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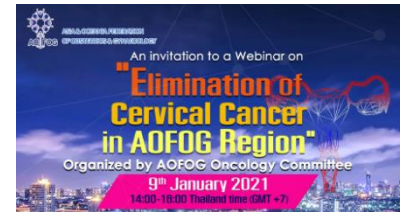
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President's Message....

Are we still struggling with COVID-19?

Dear members,

As of March 22, 2021, more than 123 million people have been infected by SARS-CoV-2 worldwide and 2.7 million have died from the disease. Now, what about the status of COVID-19 infection in our AOFOG member countries?

The total number of cases in the AOFOG region was 17,940,640, which is 14.6% of the cases in the world. The top three countries with the highest number of cases are India, Indonesia and Israel, which account for 70% of the total morbidity in the AOFOG region. On the other hand, the number of deaths in the AOFOG region is 283,475, which is 10.4% of the deaths in the world. The top three death toll countries in the AOFOG region are India, Indonesia and Pakistan with 213,045,

	GLOBAL	AOFOG
Population (x1000) 2019 (UN)	7,713,468	4,286,020
Confirmed Cases (Cases per million pop.)	123,131,873 (15,963.2)	17,940,640 (4,185.9)
Deaths	2,714,574	283,475
Case-Fatality Rate (%)	2.20%	1.58%
Deaths per million pop.	351.93	66.14

Table 1 Cases and deaths due to COVID-19 as of 9 am, 22nd March 2021, JST. (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>)



accounting for 75% of the total deaths in the region. Thus, the case-fatality rate worldwide is 2.2%, but it is as low as 1.6% in our region, and the number of deaths per million people is clearly low in the Asia Oceania Region (Table 1).

But Asia-Oceania is not special. There was a first wave of infection last spring and many countries in our region are currently experiencing a second wave. We are worried about future trends.

Changes in mortality during the 1918 influenza pandemic appear to be very suggestive in predicting the future of COVID-19 cases. At that time, it was difficult to grasp the number of infected cases, and only the transition of the number of deaths remained in the record. Surprisingly, this is consistent with the pattern of changes in the prevalence of COVID-19. All that was possible at that time was to isolate the patient, use a mask, and wash hands. Today, in addition to the same classic precautions, the actions we should take (i.e., avoiding 3 Cs and disinfection, etc.) are repeatedly announced through the media. Nevertheless, we experienced exactly the same or much higher second wave as in 1918 pandemic.

Recently, SARS-CoV-2 variants have been attracting attention. The UK, South African, and Brazilian types have already been identified and have already begun to spread around the world. Many of the recent cases are thought to be infected by these variants. Why are we so concerned about variants? Because the mutation of N501Y and D641G in the Spike protein relates to increased transmissibility and E484K of the Spike protein affects immune evasion. This suggests that variants may be more infectious, weaken the host immune system and make the vaccine less effective.

Then, will we have a next wave? The 1918 pandemic came with a third wave, though not as high as the second one. Now the last 100 years of achievements and progress since 1918 in the medical world are seeing, how much the vaccine can suppress this third wave and how much new medicine can decrease the number of deaths. I hope that the preventive effect of the vaccine and the therapeutic effect of the new drug will be successful, and that in the near future there will be a daily life without fear of COVID-19.

Prof. Kazunori Ochiai

President, AFOG.



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Secretary General's Message.....

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone is keeping well.

Three months have already passed in the New Year 2021. Still, we don't seem to see an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, several developments and changes have taken place.

It's satisfying to note that vaccination against COVID-19 has commenced in most of our countries and this was what we all were looking forward to as a solution to end to the pandemic. But not surprisingly several issues have cropped up. WHO states that there is short supply of the vaccines and it is not evenly distributed among the countries. Also new variants of the virus are developing and their sensitivity to the various vaccinations are not certain.

We are also facing new challenges regarding women's health. Gender based violence, suicide rates, mental disorders all have increased in most of our countries.

We all live with the hope that there is always light at the end of the tunnel!

With the continuation of the pandemic most of us have accepted the situation and adapted to live with it and proceed with our activities though not as usual but taking all the health precautions. Lifestyles and practices have changed.

We are unable to conduct conferences in person face to face yet. Fortunately, we have been able to continue our academic educational programmes through the virtual platform. Telemedicine has come to the forefront and this may be the way forward in medicine in the future. It also has its obstacles, as telemedicine is not familiar to all of us, and not been available to everyone.

During the last quarter due to the seasonal and New Year holidays, we were able to conduct only a limited number of programmes.

1. Completed Activities

a) Webinar on "Elimination of Cervical Cancer in AFOG Region".

In keeping with the *"Global call for action towards the elimination of cervical cancer"* by WHO Director - General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on May 2018 and the adoption of a resolution at the World Health Assembly on 17th Nov 2020 by 194 countries committing themselves to eliminate cervical cancer, AFOG oncology Committee Chaired by Prof. Sarikapan organized a Webinar on 'Elimination of Cervical cancer in the AFOG region' on the 9th of Jan 2021 as the first event for this year. [Read more...](#)



b) 29th International Scientific Conference of OGSB –

Conference was held on 19-20 & 26-27 March 2021 on a virtual platform. Prof. Kazunori Ochiai delivered a plenary lecture titled, “Global Health Threats in COVID-19 pandemic-Past, present & future”. It was very informative and appreciated by all. AOFOG also conducted a Plenary Session on “Telemedicine in the Covid-19 era and beyond”. Here Dr. Jaydeep Tank speaking on “Telemedicine overview - more than the telephone: Scope, Potential and Reality”, presented the scope of telemedicine in this COVID-19 era where face to face consultations had to be minimized, its advantages and the problems faced when using telemedicine. Then Dr. Susan Fleming & Dr. Ruth Large from New Zealand spoke on the “Telemedicine - Experience from New Zealand”, giving an insight to the value of telemedicine during this COVID-19 pandemic and the lock down period. Lastly Dr. Sabrina Jabeen from OGSB spoke on, “Leveraging Telemedicine for Sexual and Reproductive Health” where she outlined a study done on Telemedicine in Bangladesh. This very successful session was concluded after an interesting question and answer session.

I wish to thank Prof. Sameena Chowdhury, President OGSB and Prof. Saleha Begum, Secretary General OGSB for incorporating an AOFOG session in their annual congress and Dr. Jaydeep Tank for organizing and coordinating the session.

c) Webinar in Association with the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society of Singapore (OGSS). –

Web CME titled “Patient care & safety in Pre & Post COVID-19 era”, was conducted by the AOFOG Maternal & Fetal Medicine Committee in association with Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society of Singapore, on the 28th of March 2021. Following the opening remarks given by the AOFOG President, Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, Prof. Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, Hon. Fellow AOFOG, Past President FIGO, RCOG & BMA, delivered a very informative, comprehensive Key note address on “COVID Pandemic-Light is at the end of the tunnel”. Prof Arulkumaran in his address compared the present pandemic and the previous pandemic and in keeping with the title of the lecture he gave everyone much hope by showing how the vaccination programme would help in controlling the situation. Then we had an enlightening Symposium on ‘Clinical Practices in O&G during the COVID-19 Pandemic’, where the following lectures were delivered.

- Antenatal and peripartum workflow during COVID-19 pandemic in Singapore - Prof. Su Lin Lin. (Singapore)
- Clinical care and outcomes of pregnant women with COVID-19 during the pandemic in Singapore - Prof. Citra Mattar. (Singapore)
- Japanese situation of pregnancy outcome and care of Covid19 - Prof. Shintaro (Japan)
- Surgical Safety Checklist in COVID Scenario - Dr. Milind Shah (India)

Dr. Jaydeep Tank as usual conducted a very stimulating Q&A session, and the webinar came to an end with the concluding remarks given by Prof. Mahesh Choolani (OGSS Representative to the AOFOG & Head, Dept. of O&G National University of Singapore) & Dr. U.D. P. Ratnasiri (Chair, AOFOG MFM Committee).

ASIA & OCEANIA FEDERATION OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY

WebCME Organized by
Feto Maternal Medicine Committee of AOFOG in Association with Obstetric & Gynaecology Society of Singapore
On “Patient care and safety in the pre and post COVID era”

Date: Sunday 28th March, 2021 | Time: 1300 – 1500 (Sri Lankan Standard Time : GMT+5.30)

Programme Details		
Time	Topic	Speaker
1300 – 1305	Welcoming remarks and Introduction by President AOFOG	Prof. Kazunori Ochiai (Japan) (President, AOFOG)
1305 – 1325	Key Note address: “Covid pandemic - Light is at the end of the tunnel”	Prof. Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (UK) (Past President FIGO, RCOG, BMA)
Symposium on ‘Clinical Practices in O & G during the COVID 19 Pandemic’		
1325 – 1340	Antenatal and peripartum workflow during COVID-19 pandemic in Singapore	Prof. Su Lin Lin (Singapore)
1340 – 1355	Clinical care and outcomes of pregnant women with COVID-19 during the pandemic in Singapore	Prof. Citra Mattar (Singapore)
1355 – 1410	Japanese situation of pregnancy outcome and care of Covid19	Prof. Makino Shintaro (Japan)
1410 – 1425	Surgical Safety Checklist in COVID Scenario	Dr. Milind Shah (India)
1425 – 1445	Q & A	Dr. Jaydeep Tank (India) (Deputy Secretary General, AOFOG)
1445 – 1455	Concluding remarks	by the Chairpersons
Chairpersons		
	Dr. U.D.P. Ratnasiri (Chair, AOFOG, MFM Committee)	
Prof. Mahesh Choolani (OGSS representative to AOFOG)		
Moderator		
	Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka) (Deputy General, AOFOG)	
Target Audience: Clinicians in O & G		
Registration : Free of charge		
Certificate of attendance will be given only to those participants who return the completed Feedback form at the end of the webinar.		
The session will be live streamed on For Registration - Click the link - https://bit.ly/38lnzrt		
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I like to express my thanks to Prof. Lim Yong Kue (President OGSS) and his council for approving the joint programme and Prof. Mahesh Choolani for his initiative and assistance in organizing the webinar. I also wish to thank AFOG member Societies, JSOG, OGSM, POGS, TAOG, & OGSS for awarding CME points for those who participated in the web CME. I appreciate very much if other societies too will award CME points in our future programmes.



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2. Scientific programmes planned for the coming months.

a) AFOG session in NESOG Annual conference on the 3rd of April 2021, will be held virtually.

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| a. Opening remarks | - Prof. Ochiai Kazunori
President AFOG |
| b. Changing Paradigm of COVID-19 in Pregnancy" | - Dr. Arundhati Gosavi
Consultant, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Dept. of O&G, NUH, Singapore. |
| c. Direct or indirect effects of COVID on maternal/perinatal health. | - Dr. Clair Whitehead
Consultant Obstetrician, Dept. of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia |
| d. "Safety during Delivery & Caesarean Section in COVID pandemic"? | - Dr. Milind R. Shah
India |
| e. Closing remarks | - Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General AFOG |

b) 73rd Annual Congress of Japan Society of Obstetrics & Gynecology (JSOG).

Though the JSOG congress was initially planned to be held in person from April 22nd - 25th this year in Niigata, Japan, due to the continuing health restrictions, the Conference will be held on a virtual platform now. The AFOG session planned for the JSOG congress is as follows,

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| ▪ Introductory Remarks | - Ochiai Kazunori
President AFOG,
Shin-Yurigaoka General Hospital, Kawasaki |
| ▪ Welcome Remarks | - Kimura Tadashi
Chairman JSOG, Osaka University |
| ▪ Chair 1 | - Ochiai Kazunori
President, AFOG |
| ▪ Chair 2 | - Haththotuwa Rohana Nalin
Secretary General, AFOG |
| ▪ Speaker 1
(Premature labour – Gravity of the problem & Pathogenesis) | - Makino Shintaro
Juntendo University |

- **Speaker 2**
(Diagnosis and Treatment of Preterm Labour)
 - **Speaker 3**
(Management of Preterm labour and delivery)
 - **Speaker 4**
(Introduction of AFOG)
 - **Closing Remarks**
- **Tank Jaydeep D.**
Deputy Secretary General AFOG, Ashwini Maternity and Surgical Hospital, India
 - **Udagama Puspananda Ratnasiri**
Chair, AFOG MFM Committee Sri Lanka
 - **Baba Tsukasa**
Iwate Medical University, Japan
 - **Haththotuwa Rohana Nalin**
Secretary General, AFOG, Sri Lanka

c) Joint WebCME with FIGO.

On the invitation of Prof. Faysal El Kak, Vice President, FIGO, we have planned two programmes of **FIGO Global Webinar with AFOG on "Women' Healthcare: Fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic"**. The two programmes have been organized with eminent speakers both from FIGO and AFOG. The dates are to be finalized and will be held towards the middle of this year. I look forward to your joining these webinars.

d) Urogynaecology Committee Webinar.

Prof. Mou-Jong Sun, Chair AFOG Urogynaecology Committee has organized the 2nd AFOG Urogynaecology webinar In Association with the Indonesian Society of O&G (POGI) and the Indonesian Association of Urogynaecology (HUGI). It is titled "Enhancing patient's experience in Urogynaecology services" and will be held on 1st May 2021. Further details regarding this programme will be communicated through your societies.

2nd AFOG UROGYNAECOLOGY WEBINAR
Enhancing Patient's Experience in Urogynaecology Services
1 May 2021
13.00 to 15.10 (GMT+7) Indonesian Time

Moderator & Speakers

Prof. Kazunori Ochiai (Japan), Prof. Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka), Dr. Ari Kusuma Januanto (Indonesia), Prof. Budi Iman Santosa (Indonesia), Dr. Mou-Jong Sun (Taiwan), Prof. Tsung Hsien Su (Taiwan), Dr. Alfa Putri Meulia (Indonesia), Dr. Jackie Smallbridge (New Zealand), Dr. Fernandi Moegni (Indonesia), Dr. Wen-Chu Huang (Taiwan), Dr. Erwinanto (Indonesia)

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2nd AFOG Urogynaecology Webinar

Opening Ceremony

13.00-13.05 **Opening Remarks**
Prof. Kazunori Ochiai - President, AFOG (Japan)

13.05-13.10 **Brief introduction of AFOG**
Prof. Rohana Haththotuwa - Secretary General, AFOG (Sri Lanka)

13.10-13.15 **Welcome Speech and Brief Introduction of POGI (Indonesian Society of O&G) & HUGI (Indonesian Association of Urogynaecology)**
Dr. Ari Kusuma Januanto President, POGI (Indonesia)
Prof. Budi Iman Santosa President, HUGI (Indonesia)

13.15-13.20 **Introduction of AFOG Urogynaecology Committee**
Dr. Mou-Jong Sun - Chair, Urogynaecology Committee, AFOG (Taiwan)

Enhancing Patient's Experience in Urogynaecology Services
Moderator: Dr. Alfa Putri Meulia (Indonesia)

13.20 – 13.40 **Current Strategy And Innovation in Early Detecting of Female Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Problems**
Dr. Jackie Smallbridge (New Zealand)

13.40 – 14.00 **The Role of Ultrasound and Perineometry in Early Detecting Pelvic Floor Weakness Since Late Pregnancy Until Post Puerperium**
Dr. Fernandi Moegni (Indonesia)

14.00 – 14.20 **Mullerian Anomaly: diagnosis and management from patient's perspective in Indonesia**
Dr. Erwinanto (Indonesia)

14.20 – 14.40 **Mixed Urinary Incontinence – How to Choose Priority Management Between Surgery & Non-surgery Best Practice**
Dr. Wen-Chu Huang (Taiwan)

14.40 – 15.00 Discussion

15.00 - 15.10 Closing Remarks
Dr. Mou-Jong Sun - Chair, Urogynaecology Committee, AFOG (Taiwan)
Prof. Tsung Hsien Su - Treasurer AFOG (Taiwan)

(Indonesia Standard Time GMT+7) The certificate of attendance will be issued to the participants who returns the feedback only.

3. Blood Health Forum.

First session in the Blood Health Forum series, endorsed by AFOG and supported by P&G Health was held on 23rd January 2021, with the participation of Prof. Kazunori Ochiai President AOFOG, who gave the introductory address. The programme was titled “Micronutrients and Blood Health: Myths and Challenges in Asia”.

The second session in this series of programmes was, a debate on “Low dose vs high dose iron: Less is More?” and was held on 20th February 2021. Dr. John Tait, President Elect participated in this event representing AOFOG. The live webinar has been attended by close to 2500 delegates from more than 7 countries.

The third session titled ‘Latest updates in IDA management’, is planned to be held on 17th April 2021. Dr. Corazon Claida N Gamila from Philippines will be participating from the AOFOG.

BLOOD HEALTH FORUM SERIES

DEBATE: LOW DOSE VS HIGH DOSE IRON: LESS IS MORE?

JOIN THIS FORUM AND GET UPDATES FROM RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE EXPERTS

SPEAKERS:

- Dr. John Tait** (Moderator)
- Dr. Prabu P.** (Chairperson)
- Prof. Dr. Michael Zimmermann** (Speaker)
- Dr. Michael Low** (Speaker)

Watch LIVE on Saturday, 20th February 2021 at 6 - 7 PM SGT

Find out more at the exciting blood health forum event!

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BLOOD HEALTH FORUM SERIES

LATEST UPDATES IN IDA MANAGEMENT

JOIN THIS FORUM AND GET UPDATES FROM RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE EXPERTS

SPEAKERS

- Dr. Corazon Zaida N. Gamila** (Chairperson)
- Dr. Anil Kamat** (Speaker)

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4. AOFOG 2022

Preparations are underway for the AOFOG 2022 which will be held in Bali, Indonesia from the 23rd to 26th May 2022. As informed earlier it will be organized as a hybrid conference as we cannot be certain about the COVID-19 situation and the relaxing of travel restrictions by then. [Read more...](#)

We have called National Societies to nominate speakers and I invite everyone to participate in the conference in large delegations as I have a sense that the situation will be clear by then with the vaccination in progress and we will be able to participate in person. Organisers are planning exciting social programmes and you are bound to have a well-deserved wonderful period in the tourist paradise, Bali after this long lockdown.

Wishing everyone a better tomorrow...!

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General, AOFOG



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Messages from COVID-19 Advisory Group

24th March 2021

Dear members,

The pandemic of COVID-19 with the official name of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) started in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. The first COVID-19 case outside China was reported in Thailand on 13th January 2020.

As of 24th March 2021, there were 124,986,300 reported coronavirus cases with 2,749,174 deaths affecting 221 countries or states globally, (<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>).

As of **21st March 2021**, a total of **403,269,879 vaccine doses** have been administered, (<https://covid19.who.int/>)

Among 28 members of AFOG, as of 22nd March 2021, five members with the highest number of COVID-19 cases are India (11,746,775), Indonesia (1,476,452), Israel (829,832), Philippines (684,311) and Pakistan (637,042). Five members with the lowest number of COVID-19 cases are Macau (48), Laos People's Democratic Republic (49), Brunei (206), Timor-Leste (372) and Bhutan (870).

Two very important issues that we would like to inform our AFOG members in this AFOG Newsletter include:

1) Caring for women with COVID-19 during and after pregnancy:

The most update WHO COVID-19 Living Guideline 25 January 2021 (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-clinical-2021-1>) has made the following recommendations:

- a) All pregnant women with history of contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 be carefully monitored considering asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19.
- b) Pregnant or recently pregnant women with suspected or confirmed mild COVID-19 may not require acute care in hospital, unless there is concern for rapid deterioration or an inability to promptly return to hospital; but isolation to contain virus transmission is recommended, and can be done at a health facility, community facility or at home, according to established COVID-19 care pathways.
- c) Pregnant or recently pregnant women with moderate or severe COVID-19 require acute care in the hospital, as there is concern for rapid deterioration that may warrant supportive care for severe respiratory morbidity; and/or interventions to improve maternal and fetal survival.
- d) Pregnant and recently pregnant women with suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19, should have access to woman-centred, respectful skilled care, including midwifery, obstetric, fetal medicine and neonatal care, as well as mental health and psychosocial support, with readiness to care for maternal and neonatal complications.
- e) Mode of birth should be individualized, based on obstetric indications and the woman's preferences. WHO recommends that induction of labour and caesarean section should only be undertaken when medically justified and based on maternal and fetal conditions. COVID-19 positive status alone is not an indication for caesarean section.
- f) Pregnant and recently pregnant women who have recovered from COVID-19 and been released from the COVID-19 care pathway, should be enabled and encouraged to receive routine antenatal, postpartum, or post-abortion care, as appropriate. Additional care should be provided if there are any complications.
- g) Mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be encouraged to initiate and continue breastfeeding. From the available evidence, mothers should be counselled that the benefits of breast-feeding substantially outweigh the potential risks of transmission. The most recent WHO document (<https://www.who.int/news/item/16-03-2021-new-research-highlights-risks-of-separating-newborns-from-mothers-during-covid-19-pandemic>) also indicates that keeping mothers and babies together could save more than 125,000 lives.

2) COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant and lactating women:

- a) FIGO 2nd March 2021 (<https://www.figo.org/covid-19-vaccination-pregnant-and-breastfeeding-women>)
FIGO considers that there are no risks – actual or theoretical – that would outweigh the potential benefits of vaccination for pregnant women. FIGO supports offering COVID-19 vaccination to pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- b) Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-women-of-childbearing-age-currently-pregnant-planning-a-pregnancy-or-breastfeeding/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-for-women-of-childbearing-age-pregnant-planning-a-pregnancy-or-breastfeeding>) (updated 1 March 2021) indicated that “The vaccines have not yet been tested in pregnancy, so until more information is available, those who are pregnant should not routinely have this vaccine. Non-clinical evidence is required before any clinical studies in pregnancy can start, and before that, it is usual to not recommend routine vaccination during pregnancy.”
- c) ACOG: (<https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2020/12/vaccinating-pregnant-and-lactating-patients-against-covid-19>) Last updated March 4, 2021.
ACOG recommends that COVID-19 vaccines should not be withheld from pregnant individuals. COVID-19 vaccines should be offered to lactating individuals similar to non-lactating individuals.
- d) WHO: In the interim, pregnant women should receive COVID-19 vaccine only if the benefit of vaccination to the pregnant woman outweighs the potential vaccine risks, such as if the woman is a health worker at high risk of exposure or has comorbidities that place them in a high-risk group for severe COVID-19. This applies to either Janssen vaccine (Ad26.COVS.2) (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-vaccines-SAGE-recommendation-Ad26.COVS.2-2021.1>) or the AZD1222 (ChAdOx1-S (recombinant)) vaccine against COVID-19 developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-vaccines-SAGE-recommendation-AZD1222-2021.1>).

Although more than 400 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines has been administered globally as well as many other enormous resources that have been spent, many countries in our AOFOG still have to work very hard in controlling COVID-19 pandemic situation. On behalf of AOFOG, we wish you all the best for fighting with this devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon

Chair, COVID-19 Advisory Group.

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Report from MIGS Committee

Our Committee contributed a revision of “AOFOG statement on COVID-19 and Minimal Invasive Gynecologic Surgery”, released on March 1st 2021. This revision was made on the WHO statement for living guidance issued on this January. Further revision will be issued around this summer after most health care providers would receive vaccination.

Our Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, have supported the Congress Office of the Japanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) to conduct an AOFOG Session in the 73rd JSOG Annual Congress of JSOG on 22th - 25th April 2021. In this session, the President, Ochiai Kazunori, will have an introductory remark, Tank Jaydeep D. will play a distinguished speaker, and Haththotuwa Rohana Nalin will have a closing remark.

As for future activities, this committee plans to have a collaborative session of laparoscopic surgeries for pelvic organ prolapse in the 21st Annual Congress of Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) to be held on 11th - 13th September 2021. Further joint symposium or workshops in the 7th Biennial Meeting of Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology to be held in Thailand on 25th - 27th November 2021 are now under consideration with the Oncology Committee.

Dr. Tsukasa Baba

Chair, MIGS Committee.

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OBITUARY

Japan Society of O & G announced the demise of Prof. Hitoo Nakano on October 20, 2020. He was a Fellow of the AOFOG and was awarded the Fellowship in 2007 when the AOCOG was held in Tokyo, Japan. He was a great researcher who has contributed much to JSOG and AOFOG. His demise is a great loss to the Federation and will be missed by us.

May his soul rest in peace and May he attain the bliss of Nibbana...!!!



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AOFOG 2022

Dear AOFOG member,



I hope that everything is well and remains safe despite the difficult circumstances that are being faced together. On behalf of AOFOG members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all colleagues who have joined the 27th AOFOG Congress, our special biennial meeting. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the AOFOG congress will be held on 23-26 May 2022. The implementation of the AOFOG congress this time is hybrid which is the combination of online and on site at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Bali-Indonesia.

During the Congress, we continued with the theme "From Bench to Bedside: Between Culture, Future, and Technology in Women's Health". Various hot topic discussions, debates, controversies, and many more will add to your knowledge and experience in providing better services for our patients in the future. We will open registration for congress participants in July 2021.

In addition, scientific paper competitions that will generate a lot of new thoughts and innovations will provide updated knowledge of our insights and critical attitudes as doctors regarding the development of medical issues, especially in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. Moreover, it can contribute to the latest knowledge that can advance science in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. Therefore, we invite all researchers to be able to participate in scientific paper competitions at the 27th AOFOG Congress. Registration for scientific paper participants will be open in July 2021. Thank you very much.

We hope to see you all there!

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- National survey of primary amenorrhea and relevant conditions in Japan. (*Hirofumi Haraguchi, Miyuki Harada, Kenichi Kashimada, Reiko Horikawa, Hideya Sakakibara, Makio Shozu, Tomoyuki Fujii, Yutaka Osuga, Koji Kugu*). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.14606>

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