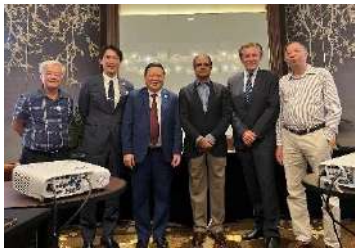


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President's Message



Dear AOFOG members,

Time really flies! It has been more than one year now since Professor Kazunori Ochiai induced me to become AOFOG president during our AOFOG 2022 Conference, May 2022 in Bali, Indonesia. Our current members of the AOFOG Executive and Standing Committees have less than one year to conduct activities for AOFOG. We have to work even harder to improve important SRH issues in our region as much as we can. I am confident that with the dedication and hard work of our members, we can make a significant difference in the lives of women and girls in our region. We have made some progress in recent years, but there is still much work to be done.

I have great pleasure to share some exciting news that Professor Kiyoko Kato has been selected to be the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Japanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG). In the name of all AOFOG members, I would like to offer my very big congratulations to Professor Kato. However, with the new extremely prestigious position, she will unfortunately have to leave the JOGR Editor in chief position. Professor Kato had dedicatedly served as the Editor-in-Chief of the JOGR since 2015. Under her vision, the JOGR has seen a significant increase in its impact factor. In 2020, the JOGR impact factor reached an all-time high of 1.73 and we have remained at this level until today. Just as importantly, I would also like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Professor Hiroaki Kajiyama, from Nagoya University, Graduate School of Medicine, as our new JOGR Editor-in-chief. I wish both Professor Kato and Professor Kajiyama all the best in their new roles.

AOFOG was invited to organize an AOFOG session for the 75th Annual Congress of the JSOG on May 12, 2023, in Tokyo, Japan, on the topic of "Climate Change, Environmental Toxins, and Reproductive Health." This was a very interesting and interactive session on this very important topic, kindly organized by Prof. Krishnendu Gupta, the AOFOG Deputy Secretary General and Chair of the Climate Change Working Group. Dr. Jeanne Conry, President of FIGO, also kindly attended and gave comments for our session.



AOFOG session at JSOG 2023



Online lecture on "Operationalizing Cervical Cancer Prevention" for PGH Postgraduate course

The Philippines has been very active in cervical cancer elimination following the AOFOG Manila Declaration in September 2019. I was very delighted to be invited by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine and Philippine General Hospital to be a guest lecturer for a lecture titled

"Operationalizing Cervical Cancer Prevention" in the annual Patient-oriented, Universal, Scientific Healthcare (PUSH) Postgraduate Course. This was a great opportunity to provide updated and evidence-based information, as well as inspire these young doctors to work on the issue of cervical cancer elimination. The lecture stimulated interactive discussion among the participants. I strongly encourage other national societies, especially those with high incidence of cervical cancer to teach and inspire your undergraduate and postgraduate students about the importance of cervical cancer elimination. We need them to work with us on this very important issue.

AOFOG held its latest executive committee and council meetings on June 13th and 14th in Hanoi, Vietnam. We are very grateful to the Vietnam Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (VAGO) under the leadership of Professor Nguyen Viet Tien, VAGO President, for kindly hosting these meetings. Both meetings were very successful and focused on the activities to be undertaken over the next year. AOFOG was also invited to organize two AOFOG sessions: Optimizing Cesarean Section, and Cervical Cancer.



AOFOG Council meeting, Hanoi, 14 June 2023

Both sessions were very interactive and stimulated important issues that VAGO will move forward with.



Token of Appreciation from AOFOG to VAGO



VAGO Congress Hanoi AOFOG Speakers

Always in service,

Pisake Lumbiganon
President, AOFOG.

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Secretary General's Message



We were able to conduct and also participate in several events during the last three months.

1. AOFOG Exec Board Meeting and Council Meeting

AOFOG Exec board was held on the 13th June and the Council meeting on the 14th June in Hanoi, Vietnam before the VAGO conference. Both meetings were held in Person and representatives from 14 countries joined the Council meeting. Council meeting was very interactive and it brought about closer collaboration among the member societies and the AOFOG officers.

I am Thankful to Prof Nguyễn Việt Tiến President VAGO, and all the officers of VAGO for hosting the two meetings which ran very smoothly. I must thank particularly Dr. Phuong Lan Pham, Treasurer VAGO for all her hard work and assistance given to the AOFOG secretariat to organize and conduct these events.

2. JSOG 2023 Congress

75th Annual Congress of Japan Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (JSOG) was held from May 12th to 14th 2023 in Tokyo, Japan. AOFOG was invited to conduct a session on “*Climate Change, Environmental Toxins and Reproductive Health*”. Prof Krishnendu Gupta. Chair “*Climate Change & Pollution Working Group*” planned the programme which was well received by the participants. The four speakers Dr. Ravi Chandran, Prof Ditas D Decena, Prof Krishnendu Gupta, and Prof Junichi Sugawara from JSOG delivered excellent lectures highlighting the severity of the problem, the harm caused to reproductive health and how to be prepared in emergency situations.

A meeting between the JSOG and AOFOG officers had also been arranged. It was a very cordial, fruitful meeting where we were able to discuss activities which could be done by AOFOG and JSOG jointly. I feel that it would be beneficial if we could have similar meetings between the Host Society and AOFOG officers during National Society Congresses. Everyone enjoyed the social programmes and the tours organized by the JSOG. I would like to thank Prof Tadashi Kimura, Chairperson of the Executive Board, Prof Aikou Okamoto, President of the 75th Annual Congress and all the Officers of the JSOG for the warm hospitality and congratulate everyone for conducting an Excellent congress. [Read more...](#)

3. Vietnam National Conference of Gynecology & Obstetrics 2023

This conference of the Vietnam Association of Gynaecology and Obstetrics was held in association with AOFOG 13th-16th May 2023, in Hanoi, Vietnam. AOFOG conducted a pre congress workshop on “*Sustainable minimally invasive surgeries from Basic to Advanced*”. This was organized by Prof Tsukasa Baba, Chair MIGS committee in association with members from VAGO. Prof. Descamps Philippe & Prof Megan N Wasson from FIGO delivered lectures. Dr. Ravi Chandran, FIGO Regional trustee for the Asia Oceania region was instrumental in getting the services of FIGO. Prof Nguyễn Việt Tiến President VAGO and Prof Tsukasa Baba were the other resource persons. The workshop was well attended and the feedback from the participants at the conclusion revealed that all the lectures were Excellent and that they adored the programme.

AOFOG also conducted two sessions in the main programme. A session on “*Optimizing Cesarean section rates*” organized by Dr. Ratnasiri Chair MFM committee where Prof Pisake Lumbiganon, Dr. Ratnasiri and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa delivered lecture. An interesting Q/A session and a discussion followed the lectures as everyone was interested in the session as rising cesarean section rate was a concern even in Vietnam.

The other was an Oncology session on elimination of cervical cancer organized by Dr, Christia Padolina, Chair AOFOG, Elimination of Cervical Cancer working group. In the session Dr. Jean Anne B. Toral discussed the current WHO guidelines for cervical cancer screening and the rationale for them, Dr. Ka yu Tse discussed the screen-and-treat and the screen-triage-treat strategies after a positive screen and Prof Kazunori Ochiai discussed the ablative and excisional approaches to treatment and the indications for them. The closing remarks were delivered by Dr. Christia Padolina. This session also stimulated a very interesting discussion.

We are thankful to Prof **Nguyễn** Việt Tiến President, and all the Officers of VAGO, Dr. Lan the Treasurer VAGO in particular for all the assistance given to AOFOG and for their warm hospitality which made everyone's stay very pleasant.

4. 6th Annual Congress of the Mongolian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Congress was held in collaboration with AOFOG and OGSM, on 27 May 2023 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It focused on obstetrics, specifically on caesarean section and preeclampsia. AOFOG was represented by Prof Krishnendu Gupta Deputy Secretary General and Dr. Hian Yan Voon, Chair US committee.

We were very happy to receive this letter of appreciation from Prof Ts. Urjindelger, President of the Mongolian Federation.

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Dear all,

First and foremost, thank you for accepting our invitation and for making the time and commitment to visit Mongolia for the MFOG's annual Advances in Obstetrics Congress, as well as the two-day workshop collaborating with OGSM's ICOE team.

The workshop was a stunning success, with a total of 60 doctors and professionals from Mongolia trained and gaining priceless knowledge.

MFOG is grateful for the lectures delivered by Professor Krishnendu, Dr. Michael, Dr. Voon, and Dr. Hii, as they provided enlightening information regarding the biggest problems we face today in our field.

This year's Congress was a highlight of MFOG's activities. We cannot wait to see what next year's congress will develop into, as this event was exemplary.

Once again, thank you for everyone's hard work and contribution!

Sincerely,

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Ts. Urjindelger, MD., PhD.

Obstetrician-gynecologist,

President, Mongolian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology

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5. ICOE

An ICOE TOT programme was held in Mongolia on the 25th May 2023. Dr. Voon represented AOFOG in the programme which has been attended by 30 trainees both junior and senior doctors. The participants have been very enthusiastic and committed to learn. The feedback had been very encouraging, and I thank Dr. Michael Hoong (team leader), and all the members of the ICOE team for conducting the training so successfully and also the Mongolian federation for the local hospitality. [Read More...](#)

6. AOFOG 2024

The preparations for the AOFOG 2024 are prorepressing on a fast track, Prof. Joong Shin Park -Chairperson KSOG/LOC AOFOG 2024), Prof. Chulmin Lee- Secretary General & Steering Comm. Chair), Prof. Jung-Ho Shin -Scientific Programme Comm. Chair and everyone in the local organizing committee are working tirelessly to produce a grand AOFOG 2024. They are ably assisted by Julia and her PCO team.

There is good news to all. There is a 10% discount on the registration fees for groups of over 25 and 15% discount for groups of over 50. As this concession is offered only during the early bord registration period I advise everyone to register early.

Also, member societies having over 50 registrants are given an opportunity to have a session of their own in the congress. [Read more...](#)

In concluding under the guidance of the President Prof Pisake Lumbiganon AOFOG is concerned in enlightening everyone on the value of heat stable carbetocin in the management of PPH and to encourage its availability and use in our countries. AOFOG will be releasing a statement on this respect shortly.

Rohana Haththotuwa

Secretary General, AOFOG

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JSOG 2023 Congress

The “*Climate Change & Pollution Working Group (CCPWG) of AOFOG*” was established at the AOFOG General Assembly in Bali, Indonesia on 25 May 2022, in recognition of the increasing impact of ‘Climate Change and Environmental Toxins’ on the livelihood and reproductive health of people in our region. The guidelines for the CCPWG prepared and submitted for kind approval to the President, Immediate Past President and Secretary General of AOFOG, which were approved by the Executive Board in Bangkok on 23 July 2022. The proposal to invite a member from the Pacific Islands to join the CCPWG was also approved on 23 July 2022.

The focus and objectives of the CCPWG are to promote awareness and improve knowledge in the field of ‘Climate Change, Pollution and Environmental Toxins’ in the AOFOG region by means of conducting webinars, lectures, workshops, publications and/or any other activities, to formulate workable strategies to address the problems.

The “*CCPWG, 2022 – 2024, AOFOG*” comprises of the following:

Advisor: Dr Ravi Chandran (Malaysia)

Chair: Prof Krishnendu Gupta (India)

Members: Prof Ditas D Decena (Philippines), Prof Seiichi Morokuma (Japan).

JSOG – AOFOG Symposium: 12 May 2023

The “*JSOG – AOFOG Symposium*” was held on Friday, 12 May 2023 during the 75th Annual Congress of the Japan Society of Obstetrics & Gynaecology held in Tokyo, Japan between 1500 – 1630 hours (3.00 – 4.30 pm JST; +9 hours GMT) in Room 8, Hall D1 on the first floor of the sprawling and modern venue, the ‘Tokyo International Forum’.

The theme of the “*JSOG – AOFOG Symposium*” was “*Climate Change, Environmental Toxins and Reproductive Health*”. The entire scientific programme was fine-tuned and curated by the Advisor, Chair and Members of the “*Climate Change & Pollution Working Group (CCPWG)*” of AOFOG, in close consultation and guidance from the members of the Executive Board of AOFOG.

The scientific programme is enclosed below:

Chairpersons	<i>Prof Pisake Lumbiganon, President AFOG</i> <i>Prof Kazunori Ochiai, Immediate Past President AFOG</i>
3.00 – 3.05 pm	Welcome remarks by President AFOG
3.05 – 3.10 pm	Introduction to AFOG: History, Outline and Activities <i>Speaker: Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General AFOG)</i>
3.10 – 3.25 pm	Embracing Monsters: Climate Change and Us <i>Speaker: Dr Ravi Chandran (Past President AFOG, FIGO Regional Trustee for Asia Oceania & Advisor – Climate Change & Pollution Working Group AFOG)</i>
3.25 – 3.40 pm	Effects of Environmental Toxins on Reproductive Health <i>Speaker: Prof Ditas D Decena (Chair – Climate Change and Toxic Environmental Exposures Committee FIGO & Member – Climate Change & Pollution Working Group AFOG)</i>
3.40 – 3.55 pm	Impact of Climate Change, Environmental Toxins and Pollution on the AFOG region: What are we doing? <i>Speaker: Prof Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary General AFOG, Chair – Climate Change & Pollution Working Group AFOG & Member – Climate Change and Toxic Environmental Exposures Committee FIGO)</i>
3.55 – 4.10 pm	Emergency Preparedness for Obstetric Services in Natural Disaster in Japan <i>Speaker: Prof Junichi Sugawara (Emeritus Professor, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan & Vice President, Suzuki Memorial Hospital, Iwanuma, Japan; Member – JSOG)</i>
4.10 – 4.25 pm	Q&A: Dr Rohana Haththotuwa
4.25 – 4.30 pm	Closing remarks by President AFOG



All the erudite and learned speakers highlighted their respective topics very well with updated and practical information, maintaining strict time discipline which enabled an extremely interactive, interesting, and educative discussions during the Q&A session. The entire symposium was highly appreciated for both its content and inclusiveness by the large attendance from the members of JSOG and delegates from the AFOG region, along with the kind and esteemed presence of Dr Jeanne A Conry (President FIGO) throughout the entire session. Dr Conry applauded the efforts taken by AFOG in the field of environmental protection and congratulated the members of the Executive Board of AFOG and the FIGO Regional Trustee for taking the much-needed initiative in instituting the “Climate Change & Pollution Working Group” in AFOG in 2022. She assured all help from FIGO to AFOG in this noble and thoughtful endeavour. Finally, the Chairpersons, Prof Pisake Lumbiganon (President AFOG) along with Prof Kazunori Ochiai (Immediate Past President AFOG) gave their respective closing remarks and concluded the very well conducted and highly interactive scientific symposium.

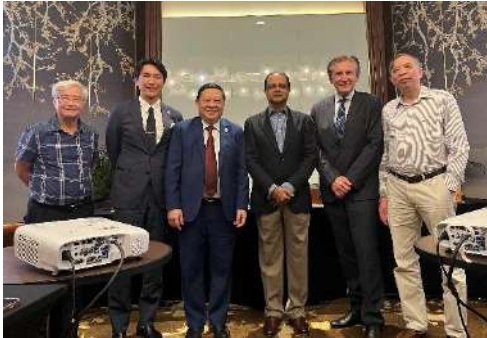


Prof Krishnendu Gupta

Deputy Secretary General, 2022 – 2024, AFOG and Chair – CCPWG, 2022 – 2024, AFOG

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Vietnam National Conference of Gynecology & Obstetrics 2023



Pre Congress-Workshop on “Sustainable minimally invasive surgeries from Basic to Advanced” organised by the AOFOG MIGS committee, in association with FIGO MAS Committee & VAGO.

This workshop was arranged by Dr. Ravi Chandran, Past President of AOFOG and the FIGO Trustee for Asia Oceania, who contacted Descamps Philippe, Vice President of FIGO, and introduced Prof. Nguyen Viet Tien, President of VAGO, to Tsukasa Baba, AOFOG MAS Committee Chair.

The workshop was held as a pre- conference CME the day before the conference began, with Tsukasa Baba and Descamps Philippe serving as moderators, and simultaneous interpretation provided in English and Vietnamese.

First, passionate opening remarks were given by Pisake Lumbiganon, President of AOFOG, and Nguyen Viet Tien, VAGO. After that, Nguyen Viet Tien gave a keynote lecture on the basics of laparoscopic surgery, from what has been done in Vietnam to what is being aimed for in the future. After that, Nguyen Viet Tien and Tsukasa Baba gave lectures on safe surgical procedures, and many questions were asked from the audience. In the second half, a special lecture was given on endometriosis treatment and fertility preservation surgery for gynecological cancer patients as a more advanced session. Megan N. Wasson, Chair of FIGO MAS Committee, gave a video lecture on endometriosis surgery, Tsukasa Baba spoke on fertility preservation surgery, followed by a keynote lecture by Descamps Philippe on advanced salivary diagnostic methods for endometriosis.



The world's most advanced research results drew many questions from the audience. Ravi Chandran concluded the workshop by summarizing the achievements of this joint workshop and declaring that the workshop will be continued in the future.

Prof Tsukasa Baba

Chair, AOFOG MIGS Committee

ICOE Programme

ICOE in Mongolia:

A Trainer's Journey of a Lifetime

I have been an ICOE trainer since 2019 and it has taken me to several countries, including Laos in February 2019. My second experience abroad was my Mongolian journey in May 2023. When Dr. Tang Boon Nee, the Director of ICOE contacted me, I agreed right away to this incredible opportunity. I have always been passionate about empowering and training local doctors in obstetric emergencies and a trip to Mongolia surged excitement to my veins. The course was comprehensive for Obstetrics and Gynaecology professionals: Training of the Trainers (TOT), Simulation of Difficult Caesarean Section, and an Obstetric Conference by the Mongolian Federation of O&G (MFOG). The vibrant country with its iconic Mongolian countryside and chilly temperatures, drew me to accept the challenge.



The journey from Kuala Lumpur was filled with fascinating encounters and awe. The Malaysian team consisted of Dr. Michael Hoong (team leader), Dr. Khoo Kong Beng, Dr. Voon Hian Yan, Dr. Hii Ling Yien and myself. We all met up at KLIA where the excitement was palpable. After boarding on time, we had a long-haul flight to Incheon, followed by another flight before finally arriving in Ulaanbaatar. The first thing we all experienced was the cold weather. We were warmly greeted by Dr. Sansar and Dr. Tuya, which made for a great start to our trip.

Upon arriving in Ulanbaatar, we visited the Nursing School of the Medical Science University of Mongolia. We were left speechless as we walked into the Simulation Centre of the Nursing School, which had impressive array of manikins neatly assembled. After settling in, our Malaysian and Mongolian teams familiarized ourselves with the schedule for the following day's Training of Trainers (TOT), assigned the trainers appropriately, and set up the course venue for TOT. The productive day at the simulation centre ended with an amazing dinner with generous hosts, delicious fusion cuisine before finally settling in at Holiday Inn UB.



On May 25, 2023, the ICOE TOT commenced at noon. The 30 attendees, composed of both junior and senior OBGYN specialists, were all who attended ICOE workshop previously, hailed from various hospitals. The event started with opening speeches from distinguished figures such as Dr. Tsedma (Past-President of MFOG), Dr. Urje (MFOG President), and Dr. Voon (AOFOG Ultrasound chairperson), who spoke about their experience and shared their insights on the ICOE program. After the speeches, the Malaysian team took the stage and delivered a series of lectures, which were translated to Mongolian by the good-hearted Dr. Naraa and Dr. Batnaa. It was an enriching session that offered invaluable knowledge and skills to all attendees. Following the lectures, the ICOE TOT program proceeded with three breakout stations: "Scenario (eclampsia)", "Skills (Shoulder Dystocia)", and a station on "Feedback and Debriefing". I was in charge of the skills station, and I was thrilled to see the enthusiastic participation of the attendees, who were all open-minded and willing to learn. What impressed me the most was how even the senior attendees showed no qualms about learning from me, a trainee.





At the end of the day, all the attendees gave us positive feedback about the Training of Trainers program, stating that it helped them reinvigorate their interest in ICOE. With the TOT successfully concluded, we began preparing for the Complicated Caesarean Section workshop the next day. The workshop consisted of six skill assessment stations, including skin and uterine incision, uterine tear repair, abnormal fetal lie handling, uterine compression sutures, second-stage Caesarean sections, and internal iliac artery ligations. After completing the preparations, our Mongolian hosts, Dr. Urje, Dr. Tsedma, Dr. Anu, and Dr. Azaa treated us to a traditional Mongolian dinner at the Modern Nomad restaurant. Prof. Krishnendu Gupta (AOFOG Deputy Secretary General) and his wife Dr Simran also joined us for delicious food and lovely conversations.

On May 26, 2023, with temperatures of 1 degree Celsius we commenced ICOE Simulation on Complicated Caesarean Section workshop, with 30 registered participants raring to learn. Dr. Tsedma, Dr. Urje, and Prof. Krishnendu gave the opening remarks. The Malaysian trainers took center stage once again, delivering three lectures and six breakout stations covering the various aspects of managing complicated C-sections. I was given the responsibility to oversee the skin and uterine incision skills, and I must say their practices were consistent and similar. It was fascinating to learn from their shared experiences, and it helped me improve on my knowledge and skills as well. I was surprised that, at one point, I didn't feel the language barrier was an issue because the attendees were so involved and engaged.

We concluded the program with a post-skill test, which demonstrated marked improvement in the scores of our trainees. The participants were respectful, attentive, and eager to learn, which made the whole experience much more rewarding. After the close, we proceeded to pack up the equipment in suitcases, which were then safely stored back at the hotel. After a tiring yet fulfilling day, we completed our tasks and had a relaxing dinner. Knowing we had a significant day ahead, attending the MFOG Obstetric Conference, we retired to our hotel rooms.



On the much-awaited date of May 27th, 2023, the entire OBGYN fraternity gathered at the esteemed Holiday Inn Ulaanbattar in Mongolia for the much-anticipated MFOG Obstetrics Scientific Conference. The conference serves as a platform for OBGYN trainees to share their research, experiences and knowledge, learn about the latest advancements in obstetric. The conference began with an opening speech by Dr. Urje, followed by a Prof. Krishnendu Gupta.

During the conference, the MFOG reached out to ICOE trainers to deliver four plenary lectures on behalf of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM). This was a significant honor and privilege for us as we were able to



contribute to this esteemed event and share our expertise with fellow professionals. Dr. Voon (AOFOG Ultrasound chairperson) spoke about pre-eclampsia and intrapartum ultrasound, delivering an insightful and incredible lecture that had the audience in awe. Dr. Hii tackled the topic of difficult C-section and ultrasound in postpartum haemorrhage, and Dr. Michael's talk revolved around twin pregnancy. His storytelling talent captivated the audience and made for an engaging presentation. The lectures were well-received. Through the lectures we delivered, we were able to engage with attendees and provide them with valuable insights from our years of experience in the field.

Overall, the MFOG Obstetrics Scientific Conference was a massive success, with the well-organized event completing its agenda while providing a space for attendees to network and connect with peers from Mongolia. After the conference, we had a small meeting to celebrate the fantastic event's success, which had run for the past three days. This gathering was a beautiful way to celebrate the incredible cooperation and teamwork that took place throughout the program.



After attending the ICOE workshop and conference, we had a day before our flight and we had the chance to go on a countryside tour courtesy of the local host. It was the most incredible countryside tour that I had the opportunity to experience. The Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex had an incredibly majestic statue of the conqueror. The museum in the complex was just as fascinating and taught us so much about Mongolian history. The highlight was horse riding in the countryside which felt being in a Mongolian horse race. We bravely held a massive eagle which surreal! The view of the Terelj National Park was unbelievable. Lunch was at a Ger while admiring the natural beauty of the landscape. We visited the famous Turtle Rock, a massive granite rock formation that was simply awe-inspiring.



We left for the airport at 05:00 on May 29th, 2023. Dr. Sansar, Dr. Naraa, and Dr. Tuva were kind enough to accompany us to the airport and ensured that our check-in process went smoothly. The Mongolian team went out of their way to make sure that we were well taken care and I could feel the love and warmth throughout the entire experience.

I found myself reminiscing the memories. I was left feeling rejuvenated and inspired after witnessing the beauty, nature, and culture of the country. All of the great experiences kept making me smile and feel blessed to have had this opportunity. I am grateful to the ICOE for organizing this training and workshop.



The trip to Mongolia and the ICOE training and workshop, was an excellent reminder of why it is essential to step outside our comfort zones and take on new challenges in life. There is so much to learn and gain by interacting with individuals from different backgrounds and experiences. It is an excellent platform to gain a wealth of knowledge, network with professionals, build relationships, and take the first step towards achieving your goals in life. I encourage and recommend all the trainee to attend it. In conclusion, the Intensive Course in Obstetric Emergencies is not just a course but a life-changing experience. Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to OGSM and ICOE for providing us with this fantastic opportunity to broaden our horizons, learn new things and enhance our skills. The experience was truly invaluable, and I'm grateful to have been a part of it.

Dr. Thawaneswaran

O&G Trainee HUKM, ICOE Trainee

Uro-gynaecology Committee Report

As we reach the midpoint of 2023, we are thrilled to reflect upon the successful completion of two remarkable events. The response and participation we received have been truly inspiring, motivating us to continue our mission of knowledge sharing and professional growth.

Looking ahead to the coming months, we are excited to announce our upcoming mini session, scheduled to take place in mid-September. This session promises to be another engaging and enlightening experience, and we cordially invite all individuals to join us.

Completed activity: International Hybrid Symposium on Urogynecology & Female Urology: AOFOG, TAOG/TUGA & RTCOG Webinar 2022

The International Hybrid Symposium on Urogynecology & Female Urology, jointly organized by AOFOG, TAOG, and RTCOG, proved to be a resounding success, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and inspiring discussions. Held on December 17th - 18th, 2022, the symposium brought together a diverse group of gynecologists and urologists, both in-person and online, to explore the latest advancements in the field.

The symposium spanned across two venues, with the Windsor Hotel in Taichung, Taiwan, and the RTCOG meeting room in Bangkok, Thailand, hosting the live sessions. The event was able to reach a wider audience through a live YouTube stream, attracting 621 online participants.

Distinguished speakers from AOFOG enriched the symposium with their expertise and knowledge. Thomas Man-Jung Hung, Suvit Bunyavejchevin, Nazli Hameed, Kawita Bapat, and Fernandi Moegni delivered insightful lectures and engaged in interactive discussions, shedding light on various aspects of urogynecology and female urology.

The symposium proved to be a valuable platform for attendees, as it provided a unique opportunity to gain new knowledge, explore different perspectives, and be inspired by the expertise shared. The diverse range of topics covered in the sessions, including cutting-edge research, innovative treatment approaches, and emerging trends, ensured that participants were exposed to the latest advancements in the field.

With a total of 90 participants attending in person at the venues, the symposium fostered networking and collaboration among peers, allowing for fruitful exchanges of ideas and experiences. The interactive nature of the event encouraged active participation, leading to engaging discussions and meaningful interactions between attendees and speakers.

Formal feedback received following the symposium was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees expressing their appreciation for the knowledge gained and the diverse perspectives shared. The event provided a platform for participants to expand their understanding of urogynecology and female urology, equipping them with valuable insights that can be applied in their clinical practice.

Completed activity: The Third International Biennial Hybrid Conference of the Pakistan Urogynaecologist Association (PUGA)

The conference brought together a distinguished gathering of gynecologists and urologists from around the world, both in-person and through virtual participation.

Collaboratively organized by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Pakistan (SOGP), the International Urogynaecologist Association (IUGA), and the Asia-Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG), the conference was held at the Flatties Hotel in Lahore, Pakistan.

Renowned speakers from AOFOG, including Thomas Man-Jung Hung, Suvit Bunyavejchevin, and Nazli Hameed, graced the conference with their expertise. These esteemed speakers delivered thought-provoking lectures, highlighting the latest

advancements in urogynaecology and providing valuable insights into evidence-based practices. The inclusion of such esteemed professionals further elevated the scientific content of the conference.

The conference saw a remarkable attendance of 120 participants at the venue, representing a diverse group of gynecologists and urologists. Their presence contributed to a rich and dynamic atmosphere, fostering discussions and exchanges of experiences among professionals from various backgrounds. Additionally, the conference attracted a significant number of online participants who joined virtually, further expanding the reach of the event.

One of the key focuses of the conference was to bridge gaps in knowledge and enhance evidence-based practices in urogynaecology. The carefully curated scientific program consisted of sessions and workshops that delved into pertinent topics such as pelvic floor disorders, urinary incontinence, and prolapse management. Through interactive presentations, case studies, and panel discussions, attendees gained valuable insights and practical knowledge to enhance their clinical expertise.

The conference also provided a platform for networking and collaboration among professionals. Attendees had the opportunity to engage in fruitful discussions, exchange ideas, and foster meaningful connections with colleagues from around the world. This networking aspect of the conference created an environment conducive to sharing best practices, innovations, and research findings in the field of urogynaecology.

Future activity

**Agenda of the 10th APUGA Annual Meeting and
APUGA-AOFOG-TAOG-TUGA Joint Conference 2023**
Topic: Insights into our ways of working and realizing female pelvic floor dysfunction
Duration: Sep. 10, 2023 (Sun) 08:30 - 16:30
Venue: The Grand Hotel Taipei VF (No. 1, Sec. 4, Zhongshan N. Road, Taipei, Taiwan

Session 2 (10:50-12:10): AOFOG Session		
Moderators : Tsung-Hsien Su (蘇曉賢), Ching-Hung Hsieh (謝卿宏), Mou-Jong Sun (孫茂榮)		
10:50-11:00	Opening	President of AOFOG Pisake Lumbiganon Secretary General of AOFOG Robana Hathihotuwu
11:00-11:20	Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries (OASIS): Prevalence, risk factors and prevention	Suvit Bunyavejchevin Thailand
11:20-11:40	Platelet Rich Plasma injection postpartum to improve levator ani weakness	Fernandi Moegni Indonesia
11:40-12:00	The use of intravesical hyaluronic acid for treatment of refractory interstitial cystitis in Taiwan	Thomas Man-Jung Hung (洪滿榮, Taiwan)
12:00-12:10	Q & A	ALL

Figure 1

lectures on crucial topics in Urogynecology (Figure 2). They will cover subjects such as obstetric anal sphincter injuries (OASIS), the treatment of postpartum levator ani weakness, and interstitial cystitis. To ensure smooth proceedings, Vice President Professor Charles Su, along with the former UG Committee Chairs, Dr. Hsieh and Dr. Sun, will serve as session moderators. Additionally, we are honored to have Professor Pisake and Professor Rohana deliver opening remarks at the start of this session.

We have an exciting upcoming event planned for Urogynecology as part of the AOFOG executive board's activities. This event will be a mini session incorporated within the one-day APUGA 10th annual meeting, scheduled for September 10th, 2023 (Figure 1). We warmly welcome all individuals from the national society members of AOFOG to attend this meeting either in person or online via YouTube by scanning the QR code.

During this session, three esteemed members of the UG Committee AOFOG will deliver



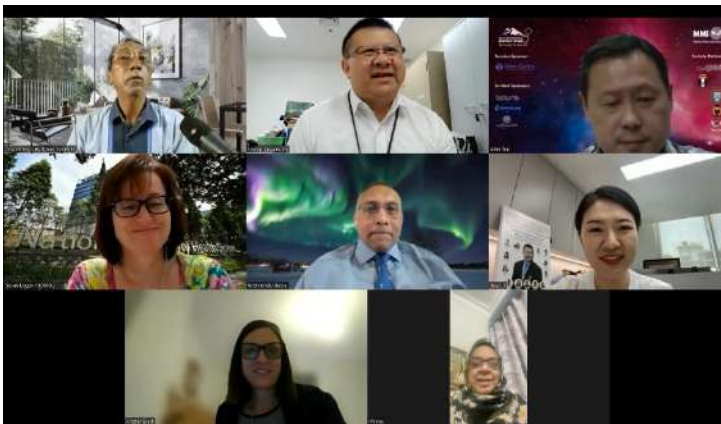
Figure 2

Thomas Man-Jung Hung
 Chair, AOFOG Urogynaecology Committee

Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee Report

Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee and Violence Against Women (VAW) Working Group Violence against women (VAW) is a global issue that threatens women's physical and emotional wellbeing, which impacts women worldwide, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, or nationality. United Nations defines VAW as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life". VAW rises the risk of developing several diseases such as chronic pain, physical impairment, drug and alcohol dependence, and depression. Besides, women who have experienced physical or sexual abuse are also at the greater risk of unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. According to the World Health Organization, one in every three women all over the world has been the victim of physical or sexual violence, and almost half of all women killed globally are murdered by intimate partners or family members. In Asia, it was estimated that around 17,800 victims died from intimate partner/domestic killings in 2021.

To address this issue, the AFOG Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee is planning to conduct a multinational survey on VAW in Asia and Oceania countries. We aim to explore the pattern and prevalence of VAW and the knowledge, attitude, and practice (KAP) towards VAW among women of reproductive age. We also aim to investigate the KAP towards violence and violence support service among medical staffs. On 5 April 2023, SRH Committee and VAW Working Group Chair - Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn held the initial meeting to discuss the possibility of conducting this research project. The second meeting was held on 25 May 2023 to share the progress of the research project. The questionnaires have been designed and validated under all Committee members' contributions, and the questionnaires translation regarding cooperated countries is ongoing.



5 April 2023



25 May 2023

Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn
Chair, AFOG SRH Committee

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Ultrasound Committee Report

Mongolian National Congress 2023

The Ultrasound Committee of AOFOG curated a seminar entitled “Ultrasound in Labour”, which was held in conjunction with the Mongolian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (MFOG) National Congress on 27th May 2023 in Ulaanbaatar. The theme of the congress this year was “Advances in Obstetrics”.

At the invitation of Dr Urjendelger Tserensambuu, the President of the Mongolian Federation, the 3-part seminar was catered specifically to meet the needs of members of MFOG.



Dr Urjendelger, who is also an integral member of the Ultrasound Committee, delivered the first lecture on “Placenta Accreta Spectrum”, followed by Dr Voon Hian Yan who spoke about “Ultrasound Examination in Labour”, with much of the focus on intrapartum ultrasound. Dr Hii Ling Yien, a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist who was travelling with the Malaysian ICOE team completed with seminar with a lecture entitled “Ultrasound in Obstetric Haemorrhage”.



Delivering the lectures proved challenging as they were translated live by our hosts into the Mongolian language. This involved much preparation to ensure brevity yet had to be well-rehearsed to ensure that the content was not lost in translation. We were really encouraged by the response and the number of questions posed by the audience, who stayed back despite this seminar being the last event of the day.

The event was attended by more than 60 doctors from not just Ulaanbaatar but also throughout the 21 provinces of Mongolia. We wish to record our appreciation to Prof Krishnendu Gupta (Deputy Secretary General AOFOG) who was representing Prof Pisake Lumbiganon, for his support. Finally, without the assistance from Dr Tsedma (Past President MFOG), Dr Narmandakh Suld (CEO MFOG), Dr Sansar, Dr Batnaa, Dr Tuyaa and countless other local faculty members, this event would not have been executed as seamlessly as it had.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ULTRASOUND COMMITTEE

Over the last few months, two interesting new guidelines on the fetal heart were published by the International Society of Ultrasound in O&G (ISUOG) and the

American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) respectively.

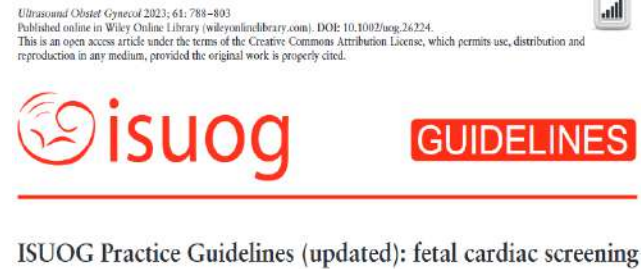
The ISUOG Practice Guideline on Fetal Cardiac Screening was released in June 2023, led by Julene Carvalho of Royal Brompton Hospital. Briefly, the main changes compared to the last guideline published a decade ago were as follows:

- The three-vessel view (3VV) and three-vessel and trachea view (3VVT) are now considered an integral part of screening, rather than only if technically permissible.
- Using colour doppler mapping during cardiac screening is encouraged and set to 50-70 cm/s for intracardiac structures and vessels in the midtrimester. The exception is when interrogating the venous structures where a lower velocity of 15-25cm/s should be used.
- A new section on early fetal cardiac screening was added. It is neither routine nor mandatory currently.

- An updated checklist on fetal cardiac screening has been included.

Appendix 1 Checklist for cardiac screening

Upper abdomen			
	Stomach on left	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Four-chamber view			
General	Heart on left, axis -45°	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Heart area \leq 1/3 chest area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Regular rhythm, rate 120-160 bpm	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Atria	Approximately equal in size	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Patent foramen ovale; foramen ovale flap valve in left atrium	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	At least one pulmonary vein entering left atrium	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Atrioventricular junction	Two separate valves that open and close freely	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Tricuspid valve more apical than mitral valve (normal valve offset)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Ventricles	Approximately equal in size	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Moderator band at apex of right ventricle	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Septum appears intact	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Left ventricular outflow-tract view			
	Vessel in continuity with ventricular septum and does not bifurcate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Aortic valve leaflets not thickened, open and close freely	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



The ASE released the Guidelines and Recommendations for Performance of the Fetal Echocardiogram: An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography in July 2023. Co-chairs Anita Moon-Grady and Mary Donofrio presented detailed guidelines for what constitutes a complete fetal echocardiographic examination that can be used as a guide for both learners and experienced practitioners. There were numerous updates in this document, as the last version was published almost twenty years ago.

The guidelines focused on detection, classification, risk assessment, and perinatal care planning of pregnancies in fetuses with congenital heart disease. It contains beautifully illustrated tables, images and salient points in each section are clearly summarized and boxed as “Key Points”.

GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS

Guidelines and Recommendations for Performance of the Fetal Echocardiogram: An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography

Anita J. Moon-Grady, MD (Co-Chair), Mary T. Donofrio, MD (Co-Chair), Sarah Gelcherer, MD, Lisa Hornberger, MD, Joe Kreeger, ACS, RCCS, RDSCS, Wesley Lee, MD, Erik Michelfelder, MD, Shaime A. Morris, MD, Shabnam Peyvandi, MD, Nelangi M. Pinto, MD, Jay Pruetz, MD, Neeta Sethi, MD, John Simpson, MD, Shubhika Srivastava, MD, and Zhiyun Tian, MD, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; Washington, District of Columbia; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Atlanta, Georgia; Houston, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Durham, North Carolina; London, United Kingdom; Wilmington, Delaware; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Keywords: Prenatal diagnosis, Congenital heart disease, Fetal arrhythmia, Hydrops, Cardiomyopathy

late-gestation imaging of the interatrial septum as well as delivery in a setting that permits enlargement of the interatrial septal defect if shunting is inadequate. HGA may be identified in the four-chamber view by visualization of an abnormal crux and the moderator band in the apex of the left-sided right ventricle. The combination of AV and ventriculoarterial discordance results in physiologically corrected flow. The incidence of VSD in HGA may be 60% to 70%, although the type and location of VSD is variable.^{13,14} TV dysplasia and Ebstein malformation can be associated with HGA, as is aortic coarctation. Rhythmic abnormalities and congenital heart block can be noted during fetal life and affect survival; therefore, serial evaluation is indicated.^{1,14}

Key Points

- Suspected outflow tract abnormalities should be evaluated on fetal echocardiography before discussing prognosis, associated abnormalities, and neonatal setting (including genetic testing with the parent).
- For suspected outflow tract abnormalities, complete evaluation includes imaging the branch/pulmonary arteries at their origins. The continuity segmental-timings and tricuspid regurgitation: collateral vessels can coexist with an apparently patent outflow tract and/or ductus arteriosus; direction of ductal flow by Doppler must be documented.
- Aortic arch laterality must be documented at least once during gestation, and an attempt made to delineate branching patterns especially if the aortic and ductal arches are on opposite sides of the trachea.
- The aortic arch is at risk in any fetus with subaortic obstruction or subpulmonary VSD; the arch should be imaged by 2D and Doppler echocardiography in the axial and sagittal planes to evaluate patency and dimensions.
- Any fetus with CHD should have late-gestational assessment of transient ovalate foramen (TOFA).
- If pregnancies involving fetal diagnosis of HGA, serial echocardiographic evaluation of the fetus should be offered, to identify progressive AV valve regurgitation and rhythm abnormalities, including complete heart block.

iv. Progressive Lesions, Obstructive and Regurgitant. What appears initially to be mild fetal heart disease can evolve to more severe structural and functional disease (Tables 13 and 14). Lesions with the greatest potential for progression in utero include semilunar valve obstruction with an intact ventricular septum and lesions associated with significant valvular regurgitation. Fetal echocardiographic evaluation of such lesions requires comprehensive definition of segmental and valve-specific anatomy and of bi-ventricular and AV valve function, and, given their progressive nature, serial assessments are essential. With progression, these lesions can result in cardiovascular compromise; therefore, routine Doppler interrogation of systemic venous, ductus venosus, umbilical arterial and venous, and middle cerebral arterial flows is essential.

Semilunar Valve Obstruction with an Intact Ventricular Septum. Fetal aortic and pulmonary valve stenoses span a broad spectrum of severity. More severe obstruction, particularly early in gestation, may lead to progressive ventricular hypoplasia^{12,13,15,16} or result in fetal hydrops if there is compromised filling of the contralateral ventricle.¹⁷ Evaluation of semilunar valve morphology, size, patency, and competency, including the use of color, PW and CW Doppler, is important in making the diagnosis and determining lesion severity (Figure 27). Growth of the great artery downstream from the obstruction may be affected, resulting in dilation or hypoplasia in longer-standing obstruction, necessitating repeat measurements. Retrograde flow in the ipsilateral arch heralds critical semilunar valve obstruction at any gestational age¹⁸ and should

Both documents are freely accessible and the links are included below. We hope that our members in the Asia & Oceania region will find these updates useful.

ISUOG Practice Guidelines (updated): fetal cardiac screening

<https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/uog.26224>

Guidelines and Recommendations for Performance of the Fetal Echocardiogram: An Update from the American Society of Echocardiography

<https://www.asecho.org/guidelines-search/>

Oncology Committee Report

The AFOG was invited by the Vietnam Association of Gynecology & Obstetrics (VAGO) to co-organise the Vietnam National Conference of Gynecology & Obstetrics in Hanoi on 14-15 Jun 23. The Oncology Committee and Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee jointly held the Oncology session. Dr. Jean Anne B Toral (Secretary of the Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee, AFOG), Dr. Ka Yu Tse (Chair of the Oncology committee and Co-chair of Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee, AFOG), and Prof. Kazunori Ochiai (Immediate Past President of the AFOG) were the speakers.



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

The Perkumpulan Obstetri dan Ginekologi Indonesia (POGI) invited Prof. Cecilia Llave and Dr. Ka Yu Tse to represent the AFOG and give two talks on HPV DNA test and HPV vaccination, in Yogyakarta on 26 Jul 2023. There was also a chance to meet some local doctors and medical students to understand the medical training system and practices in Indonesia.



Future Activities

The Cervical Cancer Elimination Committee is going to organise the second webinar on 12 Aug 23 and the theme is 'Solving the HPV Vaccine Uptake Puzzle'. Dr. Ka Yu Tse, Dr. Hiroki Akaba (Technical Officer, WHO), Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak, and Dr. Priya Ganesh Kumar will speak in the webinar.

The Oncology and Cervical Cancer Elimination Committees will jointly run the post-congress workshop for the post-congress workshop after the 24th FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics on 13 Oct 2023. The workshop will be coordinated by Prof. Christia Padolina. Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, Prof. Cecilia Llave, Dr. Ka Yu Tse, Dr. Priya Ganesh Kumar, and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa will facilitate the workshop.

The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists will organise the 35th Anniversary International Conference on 24 - 26 Nov 2023. Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon is invited to represent AOFOG to talk about 'Asian strategy on cervical cancer elimination'.

The Oncology Committee will collaborate with the Minimally Invasive Surgery Committee to hold a virtual video workshop on the surgical procedures in gynaecological oncology on 25 Nov 2023. The workshop will include lectures and video-sharing by experienced gynecologic oncologists, and an award competition for the gynaecological oncology fellows.

Ka Yu Tse

Chairman, Gynaecological Oncology Committee

Member Society News Corner

1. Mongolian Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (MFOG)

The Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology (AOFOG), the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM), and the Mongolian Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (MFOG) successfully hosted a scientific congress and pre-congress workshops on the topic of "Latest Advances in Obstetrics" in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 27 June 2023. The MFOG Congress was their sixth scientific gathering, and it served as a platform for the members to receive up-to-date



professional training. The speakers included Prof. Krishnendu Gupta, Deputy Secretary General of the AOFOG from India; Dr. Voon Hian Yan, Chair of the AOFOG Ultrasound Committee from Malaysia; Dr. Hoong Farn Weng Michael and Dr. Hii Ling Yien, both from OGSM, and invited presenters who covered a wide range of obstetrics-related topics. After a three-year break, more than 120 congress attendees had an exceptional opportunity to learn from and share experiences with other international speakers. They represented all levels of hospitals, including both the public and private sectors.

Urjindelger Tserensambuu, President of MFOG. The plenary talks were "Rising rates of caesarean section: are we justified?" by Prof. Krishnendu Gupta, "Updates on preeclampsia" by Dr. Voon Hian, and "Obstetric transition in Mongolia" by Honor Doctor Khishgee Seded.

"New evidence and research" were the theme of the second Congress session, where Mongolian national speakers and invited speakers from Malaysia discussed the most recent research on obstetrical difficulties. Three oral presentations were chosen for awards at the third session of the convention. All presentations, along with the abstracts of the keynote speakers' lectures, were published in volume 1 of the Mongolian Journal of Save Mother-Newborn in 2023.

The AOFOG session was the congress's final session. The AOFOG Ultrasound Committee planned a session on Obstetrics Ultrasound, and it was educational as it focused on ultrasound examinations for postpartum hemorrhage, the placenta accreta spectrum, and labor.

While the congress was running, meeting of the MFOG council was held. The Deputy Secretary General and Chair of Ultrasound Committee of AOFOG were invited in the MFOG council meeting for future collaborations with AOFOG. MFOG thanked both of them for insightful presentation at the conference and the fruitful discussions.

The Training of Trainers of ICOE and Complicated C-Section seminars were expertly carried out by Malaysian ICOE trainers on 25-26 of June 2023. Since 2015, Mongolian physicians have been actively working with ICOE and OGSM to offer ICOE courses and simulation-based workshops on specific subjects like "Complicated C-sections". The workshop attendees expressed their gratitude and what they had learned through posts on social media. We appreciate the time and effort put forth by the ICOE team, who traveled to Mongolia to discuss your ideas and experiences with local O&G physicians.

Malaysian trainers of ICOE have completed the Training of Trainers of ICOE and Complicated C-Section workshops very well. Since 2015, Mongolian doctors have been actively collaborating with ICOE and OGSM to hold ICOE workshops and specific topics like "Complicated C-sections" simulation-based workshops. MFOG and its executive team very much appreciated the ICOE team and OGSM. The participants of the workshops expressed their feelings and posted on their social media about their gratitude and what they had learned. The members of MFOG are grateful for the time and effort of the ICOE team, which visited Mongolia and shared their thoughts and experiences with O&G doctors of Mongolia.



Team of MFOG, OGSM and AFOG

2. Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (KSOG)

KSOG held the 4th symposium for Fetal Assessment and Management in Seoul Trade Exhibition Center, Korea on 11 June 2023. This symposium covered about the topic of electronic fetal monitoring during labor, which is a major cause of medical disputes in Obstetrics. Discussions were held on fetal and maternal monitoring during labor. And preventive measures were introduced to address abnormal electronic fetal heart rate monitoring and medical lawsuits arising from cerebral palsy.

Additionally, there was a counseling session for cases diagnosed with Down syndrome and it was shared with the firsthand experiences of mothers raising children with Down syndrome. The symposium also included discussions on support policies for fetuses and children with rare diseases, addressing the challenges faced in clinical counseling.

KSOG notified that the 12th Workshop for Middle-Aged Women's Health was held in Sejong University, Dae-Yang AI Center, Seoul, Korea on 2 July 2023. In this workshop, we have invited experienced and excellent speakers to present lectures on various topics such as health management for middle-aged women, musculoskeletal health, and quality of life management. These lectures aimed to gather the latest insights on the health management of middle-aged women and provide a summary of this knowledge, which can be applied to patient care.

Upcoming Event

1) The 109th Annual Congress of KSOG & 28th Seoul International Symposium

- a) Date: 10-11 November 2023
- b) Place: Lotte Hotel Seoul, Seoul, Korea


2) Autumn Symposium of Women's Health Foundation

- a) Date: 22nd September 2023
- b) Place: Biomedical Research Institute in Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul, Korea

3) Workshop for the collapse of delivery infrastructure and the current state of medical litigation

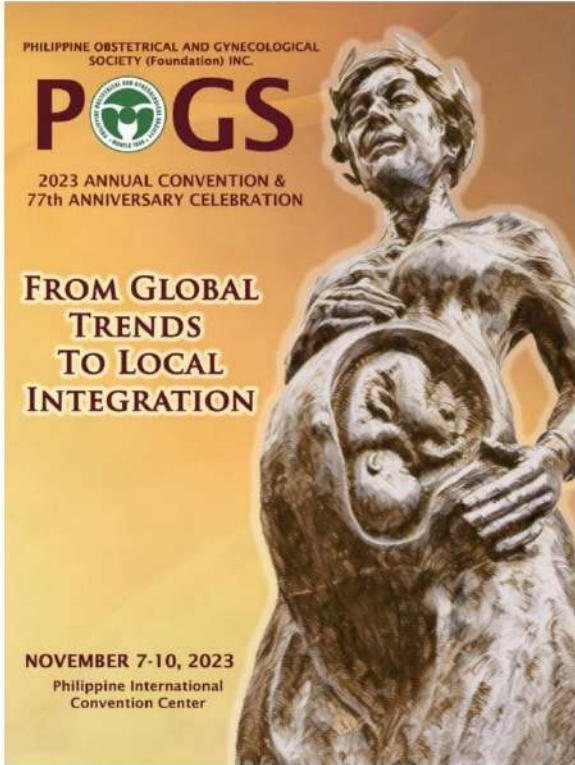
- a) Date: 15th September 2023
- b) Place: Science and Technology Convention Center, Seoul, Korea

3. Philippine Obstetricians and Gynecological Society



PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Foundation), INC.

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to all member countries of AFOG to participate in the upcoming Annual Convention of the PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Foundation), INC. (POGS). The convention is scheduled to take place from November 7th to November 10th, 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).



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We look forward to welcoming you to the POGS Annual Convention in Manila, Philippines!



4. RANZCOG



The banner features the RANZCOG logo in the top left, which consists of a yellow circle, a green square, and a pink square. To the right of the logo, the text "RANZCOG Annual Scientific Meeting 2023" is displayed in a teal font. The main body of the banner is a collage of images and abstract shapes. It includes a photograph of a beach with people and kayakers, a city skyline with a waterfront, and a photograph of two women at a conference. The collage is interspersed with large, colorful abstract shapes in shades of teal, green, yellow, and pink. At the bottom, a green bar contains the text "Perth | 28 Oct - 1 Nov" and "Aiming higher: More than healthcare".

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5. Obstetrics and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh

31st International Scientific Conference & 49th AGM of OGSB

The 31st International Scientific Conference & 49th AGM of OGSB was held on 9th to 10th June 2023 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Dhaka, Bangladesh. About 1300 participants from home & abroad attended the conference. The theme of this year is "Perinatal Mental Health Matters".



The Inaugural Session was held on 9th June 2023 in the Hall of Fame of BICC, Dhaka. **Mr. Zahid Maleque MP** Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh graced the opening session as chief guest. **Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain Howlader**, Secretary, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; **National Prof. Shahla Khatun**, Past President-OGSB; **Prof. Dr. Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam**, Director General, Directorate General of Health Services has attended as the Special Guests. **Prof. Gulshan Ara** Secretary General-OGSB welcomed everybody. **Prof. Farhana Dewan**, President Elect-OGSB introduced the foreign guests. **Prof. Ferdousi Begum**, President-OGSB chaired the inauguration.



AGM was held on 9th June 2023 at 9:00pm at the presence of good number of members.

AOFOG Session in Scientific Conference

The AOFOG session was held on Optimizing Caesarean Section. It was a very interesting session which was held on 9th June 2023 in Hall of Fame & continued for 1 hour. The presenters were: Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Dr. Charmila Ayyavoo, Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon & Prof. Ferdousi Begum. The Session was chaired by Prof. Rohana Haththotuwa, Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum.



Recommendations of this session were:

Preventing the primary cesarean section is very important step to combat the unjustifiable maternal and fetal health risks of unnecessary C section.

Steps towards the safe reduction of Primary Cesarean deliveries-

RCOG advised to Focus on ECV for reducing breech delivery to avoid potential birth trauma. ACOG recommended that cesarean delivery should be limited to estimated fetal weights of at least 5000 g in women without diabetes and at least 4500 g in women with diabetes. For Lowering National Cesarean section rates

Five recommended steps were

1. Financial incentives
2. Courses/ training to increase safety in the labour ward
3. National guidelines for optimum management of labour with respectful maternal care
4. Open publications of outcomes
5. Information leaflets to health care personal and pregnant mothers

We have to take the strategies to implement nonclinical intervention such as Audit and feedback, companionship, leadership and decision analyzing tool.

Pre Congress workshop on Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, PPH Bundle approach & Robson TGCS was held simultaneously in the three halls of OGSB Hospital & IRCH on 8th June 8:00 am to 1:00pm. Prof. Farhana Dewan, Prof. Salma Rouf, Prof. Kamrun Nessa Runa & Prof. Kishwar Sultana conducted the workshop with other junior doctors. There were detail presentation & practical demonstrations on different skills. The participants expressed their satisfaction as the session enriched their knowledge and skills immensely

The closing ceremony of the Conference was held on 10th June 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Prof. Farhana Dewan
President-OGSB

Prof. Salma Rouf
Secretary General-OGSB

6. Singapore OGSS

Unlocking the Future in Women's Health
Personalized and Evidence Based Care

Grand Copthorne Waterfront, Singapore
25th to 27th August 2023
25th August 2023 - Pre Congress
26th to 27th August 2023 - Main Congress

Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore

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Abstract Submission extended to 9th July.

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- Medical Education
- Menopause
- Oncology & Colposcopy
- Paediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology
- Patient Safety & Quality Improvement
- Perinatal, Maternal & Fetal Medicine
- Sexual Health & Contraception
- Ultrasound & Imaging in Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Urogynaecology

Topic Highlights

Plenary Talks

- Dr Ramee Thakar, UK
Women's Health In The Future - Personalized Care And Not One-Fits-All
- Prof Dr Nazimah Idris, Malaysia
Closing The Gaps In Women's Health Care
- Prof Tim Draycott, UK
Advances in Labour Ward Management

Obstetrics Stream

- Dr Muniswaran Ganesan, Malaysia
Antenatal Vaccination: The Old And The New
- Prof Jon Hyde, Australia
Pre-eclampsia Screening Across the Trimesters
- Prof Leung Tak Young, Hong Kong
Shoulder Dystocia: HELPERR and Beyond
- A/Prof Tuangset Watanagata, Thailand
Challenges Faced In Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT)

Gynaecology Stream

- Prof Tsukasa Eeba, Japan
Laparoscopy Versus Robotic: Is One Better Over The Other?
- Prof Chia-Peng Wei, Taiwan
Challenges in Diagnosing Endometriosis
- Dr Ieri Kibu, Japan
Uterine Transplantation
- Prof Abdul Sultan, UK
Management and Medicolegal Implications Of The Rectal Buttonhole Tear

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Dear AOFOG colleagues and friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

With warm regards,

Professor Joong Shin Park
Congress President, AOFOG 2024



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

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

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

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AOFOG 2024 Overview

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

As of July, 2023

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

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Registration

Registration Fee & Policy

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

***Physician LRC**

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

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

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

Group Registration Discount

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

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Abstract Submission

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

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline
by Dec 31, 2023

Acceptance notification
by Jan 31, 2024

Early bird and author registration deadline
by Feb 29, 2024

Topics

• When submitting your abstract, select one of the topics below suitable for your abstract in the "Topics" section and choose your preferred presentation format from Oral, ePoster or Either.

- 1. Obstetrics
- 2. Reproductive Endocrinology
- 3. Gyn Oncology
- 4. Urogynecology
- 5. General Gynecology

Submission Guidelines

• Authors are required to submit an English abstract (text only, no template) of maximum of 300 words, along with author's contact information.

The online submission form is divided into the following sections:

- Objective** Concise statement on why the study was conducted.
- Method** Location, number and type of human subjects, non-human species or material being studied. Design of the study and type of intervention. Principal assays or test(s) performed and the types of statistical analyses if appropriate.
- Results** Main findings and results should be reported. Results should be supported by statistical analysis where appropriate.
- Conclusions** Main conclusions of the study and significance of the results. How the results may affect patient management or understanding of the condition.

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Seoul → Busan

2 hours 40 min. (Train)

1 hour 5 min. (Plane)

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From the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecological Research (The AFOG Journal)

JOGR Volume 49, Issue 5 has been published; Editor's choice has been updated; and below Editor's choice articles from this issue are free **until the end of June 2023**.

- Placenta accreta spectrum disorders clinical practice guidelines: A systematic review. (*Giulia Capannolo, Alice D'Amico, Sara Alameddine, Raffaella Di Girolamo, Asma Khalil, Giuseppe Cali, Ilan T. Trish, Conrado M. Coutinho, Mauricio Herrera, Marco Liberati, Alessandro Lucidi, Jose Palacios-Jaraquemada, Danilo Buca, Francesco D'Antonio*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15544>
- Impact of maternal late hospital arrival on adverse outcome of offspring affected by placental abruption: A regional multicenter nested case-control study in Japan. (*Hiroshi Kawamura, Nozomu Takahashi, Yumiko Miyazaki, Hideaki Tsuyoshi, Makoto Orisaka, Yoshio Yoshida*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15579>

And below Editor's choice article from the same issue is Open Access.

- Colporrhaphy using elastic tissue continuous with and obscured behind the fibromuscular layer of the vaginal wall. (*Tetsuya Oishi, Fumikazu Kotsuji, Hiroki Kato, Hisato Tokuda, Satoshi Nakago, Takashi Shibata*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15613>

JOGR Volume 49, Issue 6 has been published; Editor's choice has been updated; and below Editor's choice articles from this issue are free **until the end of July 2023**.

- Diagnostic accuracy of amniotic fluid interleukin-6 for fetal inflammatory response syndrome. (*Kana Ohkuma, Takeshi Ono, Yuko Oshima, Kunio So, Keisuke Tsumura, Fumio Yamasaki, Yukiko Nakura, Itaru Yanagihara, Makoto Nomiyama, Masatoshi Yokoyama*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15630>
- Evaluation of fetal cardiac function in fetal growth restriction via fetal HQ analysis based on two-dimensional STI. (*Wen Wang, Ji-feng Liu, Hong Yin, Ling Wang, Ge Zhang, Lin-lin Song, Yan Song*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15631>
- Association between combined spinal-epidural analgesia and neurodevelopment at 3 years old: The Japan Environment and Children's Study. (*Masahiro Noda, Satomi Yoshida, Chihiro Kawakami, Masato Takeuchi, Koji Kawakami, Shuichi Ito, Japan Environment and Children's Study Group*) <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15642>

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We hope these articles will be useful as references and updates for our members.



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