are in the process of preparing submissions or confirming IRB status.
- 2. The Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AFOG) Statement**

Caesarean Section Rates: The AFOG Statement on Caesarean Section Rates has been finalised and submitted for Executive Board approval. It emphasises the optimisation of caesarean section rates based on medical indications, while recognising regional variations and the multifactorial nature of practice patterns. The Robson 10-Group Classification is endorsed as a key tool for monitoring trends and guiding quality improvement.

Preeclampsia Screening: The Committee also discussed and advanced the development of the AFOG Statement on Preeclampsia Screening, encompassing both (1) first trimester screening for preeclampsia and (2) contextual adaptation of screening approaches for implementation across AFOG member countries. This initiative addresses the significant burden of preeclampsia, affecting 2–4% of pregnancies and remaining a leading cause of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. It highlights strong evidence supporting first trimester screening for early identification of high-risk pregnancies and timely initiation of low-dose aspirin prophylaxis, which significantly reduces the risk of preterm preeclampsia. A tiered, resource-appropriate screening approach is proposed to support equitable implementation across AFOG member countries. The final statement will be submitted for Executive Board approval.

- 3. Webinar on Robson 10-Group Classification:** The AFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee organised a webinar titled “*Implementing the Robson 10-Group Classification to Optimise Caesarean Section Rates in Asia and Oceania*” on 4 April 2026, held from 13:00 to 14:30 Singapore Time, with 127 participants.



Dr John Tait (President, AFOG, New Zealand), Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary-General, AFOG, Sri Lanka), Professor Mahesh Choolani (Chair, MFM Committee, Singapore), Dr Michael Robson (Ireland), Dr Ana Pilar Betrán (WHO, Switzerland), and Dr U. D. P. Ratnasiri (Advisor, MFM Committee) delivered presentations during the webinar conducted via the Zoom platform.

The session commenced with an opening address by the AOFOG leadership, followed by presentations on the principles and clinical relevance of the Robson 10-Group Classification, the WHO perspective and implementation experience, and regional barriers, facilitators, and optimisation strategies.



**ASIA & OCEANIA FEDERATION
OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY**

Webinar organized by, AOFOG -MFM Committee on

**"Implementing the Robson 10-Group Classification to Optimise
Caesarean Section Rates in Asia and Oceania"**

Time SGT (GMT+8)	Topic	Speakers
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	Opening & Welcome Address	Dr. John Tait President AOFOG New Zealand
2:10 PM - 2:25 PM	What is the Robson 10-Group Classification and Why It Matters	Prof. Mike Robson The National Maternity Hospital Dublin, Ireland
2:25 PM - 2:40 PM	The Robson 10 Group Classification - A WHO perspective	Dr. Ana Pilar Betran World Health Organization Geneva, Switzerland
2:40 PM - 2:55 PM	Implementation Experience, Barriers, Facilitators, and Optimisation Strategies in the Region	Dr. U D P Ratnasiri Advisor MFM Committee Sri Lanka
2:55 PM - 3:25 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Dr Michael Robson, Dr Ana Pilar Betran and Dr U D P Ratnasiri	Moderator Prof. Mahesh Choolani Chair AOFOG MFM Committee Singapore
3:25 PM - 3:30 PM	Closing remarks	Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa Secretary-General AOFOG Sri Lanka



2:00 pm (Singapore time)



04th April'26 (Saturday)

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- 4. AFOG Action Plan Meeting:** The Action Plan Meeting between the Executive Board and the Committee Chairs was held on Saturday, 11th April 2026 at the Hotel Shangri-La, Jakarta, Indonesia. The Committee Chair presented the following MFM Committee activities including completed activities, planned activities with timelines, ongoing research, and upcoming plans.



The AFOG Executive Board Members and Professor Mahesh Choolani, Chair of the MFM Committee

- 5. Global Pre-eclampsia Summit, Kigali, Rwanda:** Dr U. D. P. Ratnasiri attended the Global Pre-eclampsia Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda from 5-8 May 2026, representing the AFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee. The meeting was convened in response to the persistently high global disease burden of pre-eclampsia and the limited progress made over recent decades in reducing related maternal and perinatal illness and deaths.

The conference brought together a broad multidisciplinary group of stakeholders, including researchers, academics, representatives of professional associations, policymakers, industry partners, and World Health Organization stakeholders. This wide participation enabled discussions from clinical, public health, policy, and implementation perspectives.

Key outcomes and priorities discussed at the summit included the following:

1. There was a strong emphasis on harmonising pre-eclampsia guideline development among key international stakeholders and professional bodies, including FIGO, WHO, ISSHP, SMFM, ISUOG, IFM, RCOG, and IPA, to minimise fragmentation and promote consistent standards of care.
2. The summit highlighted the need to identify barriers to effective screening, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of pre-eclampsia, while also defining practical and context-sensitive solutions to address these challenges across different health systems.
3. A key priority was the preparation of harmonised guidance accompanied by an implementation work plan and roadmap, with the goal of reducing adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes by 2030.
4. Equity was recognised as a central principle of implementation, with explicit attention to ensuring that all women, including those in low- and middle-income countries, benefit from improved guidance, access, and outcomes.

Dr Ratnasiri also had the opportunity to represent AFOG on a panel together with representatives from other leading professional associations, including FIGO, RCOG, ISSHP, ISUOG, IFM, and the European Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the International Paediatric Association.

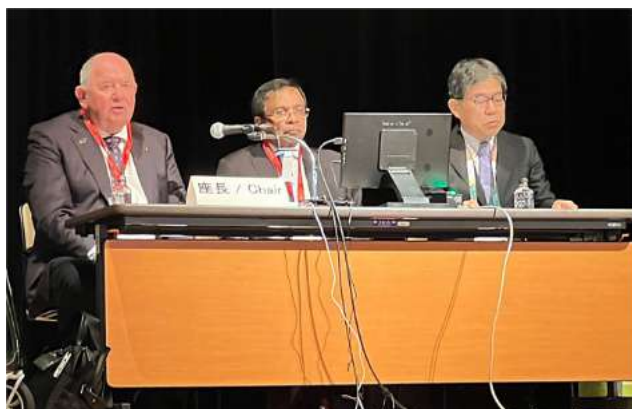


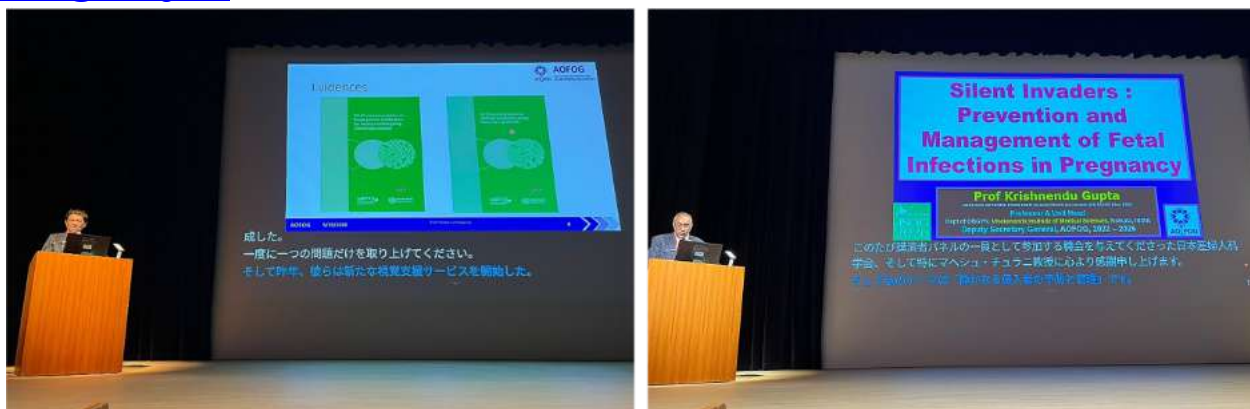
The members of the AOFOG MFM Committee, including Dr U. D. P. Ratnasiri, attended the Global Pre-eclampsia Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda.

During this discussion, Dr Ratnasiri highlighted the regional bottlenecks and barriers faced within AOFOG member countries in implementing international guidance. Dr Ratnasiri also outlined potential solutions, drawing on AOFOG's previous experience in supporting postpartum haemorrhage guidance through position statements on the EMOTIVE approach and promoting heat-stable carbetocin in AMTL, and in disseminating recommendations to national societies through publication in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology & Research, the AOFOG website, webinars, and multicountry research initiatives by the MFM Committee of AOFOG.

AOFOG will have an important role and responsibility in supporting implementation of the final WHO roadmap and the harmonised global guidance once launched in October 2026 at the SMFM international conference in Utrecht, the Netherlands. In this context, AOFOG is well positioned to contribute to regional adaptation, professional dissemination, and practical implementation across member societies, particularly in settings where resource constraints may affect uptake.

6. The Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Congress was held in Sapporo, Japan, from 15 to 17 May 2026, and featured a dedicated AOFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) session focusing on maternal and fetal infections in pregnancy. The session brought together regional experts to discuss current challenges, prevention strategies, and evidence-based approaches to the management of maternal and fetal infections. The programme included presentations titled *“Double the Danger: Understanding Maternal and Fetal Infections in Pregnancy”*, *“WHO Recommendations for the Prevention and Treatment of Maternal Peripartum Infections”*, and *“Silent Invaders: Prevention and Management of Fetal Infections in Pregnancy”*. The session highlighted regional expertise and reinforced the importance of collaborative efforts in improving maternal and fetal outcomes through early recognition, prevention, and effective management of infections during pregnancy.





The Chair and members of the AOFOG MFM Committee, together with Professor Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary-General, India), delivered presentations at the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Congress in Sapporo, Japan.

Upcoming planned activities for AOFOG MFM Sessions

The AOFOG Pre-Congress Workshops on “Compassion in Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Integrating Empathy into Evidence-Based Practice” will be held on Monday, 12th October 2026 in Sydney, Australia. The details of the workshops are as follows:

Time	Program	Speaker
0845–0900	Welcome and Opening	Dr John Tait (New Zealand) President AOFOG Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka) Secretary-General AOFOG
0900–0945	Healing with Humanity: The Role of Compassion in High-Risk Pregnancy Care (Lecture)	Prof Firoza Begum (Bangladesh)
0945–1030	The Hidden Trauma of High-Risk Obstetrics: A Framework for Compassionate Counselling and Care in Complex Deliveries (Lecture)	Dr U.D.P. Ratnasiri (Sri Lanka)
1030 – 1055	Morning Tea	
1055–1140	Perinatal Medicine and the Emotional Landscape: Supporting Families Through Uncertainty (Lecture)	A/Prof Greg Duncombe (Australia)
1140–1230	Panel Discussion	Dr John Tait (New Zealand) Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka) Prof Firoza Begum (Bangladesh) Dr U.D.P. Ratnasiri (Sri Lanka) A/Prof Greg Duncombe (Australia)
1230–1245	Wrap Up	Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka)

**Professor Mahesh Choolani,
MFM Committee Chair, AOFOG**

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Report of the Oncology Committee

In the past three months, the Oncology Committee had a few activities. First, our committee was invited to organise an AFOG session in the 15th SAFOG Conference In Association with 18th NESOG National Conference, held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 17 Apr 2026. Cervical cancer was the second most common cancer and a major cause of cancer-related deaths among women in Nepal. On 4 February 2025, the World Cancer Day, a nationwide HPV vaccination campaign was launched in Nepal. Therefore, the organising committee selected '*Cervical Cancer Elimination*' as the theme of the AFOG session. It was chaired by Prof. Frank Louwen (President, FIGO), Prof. Sudha Gautam Sharma (Past President, SAFOG and NESOG), Prof. Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary General, AFOG). Prof. Christia Padolina (Treasurer, AFOG) gave a lecture on '*Management of Abnormal HPV Results*', Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology Committee, AFOG) gave a lecture on '*Treatment Facility Set-up*', and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General, AFOG) gave a lecture on '*Overview of the WHO 90-70-90 Cervical Cancer Elimination Programme - AFOG Perspective*'.

Second, the Oncology Committee is also conducting a survey to evaluate the current landscape of genetic testing services in the Asia-Oceania. The questionnaire will be closed in end May 2026, and analysis will be performed afterward.



AFOG session in the 15th SAFOG Conference In Association with 18th NESOG National Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal on 17 April 2026

Ongoing / Upcoming activities

Following the AFOG–ASGO Gynecologic Oncology Research Workshop held from July to December 2025, the organizing committee is preparing a manuscript to describe the workshop design and to outline the challenges encountered in planning and conducting it, with the aim of helping future organizers in running similar research workshops in the region.

The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia will hold the 33rd International Congress in Selangor, Malaysia, on 9-12 Jul 2026, with the theme '*Thriving Together: Integrating Sustainability into Women's Health Practices*'. In the AFOG-OGSM Symposium on 10 Jul 2026, Prof. Ka Yu Tse, Dr. Voon Hian Yan, and Prof. Budi Wiweko will each give a lecture covering hot topics in endometrial cancer FIGO staging, fetal echo in intrahepatic cholestasis, and rejuvenation in reproductive medicine, respectively.

Gynecologic cancers rely heavily on radiological assessment for diagnosis, surgical planning, detection of complications, evaluation of treatment response, and cancer surveillance. Therefore, it is essential for clinicians to have a fundamental understanding of the indications, limitations, and interpretation of various imaging modalities.



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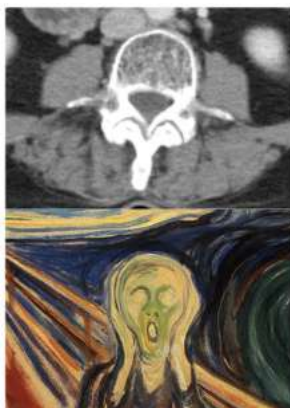
Integrating Sustainability into Women's Health Practices

Congress Day 1
Friday, 10 July 2026

1130-1300	S4	AOFOG-OGSM Symposium
1130-1155	S 4.1	Is Your Endometrial Staging Outdated? Decoding the 2023 FIGO Staging <i>Prof Ka-Yu Tse (HK) (Chair, Oncology Committee, AOFOG)</i>
1155-1220	S 4.2	A Beat Ahead: Can Fetal Echo Predict Stillbirth in Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy? <i>Dr Voon Hian Yan (MY) (Chair, Ultrasound Committee, AOFOG)</i>
1220-1245	S 4.3	Turning the Hourglass: Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine <i>Prof Budi Wiweco (IDN) (Chair, REI Committee, AOFOG)</i>
1245-1300	Q&A	

The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia will hold the 33rd International Congress in Selangor, Malaysia, on 9-12 Jul 2026

However, many gynaecologists lack structured radiology training after medical graduation. To address this gap, the Oncology Committee of the Asian-Oceanian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG), in collaboration with the AOFOG Ultrasound Committee, the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong (OGSHK), and the Hong Kong Society of Gynaecological Oncology (HKSGO), will organize a 3-day virtual course on 29 August, 5 September, and 12 September 2026. It will be chaired by Prof. Ka Yu Tse and Prof. Elaine Lee (Council Member, HKSGO). Prof. Christia Padolina and Dr. Voon Hian Yan (Chair, Ultrasound Committee, AOFOG) will also be one of the speakers.



AOFOG Radiology Virtual Workshop

From normal anatomy to pathological findings
29 Aug, 5 Sep, 12 Sep 2026

Objectives

- To review the basic principles of radiological assessment
- To enhance the knowledge in interpreting normal and abnormal radiological images related to gynecologic cancers

Format: Lectures, case presentation, quiz

Chairmen: Prof. Elaine Yuen Phin Lee, Prof. Ka Yu Tse

Co-organisers



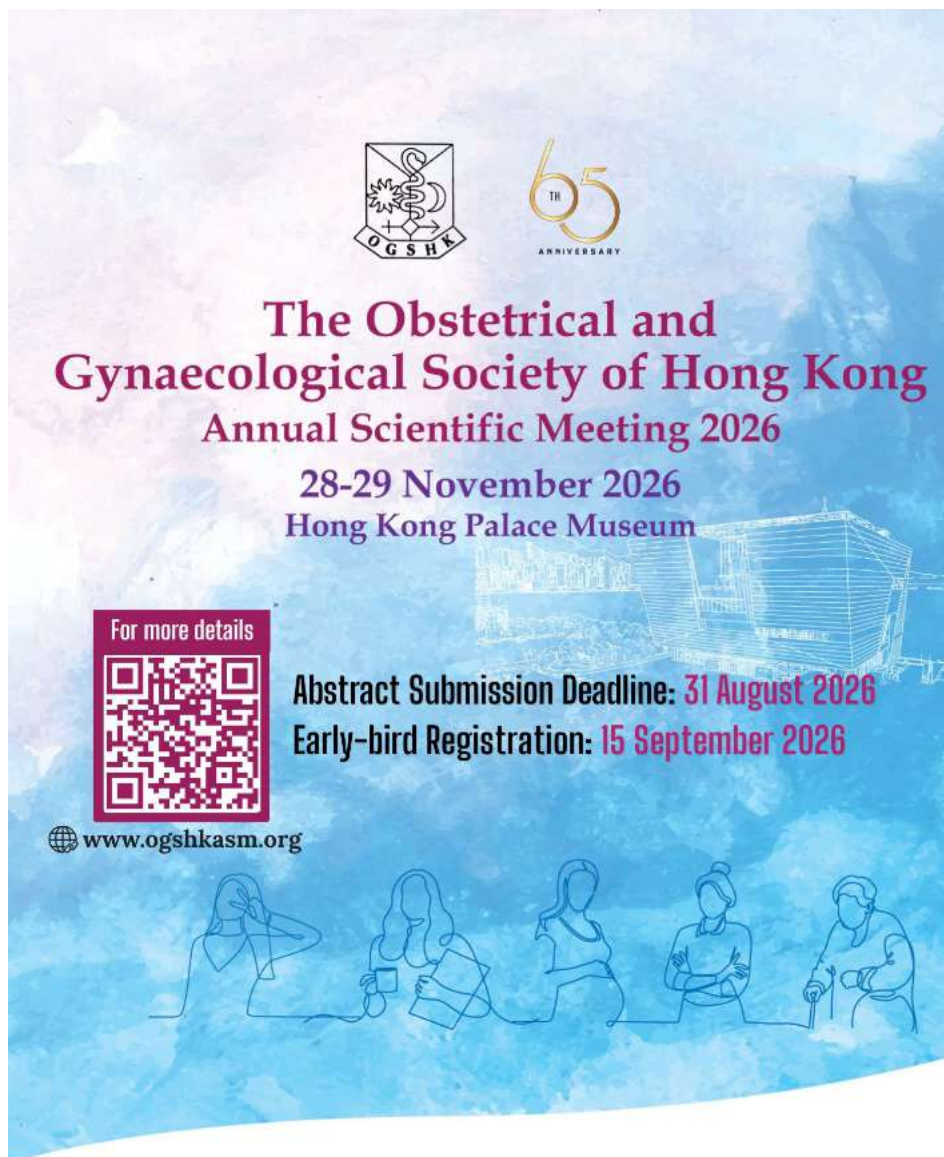
Hong Kong time	Gynecologic Cancer Radiological Workshop - Part 1 (29 August 2026)
08:50 - 08:55	Welcoming <i>Dr. John Toit (President, AOFOG)</i>
08:55 - 09:00	Introduction <i>Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology Committee, AOFOG)</i>
09:00 - 09:40	Application of different radiological modalities in gynecologic cancers - gynecologic oncologist's perspectives <i>Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology Committee, AOFOG)</i>
09:40 - 10:20	Application of different radiological modalities in gynecologic cancers - radiologist's perspectives <i>Prof. Elaine Lee (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, the University of Hong Kong)</i>
10:20 - 11:00	Interventional radiology <i>Dr. Keith Wan Hong Chiu (Consultant, Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hong Kong)</i>
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 11:55	Use of ultrasound in detecting endometrial cancer <i>Prof. Christia Padolina (Treasurer, AOFOG)</i>
11:55 - 12:35	Use of ultrasound in detecting ovarian cancer <i>Dr. Voon Hian Yan (Chair, Ultrasound Committee, AOFOG)</i>
12:35 - 13:15	Use of ultrasound in gestational trophoblastic disease <i>Dr. Catherine Nellinda Pangilinan (Advisor, Ultrasound Committee, AOFOG)</i>




Hong Kong time	Gynecologic Cancer Radiological Workshop - Part 2 (5 September 2026)	Hong Kong time	Gynecologic Cancer Radiological Workshop - Part 3 (12 September 2026)
09:10 - 09:15	Welcoming Prof. Elaine Lee (Clinical Associate Professor, the University of Hong Kong)	08:55 - 09:00	Welcoming Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology Committee, AOFOG)
09:15 - 09:50	CT and MRI assessment of brain Prof. Priya Supplah (Director, Centre for Diagnostic Nuclear Imaging, Universiti Putra Malaysia)	09:00 - 09:40	Radiological detection of post-operative complications Prof. Huidan Xue (Professor, Department of Radiology, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, China)
09:50 - 10:20	CT assessment of neck and thorax Prof. Subo Priya Supplah (Director, Centre for Diagnostic Nuclear Imaging, Universiti Putra Malaysia)	09:40 - 10:20	RECIST and iRECIST criteria Prof. Tsukasa Saida (Associate Professor, Department of Radiology, University of Tsukuba, Japan)
10:20 - 11:00	CKR interpretation Dr. Joanna Luk Ping Lam (Resident Specialist, AICU, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong)	10:20 - 11:00	Review of Workshop Parts 1 and 2 Prof. Elaine Lee (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, the University of Hong Kong)
11:00 - 11:15	Break	11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 11:55	CT and MRI assessment of abdomen Prof. Elaine Lee (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, the University of Hong Kong)	11:15 - 11:55	Case presentation (MDT panelists)
11:55 - 12:35	CT and MRI assessment of pelvis Prof. Yee Liang Tolan (Senior Consultant, Department of Diagnostic Imaging, National University Hospital, Singapore)	11:55 - 12:35	Quiz Prof. Elaine Lee (Clinical Associate Professor, the University of Hong Kong)
		12:35 - 12:45	Closing Dr. Rohana Haththotawa (Secretary General, AOFOG)
			

The 3-day AOFOG Radiology Virtual Workshop on 29 Aug, 5 Sep and 12 Sep 2026


Lastly, the OGS HK will organise the Annual Scientific Meeting 2026 cum 65th Anniversary Symposium in Hong Kong on 28-29 Nov 2026, where there will be an AOFOG session.



The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong
Annual Scientific Meeting 2026
 28-29 November 2026
 Hong Kong Palace Museum

For more details 

Abstract Submission Deadline: **31 August 2026**
 Early-bird Registration: **15 September 2026**

 www.ogshkasm.org

The Annual Scientific Meeting 2026 cum 65th Anniversary Symposium in Hong Kong on 28-29 Nov 2026



The Oncology Committee, together with the OGS HK and the University of Hong Kong, will organise the pre-congress ‘3rd Intensive post-operative care (iPOC) course’, which aims to enhance the knowledge in the recognition and management of post-operative complications. It is composed of lectures and practical sessions. Apart from gynaecological oncologists, the faculty members also include anaesthetist, intensive care unit physicians and surgeons. The number of participants for the practical session limits to 24 only and is of first-come-first-serve basis.

1-day Interactive Programme

- ❖ Lectures
- ❖ Quiz
- ❖ Practical (6 stations)

Aims

- To enhance the knowledge in the recognition of post-operative complications
- To develop practical skills in the management of post-operative complications
- To improve quality of care

The course is relevant to all trainees, fellows and young specialists, with a focus on gynecologic oncology operations



3rd Intensive Post-operative Care Course

Pre-OGSHK Annual Scientific Meeting Workshop

27 Nov 2026
2 & 7/F, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Co-organizers



ASIA & OCEANIA FEDERATION
OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY



School of Clinical Medicine
Department of Obstetrics
& Gynaecology
香港大學婦產科學系



Registration



08:45	Introduction <i>Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General, AOFOG) / Prof. Ka Yu Tse</i>
09:00	Assessment of surgical risk and peri-operative assessment <i>Dr. Andy Ng</i>
09:30	Post-operative monitoring after major surgery <i>Dr. Wallace Ngai</i>
10:00	Intravenous fluid management <i>Dr. Sai Kwong Yung</i>
10:30	Break
10:50	Initial management of unstable patients after operations <i>Prof. Tsukasa Baba</i>
11:20	Common medical causes for unstable patients after operations <i>Dr. Grace Lam</i>
11:50	Postoperative nutrition support <i>Prof. Dominic Foo</i>
12:20	Lunch (included for practical participants and faculty members)
13:30	Quiz and Briefing of the Practical session <i>Dr. Mandy Chu</i>
14:00	Practical session (6 stations) <i>All faculty members</i>
17:00	Debriefing session / Conclusion <i>Prof. Ka Yu Tse</i>

The programme may be subject to change

Faculty members

Prof. Tsukasa Baba	Advisor, MIS committee, AOFOG Clinical Professor Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Iwate Medical University School of Medicine, Japan
Prof. Karen Kar Loen Chan	Clinical Professor, Chief-of-Service Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital
Prof. Dominic Chu Chung Foo	Clinical Associate Professor Department of Surgery The University of Hong Kong
Prof. Philipp Harter	Professor, Clinical Director, Department for Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology Evangel. Kliniken Essen-Mitte, Essen, Germany
Dr. Grace Sin Man Lam	Consultant, Chief-of-Service Department of Intensive Care Unit Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
Dr. Andy Ng	Associate Consultant Department of Anesthesiology Queen Mary Hospital
Dr. Wallace Ngai	Consultant, Chief-of-Service Department of Intensive Care Unit Queen Mary Hospital
Dr. Sai Kwong Yung	Consultant Department of Intensive Care Unit Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Organizing committee
Chairman: Prof. Ka Yu Tse (Chair, Oncology committee, AOFOG; President, OGS HK)
Members:
Dr. Aaron Chan (Associate Consultant, Queen Mary Hospital)
Dr. Jessie Chiu (Consultant, United Christian Hospital)
Dr. Mandy Chu (Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, the University of Hong Kong)
Dr. Winnie Hui (Consultant, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital)

The 3rd Intensive Post-operative Care course in Hong Kong on 27 Nov 2026

Dr. Ka Yu Tse
Chair, Gynaecological Oncology Committee

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Report of the Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility Committee

AOFOG Campus 5. *Poor Ovarian Response: Cutting-Edge Approaches for Poor Responders in Fertility Treatment*

Chennai, India - 21st December 2025

AOFOG Campus 5, held on 21 December 2025 at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, brought together leading experts in reproductive endocrinology and infertility to address one of the most persistent challenges in assisted reproductive technology: poor ovarian response. The workshop provided a comprehensive platform for discussing the latest advancements in diagnostics, genomics, and personalized treatment strategies. The opening ceremony led by AOFOG President Dr. John Tait, followed by insightful remarks from REI Committee Chairman Prof. Budi Wiweco.

Throughout the day, participants engaged in a series of scientific sessions covering ovarian reserve assessment, genomics and epigenetics, novel stimulation protocols, and the integration of artificial intelligence in predicting fertility outcomes. The program also emphasized a holistic approach to patient care, including the role of psychological well-being and mind–body interventions. The workshop concluded with a panel discussion on future directions in managing poor responders, highlighting the importance of regional collaboration and innovation. Overall, AOFOG Campus 5 successfully fostered knowledge exchange and strengthened clinical capacity, contributing to improved fertility care across the Asia-Oceania region.

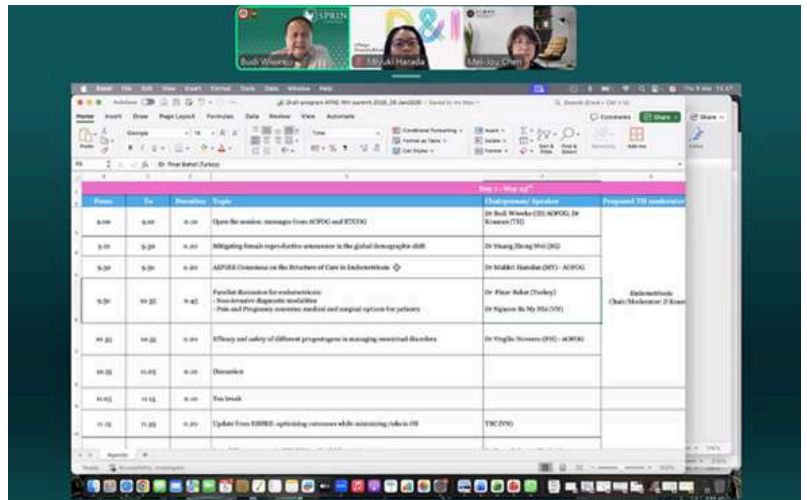


AOFOG REI Committee Online Meeting - 5th March 2026

The AOFOG REI Committee held an online meeting to review upcoming educational initiatives and collaborative activities. Two AOFOG CAMPUS programs are in preparation: CAMPUS 6 on abnormal uterine bleeding, tentatively scheduled for May 2026, and CAMPUS 7 on disorders of sexual development, planned for June following the ASPIRE meeting. In addition, a collaboration with Abbott is being organized in Bangkok on 23 May 2026, featuring experts from Southeast Asia.



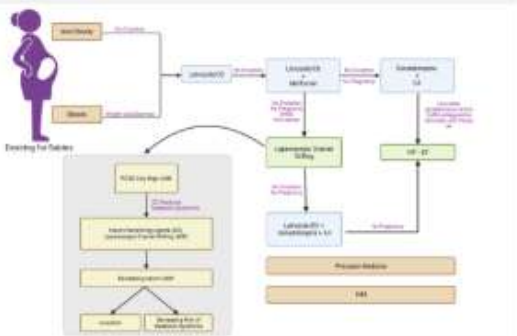
The committee also confirmed the AOFOG 2026 Pre-Congress Workshop, titled *“Innovations in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility: Exploring the Frontiers of Science and Technology,”* will take place on 12 October 2026 as a half-day session. Updates were also shared on the fellowship programme.



- o Nonobese patients, or those obese women who do not ovulate after lifestyle changes, are submitted to ovulation-induction therapy with Letrozole or clomiphene citrate (CC)
- o Obese CC-resistant patients who have impaired glucose tolerance or insulin resistance are treated with a combination of metformin.
- o If these treatment options are unsuccessful, ovulation induction with exogenous gonadotropin therapy or laparoscopic ovarian drilling (LOD) is recommended.
- o Low-dose gonadotropins with Intra Uterine Insemination is recommended with careful monitoring in order to reduce the risk of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS) and multiple pregnancies.
- o Alternatively, with LOD high successful pregnancy rates of around 60 % are expected with a low risk of multiple pregnancies. Besides a very high AMH with PCOS, LOD is the preferable choice of option with adequate surgical skill and ovarian reserve should be optimized.
- o If ovulation induction is unsuccessful, IVF-ET treatment is indicated.
- o Low dose gonadotropins and GnRH antagonist protocol may be considered
- o In high OHSS-risk patients, systematic embryo freezing and subsequent frozen embryo transfer cycles are recommended.
- o Role of Invitro maturation (IVM) and precision Medicine may have a role.

PCOS Preliminary Statement

The AOFOG REI Committee has developed a Preliminary Statement on the diagnosis and management of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), tailored to the unique characteristics of women in the Asia-Pacific region. This statement addresses regional variations in clinical presentation, diagnostic challenges, and treatment approaches, while emphasizing the need for culturally appropriate, evidence-based, and multidisciplinary care to improve outcomes for women with PCOS.



re 1. Diagram of Recommended PCOS Treatment with Desiring for Babies.

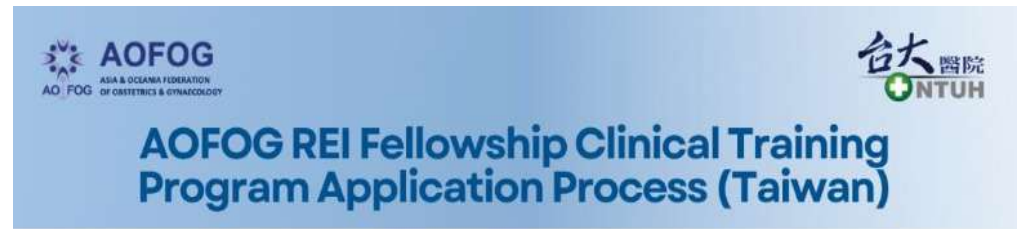


OPEN FOR APPLICATION!
AOFOG REI FELLOWSHIP CLINICAL TRAINING (TAIWAN)

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 Please check the NTUH official website for the latest information.

AOFOG REI Fellowship Clinical Training

The AOFOG REI Committee has made steady progress in advancing its Fellowship Clinical Training Programme, with participation already initiated in Taiwan and early interest seen from applicants across the region. The programme continues to gain momentum, with several other AOFOG member countries expressing strong interest in opening their centers for future training opportunities.



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台大醫院 NTUH

AOFOG REI Fellowship Clinical Training Program Application Process (Taiwan)

Eligibility Criteria

- Foreign physicians with valid medical license
- Have completed ≥ 1 year of OBGYN residency and be in good health and academic standing

Training Duration

1-3 Months
 Observer status only
 observation and learning focused

Financial Requirements


Tuition Fee Structure

- Standard Rate: waive the charge

Funding Support

- Not Applicable


Accommodation Options:




CityInn Hotel Plus
Ximending Branch



YMCA



JustSleep
Taipei Ximending



CityInn Hotel
Taipei Station Branch1
Taipei Station Branch2
Taipei Station Branch3

Additional Expenses (self-funded):

- Estimated living expense: 620-650 USD/month
- Accommodation: hospital does not provide dormitory or housing

Application Timeline and Preparation

4 Months before start date! The application takes about 4-6 months to be reviewed and assessed by the Taiwan government. If you need to apply for a visa, apply as soon as possible!

Process:

- Contact Ms. Hui-Ling Chen to confirm the requirements
- Download the application form
- Complete all required sections carefully
- Gather all supporting documents as listed in the form
- All non-English documents must include certified English translations application form

Application Form



Day-life in NTUH and Taiwan

- Food:** NT\$100-200/meal
- Transportation**
 - From Airport to NTUH
 - Shuttle bus from Taoyuan Airport Terminal I/II to Taipei Main Station. Then walk for 15 min or take a taxi (NT\$100) to NTUH
 - Taxi from airport to NTUH ±NT\$1,500.
 - Getting around Taipei: MRT, bus, taxi, or walk!
 - Get an EasyCard at any MRT station for convenient travel
- Climate:** Summer (May-Sep): 25-37°C, Winter (Dec-Feb): 13-21°C, Spring (Mar-Apr): 15-26°C, Autumn (Oct-Nov): 17-28°C.
- Living Expenses:** Budget per week: ± 620 - 650 USD/month
- & of course, sightseeing & shopping!**

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AOFOG Action Plan Meeting & Executive Board Meeting

Welcoming Dinner -10th April 2026

The Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOFOG) convened the AOFOG Action Plan Meeting (APM) and Executive Board Meeting (EBM) in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 11 April 2026. The meetings brought together stakeholders in women's health from across the world. Held at the Shangri-La Jakarta, the event served as a platform for strategic discussions, collaboration, and planning for future initiatives.

The event commenced on 10 April 2026 with a Welcoming Dinner hosted by the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISOG).



Executive Board and Action Plan Meeting - 11th April 2026

On 11 April 2026, the meeting program began with the Executive Board Meeting (EBM) from 09:00 to 12:30 WIB, followed by the Action Plan Meeting (APM) from 13:30 to 16:30 WIB. These sessions were designed to address reproductive endocrinology and infertility (REI) challenges in the Asia-Oceania region, discuss strategies related to the population crisis and aging population in Asia-Oceania, provide a clear roadmap and monitor the progress of proposed initiatives, optimize resource utilization through coordination among stakeholders, and ensure alignment of initiatives with organizational priorities.



SPRIN Fun Walk - 12th April 2026

The proceedings concluded with the SPRIN Fun Walk, which was held during Jakarta's Car Free Day (CFD) on Sunday, 12 April 2026, from 06:00 to 10:00 WIB.

The activity took place along the main Car Free Day route on Jalan Sudirman – MH Thamrin, covering the Bundaran HI to Senayan area. The event provided participants with an opportunity to engage in a healthy and enjoyable community activity while fostering closer interaction among AFOG members and delegates. This closing activity reflected AFOG's commitment to promoting health, companionship, wellness, and a strong sense of community among its members.



AOFOG CAMPUS 6 - 19th May 2026

Organized by the AOFOG REI Committee, was held online on 19 May 2026 and focused on abnormal uterine bleeding. This educational program featured three concise lectures delivered by experts in the field, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

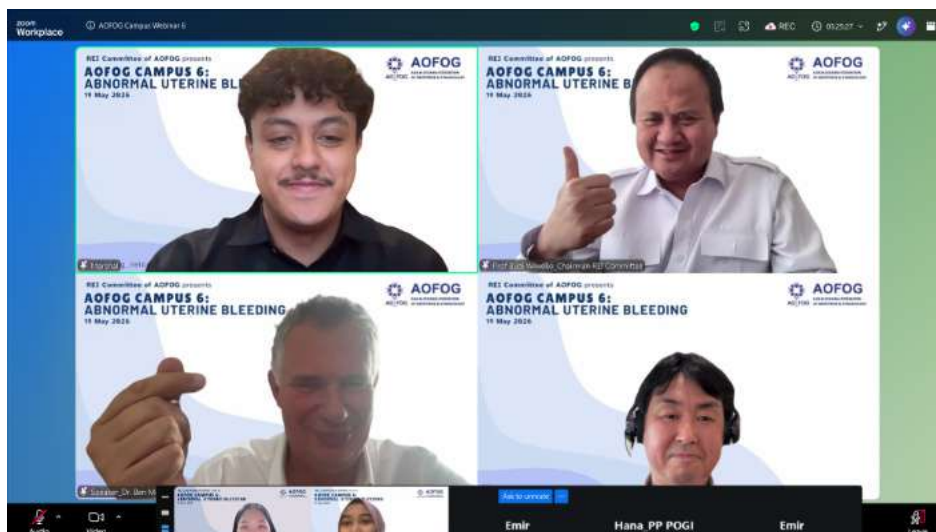
The program aimed to enhance participants' knowledge and clinical approach to the evaluation and management of abnormal uterine bleeding.

The session commenced with an opening speech by John Tait, the current President of Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, followed by opening remarks from Budi Wiweko, Chairman of the AOFOG REI Committee. The session was chaired by Masahito Tachibana from Japan.

The first lecture was delivered by Somjate Malnipaviratn from Thailand on the topic Innovations in the Diagnosis of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding, followed by a presentation by Nusrat from Bangladesh on Advances in Non-Invasive Treatment Options. The program concluded with a lecture by Ben Willem Mol on the topic Evidence-Based Management of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding.

The event was attended by approximately 180 participants from various countries, including Indonesia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Nepal, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Australia, Taiwan, Myanmar, France, and Japan. Each session was followed by an engaging and interactive question-and-answer discussion with the participants.

The poster features the AOFOG logo at the top right. The main title is 'AOFOG CAMPUS 6: ABNORMAL UTERINE BLEEDING' in large, bold, blue and black letters. Below the title is a subtitle: 'Gain current knowledge and insights into the latest technological advancements in the management of AUB to enhance patient care and treatment outcomes'. A section titled 'Our Speakers' lists seven speakers with their photos and roles: John Tait (President AOFOG), Rohana Haththotuwa (General Secretary AOFOG), Budi Wiweko (Opening Remarks), Tachibana Masahito (Chairman of Session), Somjate Malnipaviratn (Innovations in Diagnosis of Abnormal Uterine Bleeding), Nusrat Mahmud (Advances in Non-invasive Treatment Options), and Ben Mol (Evidence Based in AUB Management). The event details are: 01.00 - 03.00 PM (GMT +7) on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, via Zoom Webinar. A QR code is provided for registration. At the bottom, there is a 'REGISTER HERE' link (BIT.LY/AOFOGCAMPUS6_AUB), a QR code, and contact numbers: +6281353582537 (ANGELICA) and +6281213378540 (NAMIRA). A 'FREE REGISTRATION' banner is at the very bottom.



REI Committee AFOG Scientific Meeting

The AFOG REI Committee, in collaboration with Abbott, hosted a scientific meeting in Bangkok on 23 May 2026, bringing together regional experts to discuss key topics in reproductive medicine.

The program included sessions on female reproductive senescence, endometriosis care and management, advances in ovarian stimulation and IVF practices, and the evolving role of artificial intelligence in reproductive health. Interactive panel discussions and roundtable sessions addressed practical challenges such as miscarriage management, progestogen use, and recurrent pregnancy loss, while a dedicated segment on menopause explored hormone replacement strategies in Asian populations.



Upcoming Events

AOFOG CAMPUS 7 – 9th June 2026

AOFOG CAMPUS 7, organized by the AOFOG REI Committee, will be held on 9 June 2026 as a half-day online training program titled *“Cutting Edge Technology in the Context of Disorder of Sexual Development.”* The program aims to enhance understanding of disorders of sexual development (DSD) and their clinical implications, while highlighting emerging technologies that improve diagnosis and management. Key topics will include an introduction to DSD, advances in diagnostic technologies, and the latest developments in treatment modalities, providing participants with updated, practical insights for clinical practice.

AOFOG 2026 Pre-Congress Workshop - Sydney, 12th October 2026

The AOFOG REI Committee will also contribute to the AOFOG 2026 Congress through the Advanced Half-Day Workshop on Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine, scheduled for 12 October 2026 at the ICC Sydney as part of the pre-congress workshops. This half-day session will explore emerging concepts and innovations aimed at improving reproductive outcomes, reflecting the congress theme of advancing science and technology in women’s health. Designed for clinicians and specialists, the workshop will provide insights into evolving strategies in reproductive medicine and highlight future directions in optimizing fertility and patient care.

Closing Note

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements and collaborative spirit showcased in this issue, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all contributors, speakers, and organizers whose dedication made these milestones possible. Your commitment to advancing reproductive health continues to inspire and empower our community across the Asia-Oceania region.

We welcome your thoughts, feedback, and contributions for future editions of the AOFOG Newsletter. Whether it’s sharing event updates, research highlights, or insightful commentary, your voice plays a vital role in shaping a stronger, more connected REI community.

Let us continue to grow together through shared knowledge, meaningful partnerships, and collective action.

Warm regards,

Professor Budi Wiweko
Chair, RE&I Committee

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Report of the Ultrasound Committee

AOFOG-SCGO Ultrasound Outreach II

22-24 May 2025 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The AOFOG Ultrasound Committee, in collaboration with the Societe Cambodgienne de Gynecologie et d'obstetrique (SCGO), was invited back to the city as a follow-up on the Ultrasound Outreach program and Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop. The program this time focused on three separate thrusts: to build on the knowledge from the last workshop, ensure accessibility of the program to the rest of the SCGO members in provinces and conduct credentialing assessment for the first group of trainers.

The workshop once again had overwhelming attendance, with over 150 delegates present on-site and 140 joining virtually as part of the partnership between SCGO and Ministry of Health, Cambodia. (For context, the SCGO has about 500 members). There were also radiologists and paediatric cardiologists eagerly joining the workshop. Hosted by Calmette hospital, the largest public hospital with a capacity of over 1500 beds, the event was officiated by Director General His Excellency Prof Kong Sonya, himself a radiologist by training.



Invited guests to the opening ceremony include Director General His Excellency Prof Kong Sonya (bottom left), Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health & Technical Advisor OBGYN Calmette Hospital Prof Kruy Leang Sim (third from right). Prof Korn Aun (bottom right) worked tirelessly as the organizing chair



Distinguished guests and lead trainers during the photo call. President of SCGO Prof Koum Kanal (bottom left) emphasizing a point to the participants. Some of the lead trainers in high spirits, getting ready for the second day with Prof Kanal and Secretary of SCGO, Ms Naren (far right)



President of AOFOG Dr John Tait generously set aside his time to record an opening remark and delivered a lecture entitled “*AOFOG: Making a difference regionally through training initiatives*”. A gamut of topics were covered by AOFOG speakers, Ultrasound Chair Dr Voon Hian Yan (Malaysia) and committee member Dr Adrianes Bachnas (Indonesia). Specific focus on fetal cardiology, neurology, congenital anomalies of the kidney & urinary tract were imbibed into the program.

In lieu of didactic lectures, several live demonstrations were conducted to emphasize on the importance of image optimization, knobology and practical scanning techniques. These were live-streamed to audiences as well, via the platform hosted by the Ministry of Health. The 18 trainers were joined by 5 new members, taking the total to 23. Each of the trainer were required to present cases and highlight learning points from cases they have managed since the last workshop.

The afternoon sessions on both days were dedicated for assessment of the trainers. Each trainer was required to perform and complete a checklist of ultrasound images within a prespecified time frame. Feedback was given during or immediately after the scan where possible, and indirect feedback was performed for the rest, based on images saved. The results were collated in a marksheet prepared specifically for this course. A 30-question MCQ quiz was held and the feedback obtained from participants were encouraging. Understanding the participants’ views allowed us to evaluate the quality of the teaching and plan for potential future collaboration.

Overall, the event was huge success, and covered by several local media outlets. We would like to extend our profound gratitude to the SCGO, General Electrics and Medigroup for their impeccable organisation and logistical support, which ensured the success of this large-scale hybrid event.



Dr Adrianes Bachnas (left) and Dr Voon performing live demonstration to the audience, simultaneously streamed by the MOH to participants joining virtually



A “full house” and banner highlighting collaboration between AOFOG, SCGO, Calmette Hospital and the Ministry of Health, Cambodia

Upcoming activities

AOFOG-OGSM Symposium

33rd International Congress of OGSM, Kuala Lumpur

Join the AOFOG-OGSM Symposium on the first day of the congress, 10th July 2026. Co-chaired by Secretary General Dr Rohana Haththotuwa, Deputy Secretary Prof. Krishnendu Gupta three different AOFOG committee chairpersons, our society was given the privilege by OGSM with this symposium. Ultrasound Chair Dr Voon Hian Yan will speak on “A Beat Ahead: Can Fetal Echo Predict Stillbirth in Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy?”, Oncology Chair and President of the OGSHK Prof Ka-Yu Tse will speak on “Decoding the FIGO Staging of Endometrial cancer” while Prof Budi Budi Wiweko, Chair of the Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and President of the Indonesian Society of O&G (POGI) will enlighten us on “Turning the Hourglass: Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine”

Top 100 abstracts will be published in a supplementary journal of the Medical Journal of Malaysia

For more information, visit <https://ogsm.org.my/ogsm2026/>



33rd International Congress of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia

9-12 July 2026 | One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia



33rd International Congress of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia

Thriving Together
Integrating Sustainability into Women's Health Practices

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 JAN 2026** Registration and abstract submission opens
- 27 MAY 2026** Abstract submission deadline **[extended]**
- 09 JUL 2026** Pre-congresses
- 10 JUL 2026** Congress begins!

FACULTY



AOFOG 2026 | **Equivolution:**
Equity and Sustainability in Women's Health
12-15 October | Sydney | Australia

Masterclass in O&G Ultrasound
Monday, 12 October 2026 | Sydney, Australia
Workshop Time: 1315 – 1725 (Registration from 1245 – 1315)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

- Be cognisant of the latest updates on various aspects of screening in pregnancy, from controversies to best practices.
- Advance their knowledge in evaluating the fetal venous system and discover practical tips in fetal echocardiography.
- Understand the role of ultrasound in diagnosis of common and emergent gynaecological conditions which may require surgical intervention.
- Evaluate current recommendations on biopsy of suspected gynaecological lesions.

ABSTRACT

This workshop invites participants to explore and challenge the current concept of screening in obstetrics. A wide-ranging program has been curated to examine the nuances of screening, from non-invasive prenatal screening to systematic screening for fetal venous anomalies. This immersive session will also focus on the transformative role of ultrasound in diagnosing and managing complex gynaecological conditions, exploring techniques ranging from 3D imaging in gynaecology to transvaginal biopsies and intraoperative ultrasound in fibroid ablation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Obstetricians, Gynaecologists, Radiologists, Sonographers and Trainees seeking to enhance their knowledge of obstetric ultrasound and ultrasound-guided procedural skills and stay abreast of global best practices. Gain confidence in managing complex cases and network with peers and leaders in the field. An in-depth session is expected with some of Asia & Oceania's leaders in the field.

Time	Program	Speaker
1245-1315	Registration	RANZCOG Secretariat
1315-1320	Welcome note and introduction by Chairperson	Dr Voon Hian Yan
1320-1340	Screening for cervical insufficiency in the first trimester: Promise and Perils (Lecture)	Prof Liona Poon (Hong Kong)
1340-1400	Prenatal screening for rare autosomal aneuploidy and microdeletions (Lecture)	Prof Jon Hyett (Australia)
1400-1420	Sagittal views in Fetal echocardiography: Is it useful in screening? (Lecture)	Dr Ritu Mogra (Australia)
1420-1440	Systematic screening for fetal venous anomalies (Lecture)	Dr Adrianes Bachnas (Indonesia)
1440- 1450	Q&A	
1450-1515	Live Demonstration on fetal echocardiography	Dr Ritu Mogra (Australia)
1515-1535	Networking break	All
1535-1555	Emergency Gynaecology: Evaluation of interstitial and caesarean scar pregnancy (Lecture)	Dr Jose Garcia Flores (Australia)
1555-1615	Intraoperative gynaecological ultrasound in microwave ablation of uterine fibroids (Lecture)	Dr Voon Hian Yan (Malaysia)
1615-1635	Transvaginal ultrasound-guided biopsy in gynaecological malignancies (Lecture)	Dr Nelinda Pangilinan (Philippines)
1635-1655	Leveraging Artificial intelligence in ultrasound diagnosis of endometriosis	Assc Prof George Condous (Australia)
1655-1715	Making sense of 3D ultrasound in gynaecology (Lecture)	Dr Sarika Gupta (Australia)
1715-1725	Q&A and Closing	All Faculty

Speakers and program are proposals and subject to change



Voon Hian Yan



Liona Poon



Jon Hyett



Ritu Mogra



Nelinda C. Pangilinan



George Condous



Adrianes Bachnas



Jose Garcia Flores



Sarika Gupta

Do reach out to us if your national society has training needs or ideas we could collaborate on vhaxyn@gmail.com or DM [@voonhymfm](https://www.instagram.com/voonhymfm).

Prepared by,

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Report of the Sexual & Reproductive Health Committee and Violence Against Women Working Group

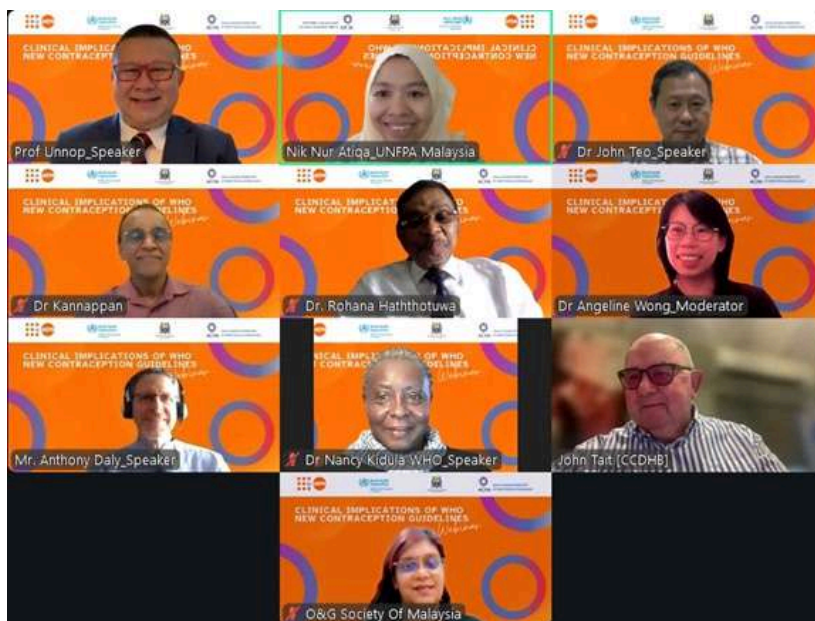
1. AOFOG – OGSM – UNFPA – WHO Webinar

On 28 February 2026, the AOFOG SRH Committee co-hosted 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 was organized following the publication of the WHO Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (MEC), 6th Edition and the Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use (SPR), 4th Edition - the first major updates to these landmark guidelines in more than a decade. The programme opened with welcome remarks from Dr. John Tait (President, AOFOG) and Dr. Kannappan Palaniappan (President-Elect, OGSM), and was chaired by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General, AOFOG). The scientific programme featured:

- An overview of the updated WHO MEC 6th and SPR 4th editions by Dr. Nancy Kidula (WHO)
- Clinical implications of the MEC 6th Edition presented by Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn (Chair, SRH Committee, AOFOG)
- Practical application of the SPR 4th Edition by Dr. John Teo (Malaysia)
- Implementation challenges and opportunities in the Asia–Oceania region, including the role of UNFPA, presented by Dr. Anthony Daly (UNFPA)

The webinar concluded with an interactive panel discussion moderated by Dr. Angeline Wong Tze Yin (SRH Committee Member, AOFOG).

The event attracted approximately 700 registrants from across the Asia–Oceania region, with 250 participants attending the live session. A recording of the webinar is available on the AOFOG website for those who were unable to attend.



Family planning cornerstones

For Policymakers and program managers

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For FP service providers

Key topics reviewed in this update

MEC

- Progestogen-only contraceptive (POC) use among breastfeeding women
- Intrauterine device (IUD) use among breastfeeding women
- Repeat use of ECPs within a single cycle
- Use of hormonal contraception for women living with HIV and using antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- Use of hormonal contraception for women taking HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Contraception in women with Inflammatory bowel disease

SPR

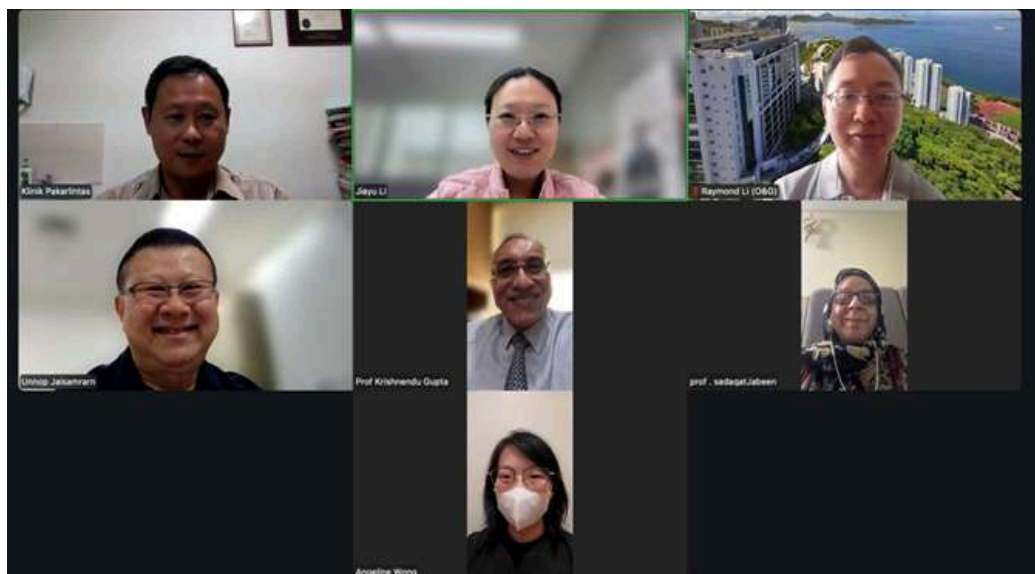
- Medication to ease interval IUD placement
- Non-pharmacological interventions to ease interval IUD placement

2. Regional survey – Violence Against Women (VAW) in Asia and Oceania region

The AOFOG VAW Working Group continues to conduct a multi-country survey on violence against women, focusing on two key populations: reproductive-aged women and healthcare personnel. This large-scale initiative aims to generate comprehensive data to better understand the prevalence, impact, and patterns of violence against women across diverse settings in the Asia–Oceania region. Data collection among reproductive-aged women in Thailand has been successfully completed, and data collection among healthcare personnel in Thailand is currently underway. In addition, data collection among healthcare personnel has also been completed in Nepal and India. Data collection in additional participating countries is now ongoing, to further expand the regional scope and impact of the survey. This important initiative is expected to support the development of evidence-based strategies and interventions to prevent violence against women and improve the health, safety, and well-being of women throughout the region.

3. AOFOG SRH Committee & VAW Working Group Meeting

On 11 May 2026, the AOFOG SRH Committee and VAW Working Group convened an online meeting to review ongoing activities and future plans. The SRH Committee reported progress on the development of the upcoming AOFOG Practice Recommendations on Postpartum Contraception. A new proposal on the non-contraceptive use of oral contraceptives was also introduced for future academic activities. Updates were shared regarding continuing medical education (CME) programmes and webinar collaborations with India, Mongolia, and Pakistan. Preparations for AOFOG workshops and scientific sessions in Indonesia and Sri Lanka were also discussed.



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1. News from The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM)



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RCOG World Congress 2027 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dear friends and colleagues, Mark your calendars.

The 2027 RCOG World Congress will be back in our region, after almost nine years and only for the second time in Malaysia.

The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) is honoured to host and co-organise this prestigious scientific event, which will take place from the 21st to the 24th of April 2027 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The venue will be the iconic Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, at the heart of the city, adjoining the tallest twin towers in the world. OGSM has always delivered standards and quality, and our collaboration with the RCOG will mark another milestone event as we aim to progress the science related to women's health in the region and globally.

We warmly welcome members and friends from the AOFOG to join us in Kuala Lumpur in 2027 as we aspire to strengthen camaraderie, network and indulge in the science related to women's health.

Sincerely,

Dr Muniswaran Ganeshan,
Co-organising chair of the
2027 RCOG World Congress,
Immediate Past president of
the OGSM 2025/2026,
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Find out more at rcog.org.uk/congress2027 

2. News from The Mongolian Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (MFOG)

New Era of Medical Assessment: Specialist Exams Go Digital in Mongolia

The Mongolian Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has successfully introduced an online format for specialist qualification examinations. Video lectures for physicians were delivered through the association's website, and the examinations were conducted in several stages, including theoretical, practical, station-based, and report defense assessments.

From the remote western and eastern provinces:

- 11 physicians participated in the theoretical online examination
- 4 physicians took part in the practical and station-based examinations
- 3 physicians successfully completed the report defense examination online.

This online format has played an important role in supporting the continuous professional development of physicians in rural areas and improving equal access to training and assessment opportunities.



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President of MFOG

3. News from the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (SLCOG)



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4. News from the Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG)

AOFOG Session at the TAOG 2026 Congress

The Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG) successfully hosted its 65th Annual Congress and 12th International Symposium in Taipei on March 28–29, 2026.

A dedicated AOFOG Session was held on March 28, chaired by AOFOG leaders including Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su (President-Elect, AOFOG), Prof. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary-General, AOFOG), and Prof. Joong Shin Park (Vice President, AOFOG).

The session featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. John Tait (President of AOFOG), Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon (Immediate Past President), and Prof. Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary-General), who delivered insightful presentations on key issues such as international collaboration, postpartum haemorrhage guidelines, and the impact of environmental challenges on women's health.

The session was well attended and generated active discussion, providing a valuable platform for academic exchange and regional collaboration.

TAOG sincerely appreciates AOFOG's continued partnership and support, and looks forward to further strengthening collaboration in advancing women's health across the region. TAOG is also honored to host the AOFOG Congress in Taipei in 2028 and warmly welcomes colleagues from across the region to join us for this important event.



Prof. Jian-Pei Huang
Secretary-General
Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (TAOG)

5. News from the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS)

14th Asian Congress on Endometriosis 2026 (ACE 2026)

It gives me great pleasure to invite colleagues from across the region and beyond to join us for the 14th Asian Congress on Endometriosis (ACE) 2026, organised by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS), which will be held in Singapore from 23rd to 25th October 2026.

Under the theme, "Changing the Narrative: A New Dawn for Endometriosis and Adenomyosis," this congress will bring together leading international experts, clinicians, scientists, allied healthcare professionals, and patient advocates to foster dialogue, innovation, and multidisciplinary collaboration in advancing the care of women with endometriosis and adenomyosis, conditions that continue to impact millions of women across Asia and around the world.

With a robust scientific programme featuring cutting-edge research, advanced imaging, surgery, fertility, and patient-centred care, ACE 2026 promises to be an exceptional platform for education, collaboration, networking, and regional partnership.



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KEY SPEAKERS



Prof. Andrew Horne



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Prof. Mohamed Mabrouk



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Prof. Sun Wei Guo



Prof. Tasuku Harada

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

 <p>Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis: Lessons from Three Decades of Clinical Research</p>	 <p>Endometriosis Across the Life Course: Long-Term Health Implications</p>
 <p>Surgical Excellence & Complex Disease</p>	 <p>Imaging Masterclass in Endometriosis: From Detection to Disease Mapping</p>
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We warmly welcome our friends and colleagues from AOFOG to Singapore for what we hope will be a meaningful, memorable, and impactful meeting for all.

For more information, please visit the Congress website:

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Warmest Regards

Asst Prof Serene Thain
President
Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore

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From Recognition to Responsibility: My Journey as an AOFOG YGA

Receiving the AOFOG Mizuno-Ratnam Young Gynaecologist Award (YGA) in 2024 was not only a personal milestone, but a transformative turning point in my professional journey. Looking back, I realize that the YGA program is far more than an award—it is a platform that empowers young obstetricians and gynecologists across Asia and Oceania to grow, connect, and lead.



Coming from Vietnam, where clinical workload is high and resources are often constrained, opportunities for international exposure and mentorship can be limited. AOFOG changed that trajectory for me.

Through the YGA network, I was introduced to a vibrant, supportive community of peers and mentors. We exchanged ideas, shared clinical experiences, and encouraged one another to pursue excellence. This regional connectivity helped me step beyond my local practice and engage with global standards of care.

Over the past two years, with the foundation built through AOFOG, I have been fortunate to achieve several milestones. These include being awarded the FIGO and Chien-Tien Hsu Fellowship in Gynaecologic Oncology in 2025—granted to only two gynecologists worldwide—and being appointed as the Country Ambassador of the International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS) for Vietnam (2025–2027). I also had the honor of becoming a member of the IPVS Scholarship Sub-Committee and serving as a mentor within the IPVS Mentorship Program. These achievements are not isolated successes; they are a reflection of how early recognition and sustained mentorship can accelerate the development of young clinicians into future leaders.



In my home country, I have increasingly taken on roles in education, research, and clinical standardization—particularly in the field of HPV infection and cervical pre-cancer management. Working in a high-volume tertiary center such as Tu Du Hospital, I have had the opportunity to translate international knowledge into practical, scalable models suited to local healthcare settings.

One of the most meaningful aspects of this journey has been contributing to advanced clinical care. In 2025, our multidisciplinary team successfully performed a highly complex fetal cardiac intervention for critical aortic valve atresia in a mid-gestation fetus—an achievement that marked an important step forward for fetal therapy in Vietnam and the region.

For me, being a YGA is no longer just about personal achievement—it is about responsibility. Responsibility to give back, to mentor the next generation, and to contribute actively to the regional and global OB-GYN community. As we look forward to AFOG 2026 and beyond, I remain deeply committed to supporting the YGA network—whether through academic contributions, mentorship, or collaborative initiatives. Having once benefited from this platform, I now see it as my role to help expand opportunities for others. AFOG has created more than a program; it has built a community that believes in young doctors, invests in their potential, and empowers them to make meaningful impacts in their countries.

I am proud to be part of that journey.

Dr. Quyen Nguyen
YGA 2024 – Vietnam



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AOFOG 2026 Congress Update

Planning for the AOFOG 2026 Congress continues to gain strong momentum, with registrations tracking well and significant progress across the scientific program, workshops, sponsorship, and marketing campaigns.

Following the close of abstract submissions in April, the focus has now shifted to driving registrations ahead of the Early Bird deadline on 30 June 2026. Marketing activity is currently being delivered across multiple channels, including email campaigns, digital advertising, social media, newsletters, and video content, with engagement levels exceeding industry benchmarks. Website traffic also continues to grow strongly, with more than 20,000 users visiting the Congress website since January.

The scientific program continues to evolve, with the addition of a fifth keynote speaker, Professor Arul Kumaran, and strong engagement from invited speakers across the region and internationally. 730 abstracts have been received, with submissions currently in the final stages of review. Presenters will have the opportunity to participate across a range of formats including oral presentations, three-minute thesis sessions, interactive e-posters, and traditional posters.

Workshops have now officially launched, including the *“Using Maternity Data to Improve Outcomes”* workshop, which will bring together maternity units from across the Asia-Pacific region for practical discussion and shared learning around maternity data and quality improvement. Led by Dr Michael Robson, founder of the Ten Group Classification System (TGCS), the workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to explore interpretation of their own maternity data, discuss local challenges and outcomes, and strengthen understanding of how data can be used to support clinical improvement within their own services.

Sponsorship and exhibition sales continue to perform strongly, with exhibition space nearing capacity and only a limited number of booths remaining available.

The AOFOG 2026 Congress will bring together leading clinicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals from across the region for an exceptional scientific and networking experience in Sydney from 12–15 October 2026. We cannot wait to see you there.

Sara Brimfield

Head of Events - RANZCOG

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT:

AOFOG 2026 Keynote Lecture

**Speaking the Same Language in Labour and Delivery:
Using Outcome Data to Drive Global Change**
Michael Robson



Michael Robson is a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at The National Maternity Hospital, with extensive leadership experience in maternity care in England and Ireland. After earning his MBBS from St Thomas' Hospital in 1982, he held senior roles at Wycombe General Hospital and later served as Master of the National Maternity Hospital...
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John Tait

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Alison Wright

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Nisha Khot

ACOG President's Lecture
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Steven Fleischman

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AOFOG 2026 Pre-Congress Workshops Spotlight



This practical workshop helps clinicians and maternity leaders use the Ten Group Classification System (TGCS) to better interpret maternity outcome data and apply it in real clinical settings. It focuses on understanding data in local context, working with real-world imperfect datasets, and using insights to support quality improvement and leadership discussions rather than performance comparison or judgement.

VIEW THE 7 PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS*

* Each of the Pre-Congress Workshops has been priced separately and can be booked independently of the Congress.

AOFOG 2026 Social Program Highlights

While our scientific program delivers the critical data and insights to advance your practice, our social program is designed to cultivate the professional relationships that sustain them.

A pink banner for a welcome reception. The title '#AOFOG26 Welcome Reception' is in white. Below it is a photograph of people at a reception. To the right of the photo is text: 'A RELAXED AND INFORMAL WELCOME RECEPTION HELD IN THE CONGRESS EXHIBITION SPACE, OFFERING DELEGATES A CHANCE TO CONNECT AS AOFOG 2026 BEGINS.' Below that is a list of details: 'DATE: TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026', 'LOCATION: THE GALLERY, ICC SYDNEY', 'TIME: 1740-1940 HOURS', and 'PRICE: INCLUDED IN FULL DELEGATE REGISTRATIONS, ADDITIONAL TICKETS \$120'.

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Prof. Hiroaki Kajiyama.
Editor in Chief, JOGR, AOFOG

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