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To Presidents of Member Societies

Renaming of S S Ratnam Young Gynaecologists Award (SSR YGA).

The YGA programme was started in 1991 during the Presidency of Professor Masahiko Mizuno from Japan through the support of the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and subsequently the programme was supported by donor agencies and member societies on a voluntary basis.

Ten years later in 2001, it was renamed as SS Ratnam - Young Gynaecologists Award in memory of Emeritus Professor S. S. Ratnam, who was the President Elect of the AOFOG at the time of his demise and who had been its Secretary General for 21 years.

On the recommendation of Past President Dr. Ravi Chandran, AOFOG Exec Board this year decided to rename the **SSR YGA** as, '**Mizuno-Ratnam YGA**' so as to honour Late Prof Mizuno who initiated the programme.

So kindly be informed that in future SSR YGA will be referred to as Mizuno Ratnam YGA,

With kind regards

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General