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President's Message

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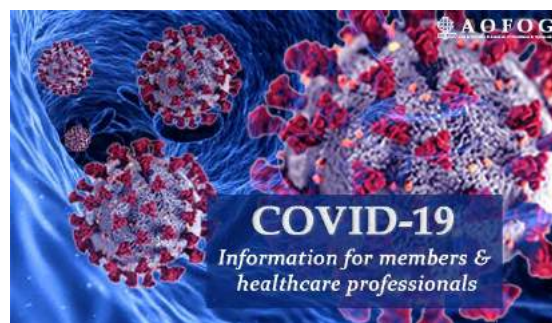
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President's Message....

Dear Members,

One of the topics this summer was Tokyo Olympic and Paralympics 2020. You must have cheered on the activities of athletes in your own country through TV. The Olympic Games were held from July 23rd to August 8th, and the Paralympics Games were held from August 24th to September 5th. First of all, I am truly pleased that this big event has ended successfully. I would like to thank all the countries concerned, especially AOFOG members, for their cooperation.

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, it was decided in March 2020 that the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympics, which was scheduled to be held in July 2020, was postponed for one year. Most people imagined that after a year, the wave of COVID-19 would be curtailed and a safe and secure event would be held. However, the pandemic of COVID-19 has created a new problem of epidemics of mutant strains, and the host country Japan and the host city Tokyo had to respond differently from ordinary sporting events. Until just before the event, the games were held in an unusual state of without spectators while the pros and cons were discussing it, but it ended without any major problems.

Now it's AOFOG's turn. Last year, most international conferences were cancelled or postponed due to the policies of their respective host countries, or were held virtually. AOFOG has also postponed the 27th Congress, which was scheduled to be held in March 2021, at the Executive Board Meeting in July 2020, to May 2022. We hope that the COVID-19 measures in the Asia-Oceania region will be thoroughly implemented within the postponement period of one year or more, and that it will be possible to hold our conference where participants can get together on-site. However, as the global spread of COVID-19 continues beyond imagination, it is extremely difficult to predict what will happen in May next year, and we are currently preparing for hybrid conference both local participation and online participation.

I would like to decide the holding format by the end of the year at the latest. However, the most important thing in a congress is its content, the scientific programme. This is being considered by the organizing committee based on the speaker recommendations from each NS. The website for the 27th AOFOG Congress has been launched, revised every day and expectations are rising. We are looking forward to seeing our members in Bali next year after taking all possible measures against COVID-19.

Prof. Kazunori Ochiai
President, AOFOG.



Secretary General's Message.....

Dear Friends,

Hi everyone. Hope everyone is well in spite of the continuing COVID 19 pandemic. We feel a slight sense of relief when we see the infected cases reducing in the region and the regulations been lifted gradually and travel restrictions been relaxed in some countries. But I suppose we have all got accustomed to the new normal of living with the COVID. Hopefully we will be able to meet each other in person soon by the time of the AOFOG 2022 in May next year.



FOGSI – AOFOG – SAFOG Conference

FOGSI- AOFOG - SAFOG conference titled “**WISDOM 2021**” was held on 20 – 22 August 2021, virtually with the theme “**Blending Evidence and Experience into Practice**”.

The conference was well represented by AOFOG speakers and the SRH Committee and the MFM committee conducted two workshops.

I would like to Congratulate Dr. Shantha Kumari, President FOGSI and Dr. Madhuri Patel, Secretary General FOGSI and the Organising Chairs of “WISDOM 2021”, Prof Krishnendu Gupta (FOGSI Representative to AOFOG) and Dr. Bhaskar Pal (FOGSI Representative to SAFOG), and Dr Basab Mukherjee (Vice President FOGSI) the Organising Secretary for organising and conducting congress so successfully with good participation. [Read more...](#)

Training of the Trainers Workshop on MPDSR

MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL), in collaboration with the Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG), UNICEF and UNFPA conducted a virtual MPDSR Training of the Trainers workshop with trainees from six countries of the Asia and Oceania region in July 2021.

The idea of the training was initiated by the WHO MPDSR working group and I am thankful to Francesca & Dr. Mathews Mathai of the working group. But it was organized and carried out by Dr. Kusum Thapa from Momentum to whom we are very thankful. We appreciate very much the assistance given by Susan Stalls, Director Maternal Newborn health of Momentum to make the programme happen. It was due to the untiring efforts of the three other facilitators Dr. S Neelam Agrawaal & Vanita Jain from India, Nishani Lucas from Sri Lanka who ably assisted Dr. Kusum to carry out the training so successfully and effectively. The trainees were also very enthusiastic and committed. They were from **Cambodia** Prof. Pech Sothy, **Laos** Dr. Alongkone, Dr. Douangphachah, Officers from DHR and UNICEF, **Philippines** Dr. Annete, Dr. Marjorie & Officers from UNFPA, **PNG**. Titlola, Emily, Madeline Marucha Irene being the Officers representing Department of Health, UNFPA & WHO, and representing **AOFOG** were Dr. Ratnasiri (MFM Committee Chair) & Dr. Kiran from India

I also like to thank the Presidents of O & G Societies of Cambodia, Laos & Philippines for readily responding to our request and nominating members to the W/S. [Read more...](#)

Committee Activities.

The activities done by the various Committee chairs and their committees are highlighted in their reports.

- I. [Uro-Gynae Committee](#)
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10th HPV Summit

10th HPV summit on 'Closing the Gap; a decade of guarding our future for the next generations was held on 31st August 2021 virtually. Prof. Kazunori Ochiai President AOFOG made a key note address on AOFOG plans for HPV Advocacy challenges and plans for the future.

I thank very much Dr. Cecilia Llave and Dr. Christia Padolena for their committed efforts to carry out these programmes very successfully with vast participation. [Read more...](#)

AOFOG 2022.

We are slowly approaching the great event and the organizing team headed by Dr. Andon and Prof. Budi Wiveko are working tirelessly to make AOFOG 2022 a memorable event. The organisers are facing difficulties with the ongoing COVID 19 situation and organizing is carried out as a hybrid event.

The Scientific programme is coming up very well with the participation of a galaxy of renowned speakers from the region and outside. They have also come up with very exciting social events and we hope very much that the situation will be favorable during the congress time for us to participate in person and enjoy the congress.

Registration will be opened shortly and abstracts could be submitted online. [Read more...](#)

Look forward to seeing everyone at AOFOG 2022

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General, AOFOG



Report on the FOGSI – AOFOG – SAFOG Virtual Conference: “WISDOM 2021”

The FOGSI – AOFOG – SAFOG Virtual Conference “WISDOM 2021” was held on 20 – 22 August 2021. The three-day conference was a virtual academic extravaganza covering almost the entire gamut of Obstetrics & Gynaecology with a clinical focus, ably supported by the expertise and participation of 29 international faculty from the National Societies affiliated to AOFOG and numerous faculty members from the Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI).

The theme of the conference was aptly named “Blending Evidence and Experience into Practice”.

“WISDOM 2021” was the brainchild of the three Federation Presidents, Dr. S. Shantha Kumari (FOGSI), Prof. Kazunori Ochiai (AOFOG) and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (SAFOG), ably supported by the Members of the Executive Board and Office Bearers of the respective Federations.

The Organising Chairs of “WISDOM 2021” were Prof Krishnendu Gupta (FOGSI Representative to AOFOG) and Dr Bhaskar Pal (FOGSI Representative to SAFOG), with Dr. Basab Mukherjee (Vice President FOGSI) being the Organising Secretary.

Day 1 of the conference on Friday, 20 August was the day of workshops. There were 6 workshops of 3 hours each running simultaneously in three halls on Reproductive Endocrinology, Adolescent Health and Fetal Medicine in the first session, followed by ART, Safe Abortion, Endoscopy in the second session. Each of the workshops had a mix of symposia, keynote lectures and case-based panel discussions. The SRH Committee of AOFOG partnered with FOGSI for the workshop on “Adolescent Health’, while the Fetal Medicine Committee of SAFOG partnered with FOGSI workshop on “Fetal Medicine”.

Day 2 of the conference on Saturday, 21 August commenced with a short yet crisp Inauguration Ceremony with Prof Krishnendu Gupta giving the welcome address, addresses by the three Presidents Dr. S Shantha Kumari, Prof Kazunori Ochiai and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, followed by short messages by Dr Madhuri Patel (Secretary General of FOGSI), Dr. Jaydeep Tank (Deputy Secretary General of AOFOG) and Dr. Yousaf Latif Khan (Secretary General of SAFOG). Dr. Bhaskar Pal gave the customary vote-of-thanks in his indomitable style. The Masters-of Ceremony were Dr. Anshu Raina and Dr. Seetha Ramamurthy Pal, who did a truly commendable job.

The scientific programme began with the plenary “Presidential Session” with wonderful and erudite lectures by Dr. S Shantha Kumari on “Violence Against Women”, Prof. Kazunori Ochiai on “Ovarian Cancer Surgery: Lessons from COVID-19 Pandemic” and Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa on “Preventing the Primary Caesarean Section”. Thereafter, three halls running simultaneously covered numerous topics as Keynote Address / Symposia / Panel Discussions on Endometriosis, SDG 2020 in the SAFOG region, Public health issues in Nepal, Hyperglycaemia in pregnancy (panel), Setting-up a vulval clinic, Vulvodynia, VIN, Recurrent vaginitis, Iron therapy in pregnancy, Ovulation induction in PCOS, Cervical ripening, Complications of hysterectomy (panel discussion), Obstetric cholestasis, Prediction of preterm labour, PPROM, Progesterone in preterm labour, Effects of COVID-19 in pregnancy, Time management for doctors, Genital tuberculosis, Gynae Oncology (panel), Female sexual dysfunction, Early detection of breast cancer, Preventing MTCT in HIV, Outpatient hysteroscopy. The final scientific program of the day was a plenary session with fantastic and thought-provoking presentations by Dr. Pisake Lumbiganon (President Elect AOFOG) on “Implementation of EBM into



Reproductive Health Practice: A Role of Research Synthesis” and Dr. Ferdousi Begum (Immediate Past President SAFOG) on “Still Birth in SAFOG Region”.

Day 3 of the conference started with a plenary session with presentations by Prof Krishnendu Gupta on “HPV Vaccination – are we really doing enough?”, Dr Hrishikesh Pai (President Elect FOGSI) on “Fertility Preservation: An Overview” and Dr Bhaskar Pal on “Ectopic Pregnancy: Reducing Mortality & Morbidity”.

Thereafter, three halls running simultaneously covered numerous topics as Keynote Address / Symposia / Panel Discussions on Fertility enhancing endoscopic surgery, Violence against women, Endometriosis (panel), Management of PPH with reference to medical and surgical management (carbetocin, obstetric hysterectomy), Obesity, NCDs, FGR, Obstetric sepsis (panel), Urogynecology (urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, SUI, vault prolapse), Robson’s classification, USG in PAS, Difficult deliveries of CS, Midlife management (panel), Advances in gynaecological imaging, Screening for ovarian carcinoma, Surgical management of Mullerian anomalies, Thyroid disorders in pregnancy, Contraception (LARC, Non-contraceptive benefits, Post-abortion contraception, Medical disease), Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (panel), Public Health issues in Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. An excellent keynote address worth mentioning which truly moved and touched everyone very deeply was on “COVID-19: a silver lining”, masterly delivered by Dr Ravi Chandran (Immediate Past President AOFOG).

The final scientific session of the conference was a plenary with Prof. Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran giving a very thought-provoking and insightful presentation entitled “Knowledge Comes and Wisdom Lingers – Challenges to Evidenced Based Medicine”. Truly, the presentation were “words of wisdom” befitting the name and theme of the conference.

Immediately after the plenary, a valedictory ceremony followed with lots of valuable feedback and extremely kind words of appreciation provided by all the international and national faculty present.

The total number of registered delegates for the conference was 1499, with the gracious presence and participation of an amazing array of Past, Present and Future Presidents from FOGSI (17), AOFOG (03) and SAFOG (07).

The 29 international faculty members (in alphabetical order), who shared their experience and actively participated were:

Dr Aliya Begum (Pakistan), Prof Angela Aguilar (Philippines), Dr. Archana Amatya (Nepal), Dr Farhana Dewan (Bangladesh), Prof Farrukh Zaman (Pakistan), Prof Ferdousi Begum (Bangladesh), Prof Kazunori Ochiai (Japan), Prof Kiyoko Kato (Japan), Prof Laila Arjumand Bano (Bangladesh), Prof Lubna Hassan (Pakistan), Prof Mou-Jong Sun (Taiwan), Dr Nelinda Pangilinan (Philippines), Dr Phurb Dorjee (Bhutan), Prof Pisake Lumbiganon (Thailand), Prof Rashid Latif Khan (Pakistan), Dr Ravi Chandran (Malaysia), Dr Raymond Li (Hong Kong), Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka), Rubina Sohail (Pakistan), Prof Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (United Kingdom), Prof Sameena Choudhury (Bangladesh), Dr Sanath Lanerolle (Sri Lanka), Prof Sarikapan Wilailak (Thailand), Prof Sudha Sharma (Nepal), Prof Tsukasa Baba (Japan), Prof Tsung-Hsien Su (Taiwan), Dr Yousaf Latif Khan (Pakistan), Dr UDP Ratnasiri (Sri Lanka), Prof Unnop Jaisamrarn (Thailand).

The Organising Chairs and Organising Secretary along with Team “WISDOM 2021” profusely thank all concerned in FOGSI, AOFOG and SAFOG for their timely help, support, advise and guidance, and to all the faculty members, workshop convenors, hall co-ordinators and finally, to all the delegates logged-in to make the conference truly inclusive which culminated in its stupendous success!!

Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) workshop

Background

Given the uncertainty of conducting in-person training on MPDSR due to the COVID-19 situation, MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL), in collaboration with the Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG), UNICEF and UNFPA conducted a virtual MPDSR capacity building workshop among the six countries of the Asia and Oceania region in July 2021.

The Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR) process is a powerful strategy to reduce preventable maternal and perinatal deaths. By doing this, every maternal and perinatal death could be identified, reviewed based on the factors contributing to deaths, responded appropriately, and trends could be monitored.

Goal of the workshop

The overall goal of the workshop was to strengthen manager and provider skills to support strong MPDSR processes that contribute to the facility and sub-national efforts to improve the quality of maternal/perinatal health care and eliminate preventable maternal and perinatal deaths.

Workshop structure

The workshop was conducted on a virtual platform [Zoom Meeting] between 27 and 30 July 2021—3 hours each day. In addition, a pre-workshop orientation was held before the workshop on 20 July 2021. The materials used for the workshop were the Global Virtual MPDSR Capacity Building Package developed by MCGL/UNICEF/WHO/UNFPA.

Facilitators and participants

Seven facilitators [representing AOFOG, MCGL, WHO, Nepal, India, and Sri Lanka] led the one-day pre-workshop and four-day workshop sessions. Similarly, 18 participants from six countries—Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, PNG, India, and Sri Lanka participated. Most of them were managers and healthcare providers involved in maternal and newborn health, implementing MPDSR/QI activities in the facility and district.

Workshop preparation

The workshop preparation had begun one month before the workshop. First, a list of confirmed facilitators and participants with their details (Designation, Country, Email ID, and WhatsApp numbers) was finalized. Likewise, organizers sent workshop materials for the facilitators in a zipped file.

Two weeks before the workshop, the organizers sent invitation letters with dates of pre-workshop and workshop and the learners' material in the "Zipped folder" to the learners. In addition, as team support, WhatsApp groups were created both for facilitators and learners. Finally, the participants were encouraged to complete their home assignments, an integral part of this workshop.

Pre-workshop

The pre-workshop was organized on 20 July 2021. The objectives of the pre-workshop were to:

- Introduce the participants to the workshop format
- Build rapport within the group ahead of the MPDSR Workshop and help create a positive learning environment.

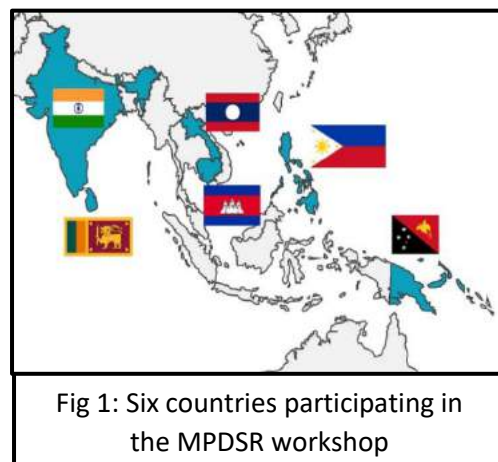


Fig 1: Six countries participating in the MPDSR workshop

- Familiarize participants with the zoom platform
- Acquaint the participants with the session plan and home assignment for each day of the workshop



The President and the Secretary-General of AOFOG also joined the pre-workshop along with the participants. The opening of the pre-workshop followed the remarks from AOFOG.

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-General of AOFOG, kicked off the session with welcome remarks to all the participants, facilitators, and organizers and thanked MCGL and Dr. Kusum Thapa for their dedication towards making the workshop possible.



Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, President of AOFOG, shared greetings from Japan. He mentioned that the theme WHO flagged on 17 September 2021 is "Safe maternal and newborn care," reflecting how important it is to prevent women and newborns from dying. He added, "As SDG targets reducing maternal mortality ratio to 70/100000 and reducing neonatal mortality to at least 12 per 1000 live births, this workshop in Virtual platform amidst pandemic is crucial for each country and region. Hence, AOFOG supports the workshop for its success."

On behalf of MCGL, Kusum Thapa welcomed the participants, facilitators, and organizers and expressed that all could significantly transform the region by making this workshop successful.

Workshop

MPDSR workshop was conducted between 27 and 30 August 2021. The highly interactive workshop covered 12 sessions distributed between the four days which are listed below:

- Session 1: Overview of the workshop
- Session 2: MPDSR Individual learning plan and pre-course
- Session 3: Understanding Pathways to Maternal and Perinatal Death
- Session 4: Six-Step Mortality Audit Cycle
- Session 5: Identifying Maternal and Perinatal Death
- Session 6: Creating or Strengthening MPDSR Committees
- Session 7: Review and Knowledge Check- Formative assessment
- Session 8: Key components of Maternal and perinatal death case review forms
- Session: 9 Cause Assignment Using the ICD-MM
- Session: 10 Cause Assignment Using the ICD-PM
- Session 11: Identifying Modifiable Contributing Factors for a Maternal and Perinatal Death and Priority Responses to Implement and Monitor
- Session 12: Monitoring and Analyzing Trends in Causes of Maternal and perinatal Deaths and Findings of Death Reviews to Prioritize Aggregated Responses

Evaluation/results

Participants needed 85% to be eligible for successful completion of the course. All participants scored higher than 85% in the post-course assessment. Moreover, all the questions documented more than 94% correct responses from the participants.

Closing and feedback

As a representative from the participant's side, Majorie, one of the participants, expressed her contentment to be part of the workshop. She highlighted that the workshop was a much-needed step to cascade MPDSR in the country and

region. Dr. Rohanna thanked MCGL, especially Suzanne Stalls, Dr. Kusum Thapa, other co-partners, and facilitators for the successful workshop. He also emphasized that the workshop was organized systematically—from simple to complex- while making the virtual platform equally compelling and engaging for carrying the region's MPDSR process. Finally, he encouraged participants to prepare and submit their action plans and carry this forward.



Way forward

As a part of the ongoing response, the participants from the same country were asked to work on the action plan for scaling up MPDSR at the national and sub-national levels. Based on the action points shared during the break-out group sessions, participants were asked to complete the comprehensive action plan and share it with the facilitators for documentation and follow-up of response activities. As a result, four [excluding India and Sri Lanka] countries have shared their tentative action plan with AOFOG/MCGL/UNICEF/UNFPA in August 2021. AOFOG/MCGL/UNICEF/UNFPA will support the country's action plans.

Dr. Kusum Thapa (FCOG, MPH)
Senior Technical Advisor, Maternal and Newborn Health

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Report of Urogynecology Committee

a) The first one is the webinar on SUNDAY June 13, 2021, organized by the Urogynecology Committee of AOFOG & Urogynecology Committee of FOGSI & OGSSI, INDIA with the title UROGYNECOLOGY- PRESENT AND FUTURE- FOR THE GYNECOLOGISTS. It was very successful and well attended with more than 400 participating.

The image shows two promotional posters for a webinar. The left poster is titled 'Webinar organised by Urogynecology Committee of AOFOG & Urogynecology Committee of FOGSI & OGSSI, India' and lists several speakers and moderators. The right poster is titled 'Webinar organised by Urogynecology Committee of AOFOG & Urogynecology Committee of FOGSI & OGSSI, India' and provides a detailed agenda with topics and speakers.



b) Wisdom 2021, FOGSI in Association with AOFOG & SAFOG organized Virtual Conference from 20th to 22nd Aug. AOFOG Urogynecology Committee chair Mou-Jong Sun was invited to be the chair of the Urogynecology symposium. An “AOFOG Session” was held in the “Sexual Medicine for Providers of Women’s Health Care” course organised by The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong (OGSHK) on Saturday, 22 May 2021.



- c) Urogynecology Chair of AOFOG, Dr Mou-Jong Sun, was invited to be one of the Chairs of International Symposium AOFOG Joint Session. Theme: Current Status of Laparoscopic Surgery for Pelvic Organ Prolapse.



Updates regarding future activities

- a.) TUGA (Taiwan Urogynecology Association) will hold an annual conference in Taipei Taiwan. The AOFOG Urogynecology Committee planned a special AOFOG session of international speech, on Oct 3, 2021

Prof. Mou - Jong Sun

Chair, Uro-Gyanecology Committee

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Report from MIGS Committee

In recent 3 months, our committee had a couple of engagements.

The Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, made a keynote presentation “Gynecologic endoscopic treatment during the pandemic: Important considerations.” at Endoscopy session of WISDOM 2021, the FOGSI - AOFOG - SAFOG Virtual Conference held on 20th Aug 2021. In this session, Dr. Prakash Trivedi made another keynote lecture “Controversies in Power Morcellation” concerning intra-abdominal tumor morcellation after laparoscopic myomectomy with several video case presentations.

Dr. Tsukasa Baba also stated a commentary for MIGS under this SARS-COV-2 pandemic era after the presentations of the AOFOG Urogynecology committee members in the AOFOG joint symposium at the 21st Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) annual congress (APAGE 2021) on 13th Sep 2021.

He also had a presentation for laparoscopic endometrial cancer treatment on behalf of AOFOG MIGS committee in the other symposium of APAGE 2021 on 12th Sep 2021.

Future activities

As upcoming activities, our committee will have a collaborative symposium at ASGO 2021 held in 25-27th Nov 2021 as AOFOG-ASGO session: joint committee symposium of Oncology and MIGS. This symposium would be co-chaired by the both committee chairs of Oncology and MIGS, Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak and Prof. Tsukasa Baba. In this symposium, 4 MIGS presentations concerning current trends in MIGS and its training of AOFOG countries as well as US and Europe.

Prof. Tsukasa Baba,
Chair, AOFOG MIGS Committee

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Report of SRH Committee

The SRH Committee of AOFOG conducted a three-hour workshop on “Adolescent Health” on Friday, 20 August 2021 during the FOGSI – AOFOG – SAFOG Virtual Conference entitled “WISDOM 2021” held from 20 – 22 August 2021.

The workshop was divided into three one-hour sessions: two symposia and one case-based panel discussion on “Adolescent Health”. The participating international and national faculty and programme were as follows:rogynecology services” We would like to thank POGI, HUGI 's and Dr. Dr Fernandi, Dr.Alfa for their assistance, participation and support. There were over 300 participants who enjoyed this successful webinar. We had a very positive feedback from the participants. These fabulous and unforgettable lectures and discussions set great examples for us.

The SRH Committee was represented by its member Prof Unnop Jaisamrarn from Thailand. The other international faculty in the workshop, amidst a host of national faculty from FOGSI was Prof Anjela S Aguilar (President, Philippine Society for Reproductive Medicine, 2021 and President, Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Society of the Philippines, 2020) from Philippines.

Prof Krishnendu Gupta, Chair – SRH Committee of AOFOG, who incidentally was the Organising Chair of “WISDOM 2021”, was instrumental in planning and executing the “Adolescent Health” workshop along with the two workshop convenors from FOGSI, Dr Girish Mane and Dr Shyjus P.

“WISDOM 2021” attracted 1499 delegates from all over the world and was a very successful virtual conference.

Prof. Krishnendu Gupta,
Chairman, AOFOG, SRH Committee

WORKSHOP: ADOLESCENT HEALTH (Partner: SRH Committee AOFOG)
Workshop Convenors: Shyjus P. , Girish Mane
SYMPOSIUM
Chairs Bharati More , Rajal Thakkar , Vijayalakshmi Seshadri
Life Skill Education for Adolescents Vaidehi Marathe
Adolescent Nutrition and its Impact on Gynaecological Development Angela Aguilar (Philippines)
Adolescent Contraception Unnop Jaisamrarn (Thailand)
SYMPOSIUM
Chairs Nivedita Datta , Praneshwari Devi , Supriya Ahware
Adolescent PCOS Charmila Aavavoo
Adolescent Friendly Services Archana Verma
Puberty AUB (Menorrhagia) Jayita Chakrabarti
PANEL
Case Discussions in Adolescent Health
Moderators: Girish Mane , Shyjus P
Panelists: Anita Sabharwal , Qby Nagar , Sampathkumari , Supriya Jaiswal , Vinita Singh , Yashodhara Pradeep

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10th HPV Summit highlights efforts towards a HPV-free future for the next generations

The WHO declares that too many women worldwide continue to die from cervical cancer; a disease which is both preventable and treatable. Quick and accurate screening programs are critical so that every woman with cervical disease gets the treatment she needs, and avoidable deaths are prevented.¹

Now in its 10th year, the HPV Summit aims and commits to help build a HPV-free future for Filipinos by being at the forefront of HPV-related issues such as preventive strategies, early detection methods, therapy options and healthcare policies and programs.

This event was made possible by a dynamic consortium among Cervical Cancer Prevention Network of the Philippines (CECAP), DOH, and Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society with global partner Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynecology (AFOG). There were some 655 virtual attendees, and 3100 on POGS and Guard against FB pages. Of those on virtual 655, there were 28 from US, Vietnam 12, Singapore 10, Nepal, Saudi Arabia 7 each, Oman 6, UAE 4, Japan, Fiji, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, Australia 3 each, Korea, Indonesia India 2 each, Canada 1, rest Filipinos 549.

AFOG's president Prof. Kazunori Ochiai said, "Advocacy and education are key drivers in the prevention and elimination of cervical cancer." He emphasized the importance of educating health providers and the public with the collaboration of policy makers and the government in the fight against HPV and cervical cancer. And Dr. Ingrid Magnata, SUCCESS (Scale Up Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy) Country Program Manager, reiterates that cervical cancer can be cured and prevented. "Let us have a strong resolve to eliminate cervical cancer in the future," she said.

To mark a decade of advocacy and achievements in the prevention of HPV infections and cervical cancer, the summit discussed its milestones and key action plans towards a cervical cancer-free Philippines by 2030.

Overcoming challenges in the battle against HPV and cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is one of the vaccine-preventable and treatable forms of cancer, yet it continues to be the second most common cancer next to breast cancer among Filipino women. To address this health issue, Dr. Patrick Tejano, Program Manager of the National Immunization Program cited that DOH rolled out its community-based HPV immunization program in 2015 in 20 provinces targeting 9-10 years old female. The following year, school-based immunization (SBI) expanded to 26 provinces and HUCs/ICCs targeting among 9-14 years old female in public schools. During the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccination in schools was interrupted as classes shifted to online learning at public and private schools. To work around this situation, vaccinations at health centers, door-to-door approach and temporary inoculation posts were implemented.

He also discussed the future directions on HPV vaccination. While classes are still on hold, there will be a continuous conduct of community-based vaccination of 2-dose HPV among eligible population of the community. Once face-to-

10th HPV Summit
Closing the Gap: A Decade of Guarding our Future for the Next Generations
August 31, 2021 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MODERATOR FOR THE OPEN FORUM

- ANUJ WALIA, MD, Global Director, Medical Affairs USA
- KAZUNORI OCHIAI, MD, PhD, President, AFOG
- KIM PATRICK TEJANO, MD, Program Manager, NIP
- INGRID MAGNATA, MD, MPH, MEdM, Global Director, Asia Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy (SUCCESS)
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PROGRAM

- 4:00 PM - 4:05 PM** Welcome Remarks: INGRID MAGNATA, MD, MPH, MEdM (Global Director, Asia Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy, SUCCESS Program Manager)
- 4:05 PM - 4:45 PM** AFOG - plans for HPV advocacy (New Immunization Strategy, The Road and "plans for the future" DR. KAZUNORI OCHIAI, MD, PhD (President, Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology)
- 4:45 PM - 5:00 PM** Blunt: HPV Vaccination Experience: Long-term follow-up data and impact of HPV Vaccination in Bahrain ANUJ WALIA, MD (Global Director, Medical Affairs, MSD, USA)
- 5:00 PM - 5:05 PM** DOH HPV Vaccination: Pre-pandemic, pandemic and post-pandemic: KIM PATRICK TEJANO, MD (Program Manager, NIP - National Immunization Program)
- 5:05 PM - 5:30 PM** WHO Guideline Update on Cervical Cancer Elimination: Integration of the WHO guideline to the Scale Up Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy CECILIA LLAVE, MD, PhD (Technical Advisor, SUCCESS, SHRECO affiliate of Johns Hopkins)
- 5:30 PM - 5:55 PM** Open Forum: CHRISTINA MAGNOLINA, MD (AFOG Lesson Officer)
- 5:55 PM - 6:00 PM** HPV Immunization among Adolescents: Facts and Perceptions: WANESSA MARIA TORRES - TICCON, MD, FPPS, DPSPMS (President, SAGP - Asian Cervical Cancer Elimination with Secondary Prevention Strategy), DR. MICHELLE ANNE MENCHIBAT, MD, FPPS, DPSPMS (MSL, LESLEY ANN ALIBEDA (PANELIST) MS. SONA TUSILAN, PRESIDENT, DOH DR. ANA LYN PATERNO - SAGP II

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face classes resume, vaccination shall revert to SBI protocol implementation and expand to cover more areas. Health technology assessment of HPV vaccination will be conducted as well.

Dr Anuj Walia Discussed the history of HPV vaccine development in MSD and the subsequent studies that were implemented.

In 2009, Bhutan initiated a Demonstration Project for HPV vaccination in line with the WHO Guidelines. Bhutan was the first low-income country to successfully implement an HPV vaccination plan. Bhutan also had the highest vaccination rates in terms of HPV vaccination. This is primarily due to the strong endorsement from the head of state and the public's faith in its government.

Leadership and governance is one of the six building blocks of successful health system. It is also the most important component in terms of program implementation. As the society has faith in its leadership, reception in terms of public programs become evident.

Dr. Cecilia Llave, technical advisor of the SUCCESS project, mentioned that 9 in ten cervical cancer cases occur in low to middle income countries (LMIC) where there is limited access to vaccination and or screening and it is expected to worsen by 2030.

The SUCCESS project promotes the best available screen-and-treat tools to prevent cancer in women most at risk, especially those living with HIV. It implements a cervical cancer control approach based on high-performance screening; HPV testing and thermal ablation of precancerous lesions; and increased awareness and information for communities.²

In November 2020, the WHO launched the global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem. This calls for 70% of women globally to be screened regularly for cervical disease with a high-performance test, and for 90% of those needing it to receive appropriate treatment.¹

The WHO states that women living with HIV are at higher risk of developing cervical cancer faster when infected with HPV. Early screening and treatment of precancerous lesions are essential to avert invasive cervical cancer, but high cost, slow integration into national guidelines especially among women living with HIV, hinder the scale-up of preventive solutions.²

According to Dr. Llave, the goal of 30 percent reduction in mortality from cervical cancer or below 4 cases for every 100,000 women can be achieved through HPV vaccination among girls 9-14 years, screening, pre-cancer treatment and palliative care. She also stated the recommended use of HPV DNA testing as the primary screening test rather than visual inspection with acetic acid (VIA) or cytology among women aged 30-49 years based on WHO's guideline. The new guideline also cites recommendations which are specific for women living with HIV. This includes using an HPV DNA primary screening test followed by a triage test if results are positive for HPV, to evaluate the results for risk of cervical cancer and need for treatment. Dr. Llave added that once a decision to treat a woman is made, it is good practice to treat as soon as possible within six months.

Immunizing the youth for a healthy future

Dr. Vanessa Ticzon, Vice President of the Society of Adolescent Medicines of the Philippines, Inc. (SAMPI) discussed the importance of adolescent immunization. She cited that 22% of the Philippine population comprises adolescents 10-19 years old and failure to invest in adolescent healthcare negatively influences the health of future generations. Dr. Ticzon added that infectious diseases to which adolescents are susceptible are often preventable with vaccines.

Cervical cancer is the second most common female cancer in women aged 15 to 44 years in Philippines. And there are about 7,190 cases of cervical cancer and 4,088 deaths annually (estimates for 2018).³

Dr. Ticzon stated that HPV vaccination prevents more than 90% of cancers. Two doses of HPV vaccine are given to 9-14 years old adolescents and 3 doses to aged 15-26 young adults. Immunogenicity studies have shown that vaccine

given to 9-14 year olds provided a better protection than 3 doses given to young adults. The vaccine is also more effective if given before exposure to HPV.

She concluded that investments in adolescents bring a triple benefit: healthy adolescents now, healthy adults in the future and healthy future generations.

Working together towards an HPV-free Philippines

Dr. Benjamin Cuenca, President of the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (POGS) said that the 10th HPV summit is a display of what real collaboration should be, working hand in hand not only in the national level but more importantly, with orchestrated efforts from countries in the Asia-Oceania Region sharing best interests and fight plans to contain the wrath of HPV and protect future generations. "Together, let's work towards a cancer-free, HPV-free Philippines and Asia & Oceania."

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Dr. Cecilia Llave,

Technical advisor of the SUCCESS project

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Message from COVID-19 Advisory Group

Updated on 27th May 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 19th September 2021, there were 228,911,722 reported coronavirus cases with 4,699,315 deaths affecting 221 countries or states globally (<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>).

As of 14th September 2021, a total of 5,634,533,040 vaccine doses have been administered, (<https://covid19.who.int/>)

Among 28 members of AOFOG, as of 19th September 2021, five members with the highest number of COVID-19 cases are India (33,447,010), Indonesia (4,188,529), Philippines (2,347,478), Malaysia (2,082,876) and Japan (1,668,442). Five members with the lowest number of COVID-19 cases are Macau (63), New Zealand (4,038), Hong Kong (12,158), Taiwan (16,129) and Laos People's Democratic Republic (18,814).

We would like to update two very important issues in this AOFOG Newsletter.

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

WHO has not updated the latest version of the WHO COVID-19 Living Guideline 25 January 2021 (<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-clinical-2021-1>). This was already described in our AOFOG Newsletter in March 2021. We would like to highlight the following important recommendations:

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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:

There have been a very significant changes in the recommendations on this issue and we would like to update in this Newsletter as the followings:

- a) ACOG and SMFM
<https://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2021/07/acog-smfm-recommend-covid-19-vaccination-for-pregnant-individuals>
 - Data have shown that COVID-19 infection puts pregnant people at increased risk of severe complications and even death; yet only about 22% of pregnant individuals have received one or more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - COVID-19 vaccination is the best method to reduce maternal and fetal complications of COVID-19 infection among pregnant people. Maternal-fetal medicine subspecialists—experts in high-risk pregnancy—strongly recommend that pregnant people get vaccinated. Vaccination is safe before, during, or after pregnancy.
 - ACOG is recommending vaccination of pregnant individuals because we have evidence of the safe and effective use of the vaccine during pregnancy from many tens of thousands of reporting individuals, because we know that COVID-19 infection puts pregnant people at increased risk of severe complications, and because it is clear from the current vaccination rates that people need to feel confident in the safety and protective value of the COVID-19 vaccines. Pregnant individuals should feel confident that choosing COVID-19 vaccination not only protects them but also protects their families and communities.

b) CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html>

- Although the overall risk of severe illness is low, pregnant and recently pregnant people are at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 when compared with non-pregnant people. Additionally, pregnant people with COVID-19 are at increased risk of preterm birth and might be at increased risk of other adverse pregnancy outcomes, compared with pregnant women without COVID-19.
- Evidence about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy has been growing. These data suggest that the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine outweigh any known or potential risks of vaccination during pregnancy.
- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future.

c) FIGO

<https://www.figo.org/covid-19-vaccination-pregnant-and-breastfeeding-women>

- Although the absolute risk of severe COVID-19 in pregnancy remains low, it is now established that pregnant women are at increased risk of severe COVID-19-associated illness compared with non-pregnant women. Such illness can require hospitalization, intensive care unit admission, mechanical ventilation and even cause death. Thus, preventing critical COVID-19 infection is of paramount importance for both the mother and her fetus.
- FIGO, therefore, considers that there are no risks – actual or theoretical – that would outweigh the potential benefits of vaccination for pregnant women. We support offering COVID-19 vaccination to pregnant and breastfeeding women.

d) RCOG

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/guidelines/coronavirus-pregnancy/>

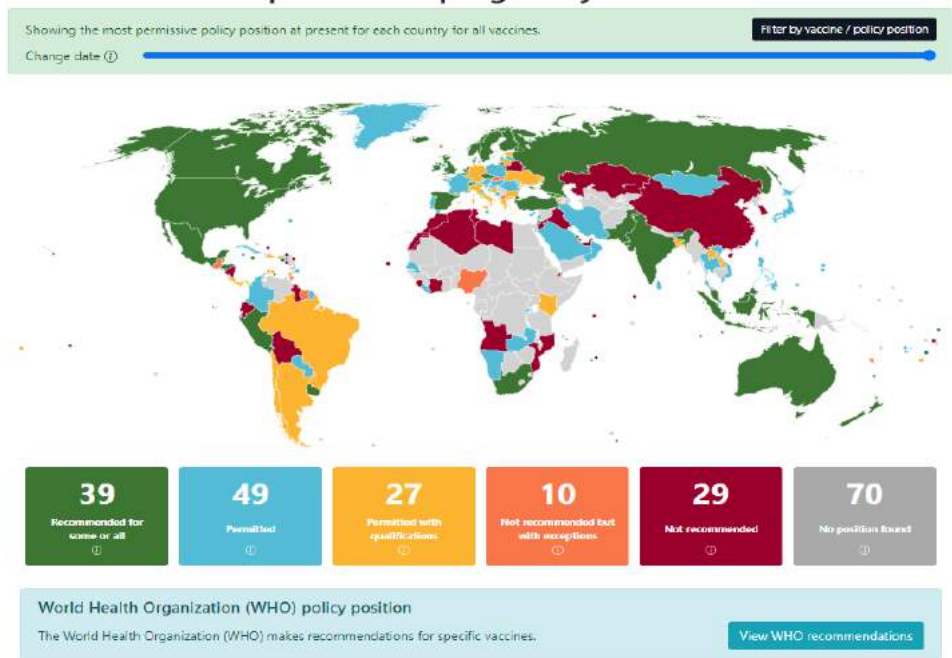
- The risk of severe illness from COVID-19 is higher for pregnant women than for non-pregnant women, particularly in the third trimester. There is consistent evidence that pregnant women are more likely to be admitted to an intensive care unit than non-pregnant women with COVID-19.
- Symptomatic maternal COVID-19 is associated with a two to three times greater risk of preterm birth. Although the overall risk of stillbirth is small, the risk is approximately doubled with SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- More than 200 000 women in UK and US have had a COVID-19 vaccine in pregnancy with no concerning safety signals.
- Vaccination against COVID-19 is strongly recommended. It should be offered to pregnant women at the same time as the rest of the population, based on age and clinical risk.

e) WHO

https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/2021-dha-docs/update-on-who-interim-recommendations-on-c-19-vaccination-for-pregnant-and-lactating-women-70-.pdf?sfvrsn=2c1d9ac8_1&download=true

- WHO recommends vaccination in pregnant women when the benefits of vaccination to the pregnant woman outweigh the potential risks e.g. pregnant women at high risk of exposure to COVID-19, pregnant women with comorbidities that place them in a high risk group for severe COVID-19.
- Current COVID-19 vaccines policy on pregnancy across countries (<https://www.comitglobal.org/>).

Covid-19 vaccine policies on pregnancy (switch to lactation)



Most recent vaccine policy position by the World Health Organization

World Health Organization

Last reviewed on 2021-08-25

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Most recent vaccine policy positions

Name	Other names	Pregnancy	Lactation	Date
Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 vaccine	Ad26.COV2.S	Yellow	Green	2021-06-15
Moderna COVID-19 vaccine	mRNA-1273	Blue	Green	2021-06-15
Oxford-AstraZeneca Vaxzevria, Covishield	AZD1222	Yellow	Green	2021-07-30
Pfizer/BioNTech Comirnaty	tozinameran, BNT162b2	Blue	Green	2021-06-15
Sinopharm BIBP-CorV	Hayat-Vax	Blue	Green	2021-05-07
Sinovac CoronaVac	SARS-CoV-2 inactivated vaccine	Blue	Green	2021-05-24

Legend



We do hope that many more countries will have a policy to provide COVID-19 vaccination to all pregnant women and consider them as one of the priority group. On behalf of AOFOG, we wish you all the best for fighting with this devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon
Chair, AOFOG COVID 19 Advisory Group

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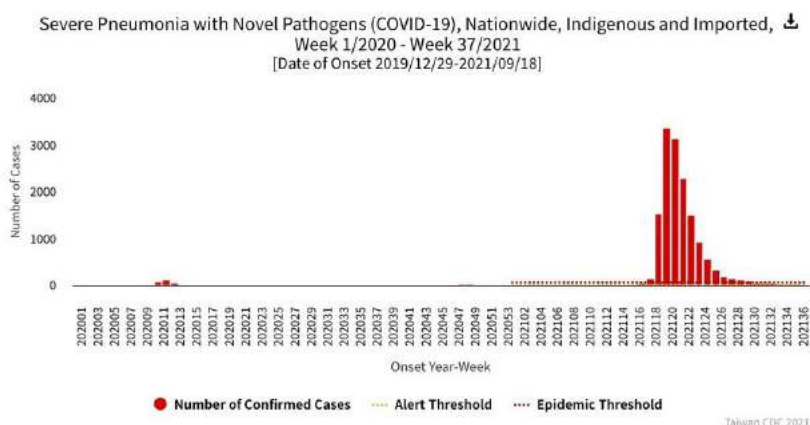
Member Society News Corner

1. Taiwan Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology Report

The 60th Annual Congress and the 9th International Symposium of TAOG was previously scheduled on May 29th-30th, 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 outbreaks in mid-May in Taiwan, the Annual Congress has been postponed to September 25th-26th at Taipei International Convention Center, and it will be held both on-site and online. On the other hand, the International Symposium has been held online as planned with over 600 participants of TAOG members and international speakers and guests.



In mid-May, Taiwan had vaccinated just 0.1% of the population, but with the generous vaccine donation from Japan, United States, Poland, Slovenia, Lithuania and Czech Republic, plus some from COVAX, and self-purchase, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) of Taiwan announced that our 1st dose vaccination rate surpasses 50% now. In addition, most people in Taiwan have followed infection control measures accordingly since the outbreak of the COVID-19. Then the national COVID-19 alert has been downgraded to level 2 since July 27th.



The chart shows the “Severe Pneumonia with Novel Pathogens (COVID-19), Nationwide, Indigenous and Imported,” from the CECC of Taiwan.

As for our part, TAOG has issued guidelines for “Management of Pregnant Women in Covid-19 Pandemic,” guidelines for “COVID-19 vaccines,” web pages dedicated to COVID-19 on TAOG website, and ensure that all pregnant women are officially listed with priority to take vaccines.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of TAOG, a commemorative book entitled 《台灣婦產科醫學會一甲子》 (“The Sixty Years History of TAOG”) has been published in this September.

And the newest SCI impact factor is 1.705 of our official journal, Taiwanese Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology (TJOG).

Ming-Chao Huang

President of TAOG

2. Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology

- **Obstetrics & Gynecology Science(OGS)**

KSOG has started this journal and anyone interested in this can get in touch with KSOG directly.



- **The 26th Seoul International Symposium**
 - AOFOG Session at the 26th Seoul International Symposium (online) on 2nd October 2021, Saturday.

3. FIGO - ASIA EVENING PROGRAMME




Asia Evening
23 October 2021
Organiser: AOFOG



PROGRAMME

1630-1635: Welcome
Prof Ochiai, President AOFOG

1635-1640: Introduction to AOFOG
Dr Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General AOFOG

1640-1710: Asia: Strength in Diversity
Video clips from 7 AOFOG NS

1710-1715: PPH : Asia is still Haemorrhaging
Dr John Tait, Vice President AOFOG
Incorporating a short video of patient experience of PPH

1715-1815: PPH : Virtual training in Laos
3 hands-on sessions 15x3 = 45 mins
Feedback from trainees = 15 mins

1815-1820: How ICOE has helped in Laos
Dr Alongkone, Secretary General LAOG

1820-1825: ICOE : Humble-pace to Cyberspace
Dr Gunasegaran, Director OGSM-ICOE

1825-1830: A Win-Win- Win partnership
Dr Ravi Chandran, Immediate Past President AOFOG

1830-1900: Asia: Unity in Diversity
Video clips from 8 AOFOG NS

1900-1915: Asia: Our Trainees, Our Future
Video clips focusing on our trainees

1915-1920: Closing
Prof Pisake Lumbiganon, President-elect AOFOG

***All above time mentioned in Delhi time**

AOFOG SESSION AT FIGO CONGRESS 2021

Friday, 22 October 2021

(Starts at 1230hrs Mumbai, 1500hrs Kuala Lumpur, 1600hrs Tokyo)

Join us for an update and contribute on ways to move forward!

CHALLENGES TO WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE IN THE AOFOG REGION

The session aims to highlight the continuing challenges in the region especially with regard to Maternal Mortality, Cervical Cancer and SRH and the various measures that AOFOG has already undertaken or is planning to undertake to address them. The unexpected appearance of COVID-19 and the ensuing setbacks will also be discussed.

Chairs:

Prof Kazunori Ochiai (President AOFOG) : Welcome and Aim of this session
Dr Ravi Chandran (Immediate Past President AOFOG) : Moderate PD
Dr Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General AOFOG) : Summary and Closing

1. REDUCING MATERNAL MORTALITY – THE BATTLE CONTINUES
Dr.U.D.P. Ratnasiri (Chair Maternal & Fetal Medicine Committee, AOFOG)
2. ELIMINATING CERVICAL CANCER – ARE WE WINNING?
Prof Sarikapan Walailak (Chair Oncology Committee, AOFOG)
3. SRH – OF MANSPLAINING AND SWEEPING THINGS UNDER THE RUG
Prof Krishnendu Gupta (Chair SRH committee, AOFOG)
4. THE 3 C's : COVID, CONUNDRUM, CURVEBALL
Prof Pisake Lumbiganon (Chair COVID Advisory Group, President Elect AOFOG)
5. PANEL DISCUSSION / Q&A

AOFOG 2022

Dear AOFOG Member,

I hope you are safe, healthy, and doing as well as you possibly can to overcome this difficult situation. Covid-19 pandemic is not an issue that any of us should take lightly, so please continue practicing social distancing, using double masks and washing your hands.



Indonesian Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI) is honored to host the biennial meeting: 27th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOFOG) Congress. This congress scheduled on 23rd to 26th May 2022, takes place in The Stone Hotel, Kuta, Bali. The 27th AOFOG Congress will be held hybrid, which is both online and onsite.

With the theme "From Bench to Bedside: Between Culture, Future, and Technology in Women's Health", we have prepared numerous topic discussions, controversies, debates, workshops in scientific programme. The registration for congress participant will be open soon.

Listen to the AOFOG President's Lecture by Professor Kazunori Ochiai. CT Hsu Memorial Lecture will be presented by Professor Noriaki Sakuragi. Professor Frank Louwen will deliver Malaysia Lecture. RCOG President's Lecture will be delivered by Professor Edward Patrick Morris. Moreover, listen to FIGO President's Lecture by Dr. Jeanne A Conry, MD, PhD and SS Ratnam Lecture presented by Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran.

On 23rd to 24th May 2022, Ultrasound workshop will be held with hands-on session (onsite). Other workshops will be held on 24th May 2020, including Live Surgery and Near Live Surgery in Minimal Invasive Surgery, VIA and Colposcopy as Cervical Cancer Screening Methods, High Risk Obstetrics and Emergency and Pre-Conception Management.

Various international and local speakers will take part in scientific session about comprehensive obstetrics and gynaecology topics. Special topics about Covid-19 and pregnancy will also be included. Watch the controversies and debate about: Pros and cons Surgery in infertile patient with endometriosis; Hysterectomy in Pelvic Organ Prolapse Surgery: To Take Out or Not to; Controversies in Fetal Growth restriction; Conservative treatment in managing Pelvic Floor Dysfunction (PFD).

We look forward to all researchers to participate in scientific paper competitions at the 27th AOFOG Congress. Call for abstracts opened from 1st July 2021.

Join us and celebrate the amazing Bali traditions and cultures amidst the warmth of Indonesian hospitality. Experience the famous Bali traditional dance during AOFOG President's Night and Opening Ceremony, and rejoice during Gala Dinner as enjoy it with the well-known Kecak Dance. We also have several social activities, such as Song Competition with the theme of "Song for Our Mother"; SPRIN (Selamatkan Perempuan Indonesia) as free webinar about obstetrics, gynaecology and reproductive health; and also Zumba Gold specially designed for elder ladies.

The theme of the Community Fellowship Programme for this year's Young Gynaecologist Awardees who will participate in the CFP will be, "Promoting acceleration of reducing MMR programme in Asia Pacific". This event will be held in hybrid, virtual & in gathering. Consist of: team building, focus group discussion, ice breaking, fun & games.

Please kindly check our website for more details: <http://www.aofog2022.com/>

We hope to see you all there!

Andon Hestiantoro, OG(REI), MPH, Phd

Chairperson,

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(Professor Emeritus, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Hokkaido University Graduate School Of Medicine, Director of Otaru General Hospital, Hokkaido, Japan)
PLENARY 3 : Malaysia Lecture - Professor Frank Louwen
(Professor of Medicine/ Gynecology and Obstetrics at the University of Frankfurt/ Main, Germany Scientific Committee Chair, XXIII FIGO World Congress)
PLENARY 4 : RCOG President’s Lecture - Professor Edward Patrcik Morris
PLENARY 5 : FIGO President’s Lecture - Jeanne A Conry, MD, PhD
PLENARY 6 : ACOG President’s Lecture
PLENARY 7 : SS Ratnam Lecture - Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran
(Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, St George’s University of London and Past President FIGO, RCOG & BMA)

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