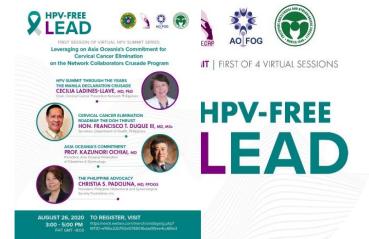


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President's Message....

The trajectory of the year

Dear members of AFOG,

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) officials have retrieved a capsule sent to Earth from the Hayabusa2 space probe. Hayabusa2 started its journey in space six years ago as it headed towards the asteroid Ryugu. Its target is believed to contain relatively large amounts of water and organic material when the solar system was born 4.6 billion years ago. It took four years to reach the asteroid, which is about 300 million kilometers from Earth. What an epic journey!



HAYABUSA 2

It's only one year since I became president of AFOG on November 13, 2019, but I would like to look back on my journey as president. The term of office of the president is until the next Congress, so I was supposed to finish my term at the 27th Bali Congress on March 14, 2021. In other words, I should have been busy preparing for the Congress by this time, with only

three months left. But the pandemic of COVID-19 has changed everything. We were forced to postpone the Bali Congress to May 2022. The official decision was announced on April 27, this year, but no one knew at that point how reasonable it would be to postpone it. But now it can be said that this decision was not wrong for two reasons: firstly It usually takes at least one and a half years to prepare for the congress because some sessions have a selection process in advance, and secondary the vaccine against COVID-19 is now in the practical stage. It will take some time before this becomes available worldwide, but at least it will definitely be a great relief in the future.

Many meetings and conferences are held online or are hybrids held online and on-site. AFOG was not an exception. As reported in this newsletter, we are very pleased that all the standing committees held many webinars and many AFOG members have attended. Rather, it is the convenience unique to a webinar that there are a large number of participants from abroad, which is unthinkable at ordinary in a face to face seminar.

During this time, I attended in person and gave plenary lectures only two overseas congresses, that is OGSB annual congress at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh on 19-21 Dec. 2019 and AICOG meeting at Lucknow, India on 30 Jan - 2 Feb. 2020. I am very honored to be an Honorary Fellow of the Indian College of Obstetrics and Gynecology at this meeting. Besides, I attended the OGSM / AFOG intensive course in an obstetric emergency (iCOE) held in Vientiane, Laos. The international conferences attended and spoken online was The 106th Annual Congress of Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology The 25th Seoul International Symposium, held on 27 Sept. 2020, in Seoul, Korea, the 2020 Annual convention

of Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological held on 12 November 2020. Society in Manila Philippines and FOGSI POGS international virtual conference Just Tumor held on 12 Dec. 2020.

Executive Board Meeting and Action Plan Meeting were held on 11-12 Jan. 2020 in Luang Prabang, Laos. However, the Executive Board Meeting on 18 July 2020 was held online. The AOFOG Congress 2022 meeting was held on 24, Aug. 2020, and 16 Nov. 2020 with the participation of Prof. Budi Wiweko, Secretary-General of the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI), Dr. Andon Hastiantero, Chairperson-LOC AOFOG 2022. We received an explanation about the progress of preparations for the conference and had a question and answer session. Normally, the venue of a congress is to be confirmed by a site visit, but this is not done at the present moment when travel is restricted due to COVID-19.

Hayabusa2 has delivered us a wonderful Christmas gift. What gifts has AOFOG offered to its members over the past year? Regarding topics related to COVID-19, we launched the COVID-19 corner on the AOFOG website to provide information to members and post related videos. During this time when face-to-face workshops were difficult to hold, we delivered webinars to our members. Each webinar has been evaluated by the participants, but I would like to make efforts to improve it by referring to the results in a future webinar.

Hayabusa2 has delivered us a wonderful Christmas gift. And you all gave AOFOG a gift of "various forms of support". I would be happy if the activities of AOFOG this year could be of some help to our members.

I wish you all the best for coming 2021..!

Prof. Kazunori Ochiai

President, AOFOG.



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Secretary General's Message.....

Hi Everyone,

Greetings to everyone for a Happy, Peaceful, Productive 2021 Free of Corona.

2020 was an unexpected experience for all of us. We were mostly confined to our homes and families not been able to travel and meet each other. All our lifestyles and our programmes had to be changed. Fortunately, we were able to find alternative methods to carry on our activities. We all were able to accept and get accustomed to this new way of life and our Committees carried out many educative programmes and we were able to see each other through the internet at least though not in person.



With the good news of Vaccinations been available in our countries, we could have hope that this issue will clear soon and that we will be able to lead a near-normal life soon.

In the midst of the continuing pandemic, our committee chairs were able to conduct several programmes through the web which were very educative in keeping with the changing clinical practices and were appreciated very much by the participants.

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AFOG 2022

As informed earlier because of the prevailing situation the AFOG congress was rescheduled to May 2022. As we cannot be certain about the condition during that time the organizing Committee Chaired by Prof Andon Hestiantoro, have decided to hold the programme as a hybrid congress where participants and speakers will have the choice of joining through the web also if they will not be able to join in person. We have called for nominations for speakers from the National Societies.

The congress will be held at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Bali- Indonesia from May 23rd -26th 2022. The duration of the Congress has been reluctantly reduced by the organisers to one day of Workshops and 2 days of Scientific sessions due to technical issues as it will be a Hybrid Conference. But they have as expected planned very enjoyable and exiting Social programmes and excursions for those who will participate in person.

We will keep you updated about the Congress through our AFOG 2022 website. I invite everyone to join the Congress so that we could renew our friendships after this long break. [Read more...](#)

In concluding I wish to request you to kindly inform the secretariat,

1. Changes in the office-bearers in the society, Council members, contact details.
2. The dates of the annual conference.
3. Any activity you would like AFOG to carry out in your country.
4. How your Society could assist AFOG in carrying out academic activities in your country? Other countries.

Further, I would like to remind all the member societies to kindly disseminate all the relevant information you receive from the AFOG to your membership who are members of the AFOG through your society.

If you are finding it difficult to send them to the membership, AFOG Secretariat could assist you to send them to your membership if you send us the contact details of the membership.

Further, I would like everyone to respond to the emails without delay. Even acknowledging receipt will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our Member Societies for their continued assistance and corporation in AFOG activities and I am confident that in 2021 the bonding between us will further strengthen so that we will be of service to our members and people in a greater way.

Looking forward for a Better Happier 2021...!!

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General, AFOG



AFOG Oncology Committee in Collaboration with AFOG Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery (MIGS) Committee

Report of 26th July 2020 Webinar:

AFOG WebCME was held on 26th July 2020, with the theme of “Covid-19 and Gynaecological Cancer Management” to promote academics international cooperation, goodwill and share knowledge, particularly in Asia & Oceania on this field of Gynaecologic Oncology and Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Professor Kazunori Ochiai, AFOG President, chaired the webinar and gave opening remarks with the introduction of AFOG to the audience, while Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, President-Elect, gave the closing remarks at the end. Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-General, and Dr. Jaydeep Tank, the Deputy Secretary-General AFOG conducted Q&A and feedback sessions. Professor Sarikapan Wilailak, Chair of Oncology Committee, and Professor Tsukasa Baba, Chair of Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery (MIGS) Committee, were moderators and speakers.

An invitation to a WebCME on
COVID-19 and Gynaecological Cancer Management
 Organised by
 Oncology Committee in collaboration with
 Minimally Invasive Gynaecologic Surgery (MIGS) Committee

Sunday
26 July 2020
 15:00-17:30 Japan Standard Time: (GMT+9)

ORGANISERS

- Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, President, AFOG (Japan)
- Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, President Elect, AFOG (Thailand)
- Prof. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-General (Sri Lanka)
- Dr. Jaydeep Tank, Deputy Secretary-General (India)

GUEST SPEAKER

- Prof. Sean Kehoe, Chair, FIGO Committee for Gynecologic Oncology (Ireland)

MODERATOR AND SPEAKER

- Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak, Chair, Oncology Committee (Thailand)
- Prof. Tsukasa Baba, Chair, MIGS Committee (Japan)

SPEAKERS

- Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy, Associate Professor (India)
- Prof. Hiralal Konar, Associate Professor (India)
- Prof. Laila Arjumand Banu, Bangladesh
- Dr. Tomonori Hada, Japan
- Dr. Masanori Isobe, Japan
- Dr. Ai Ling Tan, Associate Professor (New Zealand)
- Dr. Ka Yu Tse, Associate Professor (Hong Kong)

Join the Webinar with following Link <https://virtual-meeting.today/home.ahq>

The Keynote speaker was Professor Sean Kehoe, Chair of FIGO Committee for Gynecologic Oncology, giving a talk on “Impact of COVID-19 on Gynaecologic Oncology”. Other topics in Oncology covered the general principle of gynaecologic cancer patient management during the pandemic, surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, and immunotherapy as well as experiences in combating COVID-19 in New Zealand. The speakers were Professor Sarikapan Wilailak, Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy, Professor Hiralal Konar, Associate Professor Ka Yu Tse, and Dr. Ai Ling Tan. Topics in MIGS included current problems in MIGS, how to resume MIGS under COVID-19 impacts, and MIGS training under COVID-19: Japanese experiences. The speakers were Professor Tsukasa Baba, Professor Laila Arjumand Banu, Dr. Tomonori Hada, and Dr. Masanori Isobe.

Participants could learn how experts looked at the problems of taking care of gynaecologic cancer patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how to tackle them with the good principle as well as practical guidelines and suggestions. All sessions ran smoothly though some technical problems occurred. Lots of questions were entertained during the Q & A session.

There were 541 participants from 16 countries (15 members, 1 non-member). Feedback of the webinar, using Survey Monkey, provided by Dr. Jaydeep Tank, yielded 21 participants (3.88%) who responded. Ninety-six percent of the participants found the “Scientific content-Topic” to be Excellent to Good, while 91%, 96 %, and 87% found “Selection of speakers”, “Punctuality” and “Ease of use of the Online Platform” to be Excellent to Good respectively. For the question “Were you aware of AFOG before the webinar?”: 78% answered “Yes”, while 22% answered “No”. Certificates of attendance were given to all participants who answered the survey. Certificates of contribution were given to all speakers.

Finally, we would like to thank all AFOG executive members, Committee members, and speakers for their kind contribution and support. We would like to thank the Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for being our Academic Partner in this event.

Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak, M.D.

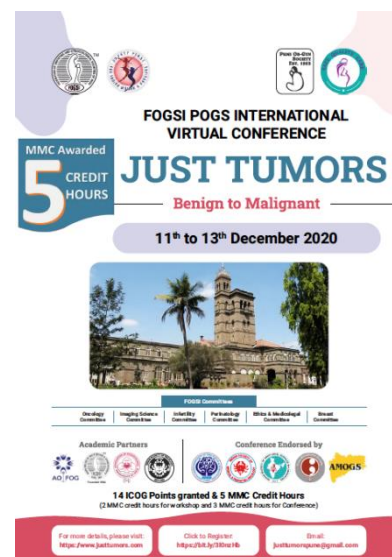
Chair, Oncology Committee

AFOG Gynaecological Oncology Committee Report: Oct-Dec 2020

COVID-19 has limited our travel and changed our daily life. However, our educational activities cannot be stopped. Recently, some postponed conferences have changed their format to become either virtual or hybrid meetings. Our Gynaecological Oncology Committee has just been invited to join the FOGSI - POGS International Conference (Pune, India) held on 11 - 13 Dec 2020. Our focus was ovarian cancer and below are the details of our participation:

Organisers: Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), Pune Ob-Gyn Society (POGS)
Theme: Just Tumors – Benign to Malignant

- Speaker: Prof. Kazunori Ochiai
- Date: 12 Dec 20
- Topic: Primary Debulking in Advanced Ovarian Cancer (Plenary session)
- Speaker: Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak
- Date: 12 Dec 20
- Topic: Borderline Ovarian Tumors
- Speaker: Dr. Ka Yu Tse
- Date: 13 Dec 20
- Topic: Homologous Recombination in Ovarian Cancer



Other completed academic activities

Our statement, 'COVID-19 and Gynaecological Cancers: Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AFOG) Oncology Committee Opinion', in Sep 2020 and it has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research in Nov 2020. We have also updated our statement under COVID-19 on the AFOG website on 26 Nov 2020.

Future activities

Education is one of the main focus areas for the AFOG. As the training programmes are not standardized in the Asia – Pacific region, Dr. Perapong Inthasorn will conduct a survey on the 'Gynecologic Oncology Subspecialty Training in Asia-Oceania'. The questionnaire will be distributed to different national societies and the results will be analysed afterward.

Cervical cancer is still the most common gynaecological cancer in Asia. The AFOG has the obligation to take the lead to harmonise the practices of cervical cancer prevention. Dr. Ka Yu Tse has drafted an online questionnaire on 'Current status of cervical cancer screening in Asia-Oceania' to collect the data on the use of cervical cancer screening tools and vaccination programmes. An invitation letter will be sent to individual national societies soon.

We will also organise a webinar on 'Elimination of Cervical Cancer in AFOG Region' on 9 Jan 2021, 14:00 – 16:00. Dr. Nathalie Broutet from the World Health Organization will give the keynote lecture on 'WHO Strategies to Eliminate Cervical Cancer', along with related interesting topics by our AFOG speakers.

Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak

Chair, Gynaecological Oncology Committee

Report from Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee

Our Committee contributed a lecture on “**Implication of COVID-19 for Fertility Care**”, delivered by Dr. Jaydeep Tank, in the **International Webinar on Recent Researches of COVID-19 & Scope of Implementation in Clinical Practice Beyond**. This 2.5-hour webinar was jointly held by AOFOG and the Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh on Friday 13 November 2020.



ASIA & OCEANIA FEDERATION
AOFOG OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY

An Invitation for WebCME on: COVID-19 and Fertility Care

Date: Saturday 14th November 2020 | Time: 0800 – 1000 (GMT)

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00 – 08:05	Welcoming remarks and Introduction by President AOFOG	Prof. Kazumori Ochiai (Japan) (President AOFOG)
08:05 – 08:25	Impact of COVID on fertility and pregnancy	Dr. Luca Gianaroli (Italy) (Member COVID-19 Working Group, ESHRE)
08:25 – 08:45	Sharing of Experience from Asian & Oceanic Countries	Prof. William Ledger (Professor, Division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of New South Wales, Australia)
08:45 – 09:05		Dr. Anita Rajorhia (Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Tokyo, Japan)
09:05 – 09:25		Dr. Kaori Koga (Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of the Philippines Manila, Philippines)
09:25 – 09:45		Dr. Virgilio Novero (Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
09:45 – 09:55	Resumption of fertility services in the COVID-19 time	Dr. Edgar Mocanu (Ireland) (Member COVID-19 Working Group, ESHRE)
09:55 – 09:55	Q&A/Discussion	
09:55 – 10:00	Concluding remarks	Dr. Rohana Haththothuwa (Sri Lanka) (Secretary General, AOFOG)

Target: Clinicians participating in fertility care in the Asia and Oceania region

Registration - Free of charge

Certificate of attendance will be issued to participants of the live session.

The session will be live streamed on **ZOOM** For Registration - Click the link - <https://bit.ly/2GYHG3g> Or Scan

Organized by Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee, Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Associate Partner **Zyklus**

On the same line, our Committee held a WebCME on “**COVID-19 and Fertility Care**” on Saturday 14th November 2020. In this 2-hour programme, we updated our members on the current views regarding the impact of COVID-19 on fertility and pregnancy as well as measures to take when resuming fertility services during pandemic times. We were honoured to have Dr. Luca Gianaroli (Italy) and Dr. Edgar Mocanu (Ireland) from the COVID-19 Working Group, European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) to educate us on these important issues. We also had representatives from some Asian and Oceanic countries sharing their experience with fertility service provision under the COVID pandemic; they include Professor William Ledger (Australia), Dr. Anita Rajorhia (India), Dr. Kaori Koga (Japan), Dr. Virgilio Jr. Novero (Philippines) and Professor Kamthorn Pruksananonda (Thailand). There were 454 members registered for the meeting, and 137 from 18 countries participated in the live session. The session recording will be available on the AOFOG website for those who were unable to join the programme in real-time. With our concerted efforts, we hope we shall overcome these difficult times.

Our Committee also presented an AOFOG Session on “**Infertility**” in the 53rd Annual Scientific Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on 12-13 December 2020. The session, chaired by Dr. Jaydeep Tank (India) and Dr. Anita Rajorhia (India), consisted of three lectures on (1) OHSS-free clinic: is it possible? (Prof. William Ledger, Australia), (2) Obesity and reproduction (Dr. Andon Hestiantoro, Indonesia) and (3) Pre-implantation genetic testing for aneuploidy: is it helpful? (Dr. Virgilio Novero, Philippines). These were important topics in the modern-day practice of Reproductive Medicine.

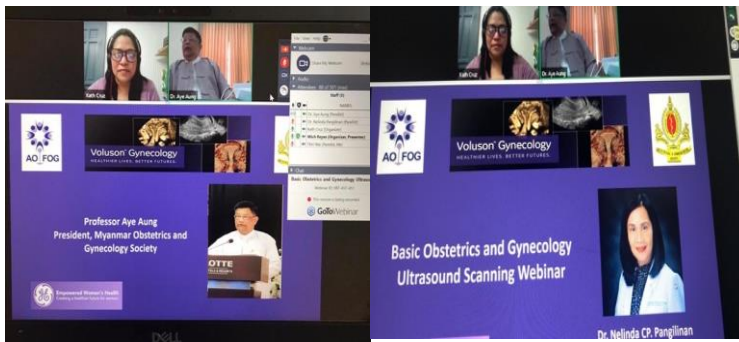


Dr. Raymond Li
Chairman, REI Committee



Report of the Ultrasound Committee

Myanmar Ultrasound Webinar was conducted last October 1, 2020, in collaboration with Myanmar Obstetrics and Gynecology Society and GE Healthcare. The invaluable support of Myanmar President, Professor Aye Aung contributed to the success of the activity despite the extraordinary circumstances we are in.



The webinar activity started with opening remarks delivered by Professor Aye Aung which was followed by the didactics. The ultrasound lecture was divided into two parts. The first session was about First Trimester Anomaly Scanning followed by Basic Gynecology Ultrasound scans. The lecture on First-trimester Anomaly scan emphasized the common anomalies in the spinal cord, thorax and chest, nuchal translucency, fetal abdomen, fetal heart, and fetal

limbs diagnosed in the first trimester. Sonomorphologic features and techniques to help diagnose the anomaly were discussed thoroughly. For the Basic Gynecology Scan, the lecture was subdivided into normal and pathologic uterus, endometrium, ovaries, and cervix. ISUOG ultrasound guidelines on Morphologic uterus sonographic assessment (MUSA), International Endometrial Tumor Assessment (IETA) and the International Ovarian Tumor Assessment (IOTA) were discussed. Tips and tricks were given on how to assess the sonomorphologic features of each condition. The session was followed by the questions and answers of the participants. There were 206 attendees, mostly OB-GYN consultants, with 2 radiologists, postgraduate students, and trainees. Participants were members of the Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) and were affiliated with the following institutions: University of Medicine - Magway, Center Women's Hospital in Yangon, University of Medicine - Mandalay, and Ministry of Health and Sports.

To be able to continue an AOFOG driven activity in this extraordinary situation, the ultrasound committee chaired by Dr. Nelinda Catherine P. Pangilinan (Manila, Philippines) together with the committee members: Poonam Charan (Australia), Poonam Loomba (India), and Voon Hian Yan (Malaysia) conceptualized an activity that was outside of the usual ultrasound workshop activities by conducting an ultrasound webinar lecture series with 6 speakers representing the AOFOG member country to give lectures on topics that are commonly encountered in our clinical practice.

The webinar on ultrasound was conducted last November 29, 2020, from 11:00 am, to 2:30 pm, Singapore time. Though the activity was presented on a different platform, the ultrasound committee members bonded together and shared opinions on how to make the flagship project of 2020 as successful as possible. With the new normal way of preparing a conference, the team was able to meet via zoom for the first time, with warm introductions and the magic touch of each triggering the online relationship on working together and planning for the next activity. The assistance and guidance of the AOFOG Secretary-General, Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Sri Lanka), and the President, Professor Kazunori Ochiai (Japan) contributed to the orderly and smooth webinar preparations. Dr. Jaydeep Tank, the AOFOG Deputy Secretary-General (India) headed feedback evaluation and Dr. Krishnendu Gupta (India), Committee Chair on Sexual and Reproductive Health shared his wisdom and encouragement.

After a series of consultations among the committee members, we agreed on the title of the webinar and the speakers. The first ultrasound webinar was entitled "OBS-GYN ultrasound: Impact on clinical decisions". The speakers were invited from different countries and were experts in their respective topics. The webinar activity started with opening remarks from President Kazunori Ochiai as he presented a brief history of AOFOG. The morning session was moderated by one of the committee members, Dr. Poonam Loomba (India) who gave the course overview and the introduction of the first three (3) speakers. Dr. Poonam Charan (Australia) discussed thoroughly Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis (DIE), and the relationship between ultrasound and symptomatology. Dr. Charan emphasized the importance of ultrasound among patients with endometriosis to assess the presence of endometriotic implants to help the clinician in stratifying each case before surgery. Dr. Rozi Aditya Arvananda (Indonesia) presented actual cases of the placenta accreta spectrum from his institution. Ultrasound diagnosis and practical tips in managing PAS were discussed



extensively. Professor Tiran Dias (Sri Lanka), a maternal-fetal specialist, gave a concise and brief discussion on the ultrasound diagnostic criteria for non-viable pregnancy. The afternoon session was moderated by Voon Hian Yan (Malaysia). He presented the course overview and introduced the speakers. Intrauterine growth restrictions: Diagnosis and surveillance were thoroughly discussed by Dr. Tony Tan (Singapore). The lecture on intrauterine growth restrictions received a lot of questions during the Q&A, a timely topic, as we always encounter such problems in our daily practice. Dr. Tuangsit Wataganara (Thailand) gave an extensive lecture on Birth weight discordance and

neonatal morbidity in twin pregnancy. In cases of intrauterine demise in twins, Dr. Tuangsit gave an extensive discussion and an updated technology to decrease the risk of neurologic morbidity of the other twin. The last lecture was given by Dr. Nelinda Pangilinan (Philippines), the chair of the ultrasound committee, about ultrasound staging of cervical cancer. Extensive ultrasound parameters assessing the cervical tumor involvement which included cervical stromal, parametrium, paracolpium extensions lymph nodes, and finally abdominal structure evaluation to complete staging. Closing remarks were given by AOFOG Vice president, Dr. John Tait (New Zealand). He emphasized the important role of ultrasound in the management of common obstetrical and gynecological cases. Despite the unusual situation brought about by the pandemic, AOFOG activities continued among the member countries. The time difference was not a factor in pushing through with the new normal way of conducting conferences.

The webinar ultrasound activity was sponsored by GE Healthcare with gowebinar as the platform used. On November 26, 2020, during the dry run among the speakers, a total of 875 participants were registered. Subsequently, on November 27, 2020, the GE team updated the ultrasound committee that the number of pre-registered attendees increased to 1117, which did not include the GE team and speakers. GE healthcare team made changes to the link and emailed all the pre-registered attendees of the updated link. However, there was some difficulty logging in since some attendees were still using the previous link that they used upon pre-registration. A total of 450 participants attended the ultrasound webinar.

Some technical difficulties occurred during the day of the activity which included the feedback evaluation as well as the certificate of attendance. The feedback evaluation was sent to the participants a week after the actual webinar with a less than desired output from the survey. The feedback evaluation was created by AOFOG using SurveyMonkey. A total of 112 respondents completed the evaluation, with 98 completely answering the form. Though it was not representative of the total participants of the webinar session, the overall rating for education and usefulness of the topics was excellent. The majority of the attendees were aware of the existence and activities of AOFOG.

Dr, Nelinda Catherine P. Pangilinan M.D.

Chair, Ultrasound Committee



SRH Committee Report: October-December 2020

Completed academic activities

- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the earlier **Academic Statement** which was prepared by Prof Krishnendu Gupta and members of the SRH Committee was revised in November 2020 and submitted for the approval of the Executive Board. On approval, the Academic Statement will be uploaded to the AFOFG website, under the newly designed "COVID-19 Corner".
- On behalf of the "COVID Advisory Group" of AFOFG and as a member, Prof. Krishnendu Gupta prepared three AFOFG "**Guidance for Women**" statements on the following topics:
 1. COVID-19 and Pregnancy
 2. COVID-19 and Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH)
 3. COVID-19 and Genital Cancer

The above-mentioned Guidance Statements were prepared in November 2020 and submitted for the approval of the Executive Board. On approval, the Guidance Statements will be uploaded to the AFOFG website, under the newly designed "COVID-19 Corner".

SRH Committee Members news

- Prof. Krishnendu Gupta was an "Invited Speaker" at the International Webinar on "Recent Researches of COVID-19 & Scope of Implementation in Clinical Practice Beyond", organised by Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) in association with AFOFG, on 13 November 2020. Prof Gupta spoke on "The effect of COVID-19 on the Sexual & Reproductive Health (SRH) services in the AFOFG region: An overview and scope of research".
- Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum was a "Special Guest" at the "International Webinar on Recent Researches of COVID-19 & Scope of Implementation in Clinical Practice Beyond", organized by OGSB in association with AFOFG, on 13 November 2020.
- Prof. Krishnendu Gupta and Dr. S Shantha Kumari were both "Invited Faculty" with responsibilities to be a Session Chair and Speaker at the FOGSI-POGS International Virtual Conference "Just Tumors", supported by AFOFG, between 11-13 December 2020.

Future planned activities

- In addition to the two earlier webinars conducted by the committee in July and September 2020, the committee plans to conduct more webinars covering SRH topics of interest and collaborate with National Societies and Federations of mutual interest.
- To act as an academic resource center/ facilitator for future scientific programmes related to SRH in future AFOFG conferences.
- To publish a "Good Clinical Practice Recommendations (GCPs) on SRH" based on the regional perspectives of AFOFG.

Prof Krishnendu Gupta

Chair, SRH Committee,
AFOFG, 2019 - 2022.



Report of the Urogynecology Committee

A WebCME was organized by the AFOG Urogynecology Committee in association with The Royal Thai College of Ob-Gyn (RTCOG) on "Urogynecology in the fast-changing world" in September 2020. The presentations were excellent and there were more than 200 participants. I believe that this successful academic exchange will enhance the quality of care in urogynecology in the Asia Pacific, as well as boost the confidence of the Committee to continue hosting more activities according to the objectives of the AFOG in the future, even in the midst of instability from the pandemic.

An invitation to WebCME organized by The AFOG Urogynaecology Committee in association with The Royal Thai College of Ob-Gyn (RTCOG) on "Urogynecology in the fast changing world" Date: 20th September 2020 13.00-16.00 (Thailand standard time GMT+7)

Speakers and Moderators

Prof. Kazumasa Oshira, President, AFOG; Prof. Robana Hathothotwa, Secretary General, AFOG; Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su, Treasurer, AFOG; Air Marshal Dr. Karun Kengsakul, President, RTCOG; Dr. Mou-Jong Sun, Chair, Urogynaecology committee (Taiwan); Dr. Sorvit Bunyavechwin, Urogynaecology committee (Thailand); Dr. Lisa Prohaladad, Urogynaecology committee (Philippines); Dr. Janmy Nanzara, Urogynaecology committee (Japan); Dr. Srikala Prasad, Urogynaecology committee (India); Dr. Keerat Chienphong, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand); Dr. Ferasidi Moegna, Urogynaecology committee (Indonesia); Dr. Sorvit Bunyavechwin, Urogynaecology committee (Thailand); Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su, Treasurer, Past Chair Urogynaecology committee, AFOG.

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Time (GMT+7)	Topics	Speakers
13.00-13.05	Opening remark	Prof. Kazumasa Oshira, President, AFOG
13.05-13.10	Brief introduction of AFOG	Prof. Robana Hathothotwa, Secretary General, AFOG
13.10-13.15	Welcome Speech and brief introduction of RTCOG	Dr. Karun Kengsakul, President, RTCOG
13.15-13.20	Introduction of AFOG Urogynaecology committee	Dr. Mou-Jong Sun, Chair, Urogynaecology committee
13.20-13.40	"Update information and future trend of single incision sling for SUI treatment"	Dr. Mou-Jong Sun, Chair, Urogynaecology committee (Taiwan)
13.40-14.00	"Should we add anti-incontinence procedures in POP surgery to prevent post-operative Stress Urinary Incontinence?"	Dr. Sorvit Bunyavechwin, Urogynaecology committee (Thailand)
14.00-14.20	"Cesarean section to prevent POP, FI, and UI. Is it justified?"	Dr. Lisa Prohaladad, Urogynaecology committee (Philippines)
14.20-14.40	"Role of Urogyn Mesh surgery in POP after FDA warning - update 2020"	Dr. Janmy Nanzara, Urogynaecology committee (Japan)
14.40-15.00	"Uterine preservation surgery Vs Vaginal hysterectomy in uterine prolapse - which is better?"	Dr. Srikala Prasad, Urogynaecology committee (India)
15.00-15.20	"Role of Telemedicine in Urogynaecology during COVID-19 epidemic: This experience."	Dr. Keerat Chienphong, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
15.20-15.40	"Vaginal Laser for the treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse and Urinary Incontinence: for routine service or only for research?"	Dr. Ferasidi Moegna, Urogynaecology committee (Indonesia)
15.40-15.55	Wrap Up and Q & A	Dr. Sorvit Bunyavechwin, Urogynaecology committee (Thailand)
15.55-16.00	Closing Remark	Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su, Past Chair, Urogynaecology committee (Taiwan)

Update regarding future activities

We have at least two programmes planned for the next year:

- An international webinar on Urogynecology with the Urogynecology committee of AFOG and ISO KGH and Urogynecology committee of FOGSI. One of the members of the Urogynecology committee of AFOG, Dr. Srikala Prasad from India, and I will collaborate to organise it.
- The second one is the international joint conference of Urogynecology with APUGA, TAOG, and TUGA during the second half of 2021 in Taiwan.

Dr. Mou-Jong Sun,
Chairman, Urogynecology Committee, AFOG



AFOG 2022

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of AFOG members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all colleagues joining 27th AFOG Congress, our special biennial meeting. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences to those who have lost their lives. Reported cases have ranged from infected people with little to no signs of illness to people exhibiting severe symptoms, which is why it is pivotal to take necessary precautions to avoid exposure to the virus.



Since the activities of many people are disrupted and gathering of people is prohibited to limit the spread of the virus. So we decide to postpone the meeting and change the AFOG schedule to 2022. This event will be conducted at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Bali- Indonesia on May 23rd - 26th 2022.



During Congress, we still bring up the theme “From Bench to Bedside: Between The Culture, Future, and Technology in Women’s Health”. We believe AFOG 2022 will offer an excellent scientific program, experience, and networking opportunity to discuss the current topics in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Several hot topic discussions, debates, controversies, and many more will increase your knowledge and experience in giving better service for our patients in the future. Bali is the Island of Paradise that is rich in culture, tradition, beautiful places and scenery is able to make your stay become very valuable and memorable. Bali has developed into a world of its own. It captures not only what is special about Indonesia, but embodies a unique spirit that can only be found on the island.

We hope to see you all there!

Andon Hestiantoro

Chair Person,
AFOG 2022, Congress.





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Symposium for International Delegates		
Physician	USD 160	USD 200
Trainee	USD 100	USD 130
Symposium for Local Delegates		
Physician	USD 140	USD 160
Trainee	USD 100	USD 130

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Participants	Early Bird	Regular
Symposium for International Delegates		
Physician	USD 400	USD 500
GP / Midwife / Nurse / Medical Student / Allied Health Professionals*	USD 250	USD 300
Accompanying Person	USD 150	USD 200
Congress Banquet	USD 100	USD 100
Welcome Reception/Fellowship Night	Complimentary	

* Verification letter from your institution is required to qualify for the GP/Midwife/Nurse/Medical Student/Allied Health Professional fee.

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AOFOG Manila Declaration: Mid-Year Report from Philippine Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society

Membership Composition

Pledged to commit towards programs to save women's lives, empowering OB-Gynes, CSO in Asia Oceania. Manila Declaration is Asia Oceania's pledge to eliminating cervical cancer. Obstetricians and Gynecologists members of all Asia Oceania countries Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Fiji, Hongkong, Laos, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Macau, Korea, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Saudi, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Singapore.

Network collaboration among AOFOG, POGS, DOH, and CECAP Philippines

- Executive Committee Advisers AOFOG, POGs, DOH
 - Kazunori Ochiai, MD
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- Secretary Academe: Efren Domingo, MD
- Treasurer ACCF: Graeme Lade
- PRO UICC.: Carmen
- Stakeholders: SGOP, PSCPC, AOGIN, PIDSOG, PPS, SAMPI, PFV, Jhpiego, ACCF, VCS, Cancer Coalition, Cancer Warriors, UICC, PCS, PAPO Cartwell. Women's First, I can Serve, HTAP, MSD.

The movement aims to

1. Move together as one, (medical communities, patient groups, various stakeholders, and advocates) to bridge the gap in empowering communities to fight HPV and cervical cancer.
2. Push for health promotion/community education, discuss updates on human papillomavirus (HPV), cervical cancer, and relevant topics that go beyond the disease.
3. Aims/commit to building an HPV-cervical cancer-free Philippines by leading the discussion on the burden of disease, preventive strategies including vaccination, therapy options, and national health care policies and programs related to HPV, HIV, and cervical cancer.
4. Initiate strengthened country readiness for the implementation of the expanded cervical cancer prevention & control efforts.

Activities / Accomplishments

Health promotion through continuing medical education (CME) "HPV SUMMIT", a 4 virtual conference with 4 LEAD themes from August to November 2020

"L" for Leverage on the Asia Oceania's Commitment to Cervical Cancer Elimination.

"E" for Empowered with Science: Innovative Wats Towards HPV and cervical cancer-free Asia Oceania .

"A" Advancing Health Care Policy for HPV and cervical cancer-free Asia Oceania.

"D" Directing Concerted Actions Towards an HPV and Cervical cancer-free Asia Oceania.

We had gathered multi-stakeholders from the Philippines and Asia Oceania to move as one towards cervical cancer elimination in the region, in line with the Manila Declaration we had a CME and update on the latest on HPV and cervical cancer issues. We discussed the thrust of DOH, POGs, AFOG, CECAP following the goals of WHO. We discussed the advantages for both gender immunization, the Australian model for HPV testing, and male adolescent vaccination, the burden of cervical cancer, diagnosis, and treatment of premalignant and malignant lesions. We ended the second session with the note to move together in eliminating cervical cancer and saving women's lives.

Resolution / Recommendations

- The movement will continue with the HPV Summit annually.
- Organized a stronger movement with Asia Oceania stakeholders.
- Form a technical working group for Asia Oceania to strengthen policies for expanded cervical cancer programs in Asia Oceania.
- Form training modules and centers for quality screening, diagnosis, and treatment all over Asia Oceania.
- Move as one towards information and education campaigns for a healthy lifestyle, vaccination, screening, and early treatment.



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THE 9th HPV SUMMIT: An AFOG Manila Declaration Crusade

The HPV Summit, a CECAP Cervical Cancer Prevention Network Advocacy which started in 2011, is a Philippine program with Jhpiego, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University whose goal is to move as one, together with the medical experts, patient groups, various stakeholders and advocates to bridge the gap in empowering communities to fight HPV and cervical cancer.

Its goal is to promote health, community education, discuss updates on the HPV virus, cervical cancer, and other relevant topics that go beyond the disease. It commits to build a HPV and cervical cancer-free Asia Oceania by leading the discussions on the burden of disease, preventive strategies, including vaccination, therapy options, and national health care policies and programs related to HPV, HIV, and cervical cancer. It pushes for a strengthened country readiness for the implementation of the expanded cervical cancer and control efforts.

The crusade collaborators include AFOG (Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology), POGS (Philippine Obstetrical Gynecological Society), DOH (the Philippine Department of Health), and CECAP.

THE 9th HPV SUMMIT was conducted in four consecutive webinar series. Taking the acronym for each webinar theme, this series was entitled HPV free LEAD.

- Webinar 1 – August 26, 2020 “Leveraging on the Asia Oceania Commitment for Cervical Cancer elimination”
- Webinar 2 – September 23, 2020 “Empowered with Science: Innovative Ways Towards HPV-Free Asia Oceania”
- Webinar 3 – November 4, 2020 “Advancing Healthcare Policy for HPV- Free Philippines”
- Webinar 4 – November 25, 2020 “Directing Concerted Actions Towards an HPV-Free and Cervical Cancer Elimination in the Philippines and Asia Oceania”

With the 4 webinars, there were 550 to 1,250 Webex participants and 2726 to 3600 FB lives viewers, with almost 80 to 90% physicians, government officials DOH personnel, nurses, midwives, patient groups, CSOs advocates, lay and the media.

For media advocacy, there were 12 media coverages with 3.75 M PR value in print, online on broadcast 13.88m circulation and potential reach. There was 3 broadcast pick up, 4.59 M circulation range with total 1.05 M Ad value. On print and online there was 9 pick up with 1-6M website visits and 457 social media engagements.

We are planning to hold the 10th HPV summit in May 2021. You are more than welcome to join us!

Kazunori Ochiai, (M.D., Ph.D.), Cecilia Llave, (M.D., Ph.D.)

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