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NEWSLETTER

A world in turmoil: keep the focus on support and advocacy

Dear Colleagues

I had hoped that my introduction to this particular issue could have been different in tone from my last one. Regrettably, it is not – the situation around the world has gone from bad to very much worse.

Our heart sinks when we hear the distressing world news of civil unrest; wars; the tragic shooting down of a passenger plane; the recent outbreak of Ebola in Africa; natural disasters; and large scale accidents with high death tolls. As we are only too aware, those most adversely affected by conflict and disaster are women and children. I have received many messages from colleagues about the situations afflicting their own regions and people. FIGO offers its sincere sympathies. Wherever possible, we have written to politicians through our Member Societies to try to help influence certain issues eg for the release of the pregnant Sudanese woman sentenced to death for marrying a husband from a different religion.

The larger issues that confront countries and regions are – understandably – beyond the scope of our Federation; large nations and the

UN are themselves finding it difficult to grapple with these situations. We are a professional and not a political organisation, and in these situations we urge our Member Societies to do their utmost to help their own women and children. We sincerely welcome and support all efforts to help in the humanitarian effort. The Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AFOG), for example, has contributed significant funds and worked with other voluntary organisations to rebuild a school that was demolished in the Philippines. We offer our appreciation to its Secretary-General, Professor Walfrido W Sumpaico, and his team for making such a valuable contribution.

Violence against women – a blight on the world

Even in countries that enjoy a relatively peaceful environment, the violation of women's rights is often beyond belief. Sex discrimination and violence often starts before birth, and can continue through childhood, adolescence and adult life: sex-selected abortion; female genital mutilation; childhood marriage; forced labour and slavery; adolescent sexual violence; rape;

'honour' – and dowry-related killing; domestic and gender violence ... all terrible everyday news.

Fundamental to these issues are poverty and a lack of political will, education and equality in society. Perpetrators come in many guises with different excuses. FIGO needs to cement links with similar organisations and work with them to bring about change through robust local action and advocacy. It is a mammoth task that must be tackled collectively – one organisation alone cannot bring about change without strong political will.

The FIGO Executive Board recently passed a resolution to establish a Working Group to engage in these issues – our Chief Executive and Dr Diana Galimberti from Argentina will see how best to work with several NGOs who are already active in this area. FIGO should be at the forefront via advocacy and activities – it would be excellent if each national society could organise its own work and inform us about relevant activities. This is an invaluable way for others to learn lessons from successful projects and to disseminate the information to other countries.

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Executive Board Meeting, July 2014, Tokyo

(courtesy of JSOG)

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Tokyo welcomes Executive Board

In July, we had successful FIGO Executive Board and Officers' meetings, and are most grateful to the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) for its tremendous hospitality. Our special thanks go to Professor Ikuo Konishi, JSOG Executive Board Chairperson, and Professor Tadashi Kimura, Japan's FIGO Executive Board member, for co-ordinating all arrangements. You will find a brief report of activities on page 4.

A special mention must go to the holding of a Workshop on Sexual and Reproductive Rights – overseen by Professor Lesly Regan (Chair of the FIGO Committee for Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights) – which was much appreciated by the Executive Board. Some members, in fact, have pledged to run these Workshops in their own national or regional society meetings for the benefit of trainees and medical students. Professor Regan and I had an extremely rewarding experience when we presented this Workshop to over 100 medical students under the auspices of the British Medical Association. The principles and the case examples are available on The Global Library of Women's Medicine website (www.glowm.com), FIGO's educational platform. GLOWM is also currently working with FIGO to make available to Member Societies the entire content of its site on a USB memory stick, which can then be usefully downloaded to computers in medical schools and hospitals.



L-R: Professors Di Renzo, Rushwan, Arulkumaran and Purandare during the Executive Board Meeting

(courtesy of JSOG)

Promoting FIGO at national, regional and international levels

In April, I attended two meetings at the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding the 'Every Mother, Every Newborn Action Plan': one related to quality indicators and the other to the preparation of the launch of 'Every Mother, Every Newborn' which was jointly organised by the WHO and UNICEF. Professor William Stones, Chair of the FIGO Committee for Safe

Motherhood and Newborn Health, and past Committee Chair, Dr André Lalonde, attended and presented FIGO's 10 steps to a 'Mother-Friendly Hospital'. Some or all of these steps may be incorporated in some form when the WHO and UNICEF refine and finalise the action plan.

In the same month, several FIGO Officers and I attended the annual meeting of JSOG – we were happy to contribute to the international study day that was of an extremely high standard.

The European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (EBCOG) organised a successful meeting in Glasgow in May 2014. EBCOG's President, Professor Chiara Benedetto, incoming President, Dr Tahir Mahmood, and Organising Committee Chair, Professor Alan Cameron, need to be congratulated on its enormous success. FIGO participated in two symposiums – one on misoprostol and the other on safety and quality of care and the reduction of medical litigation.

In the same month, I had a valuable opportunity to promote FIGO activities at the 'Highlights on Stillbirth and Maternal Mortality' conference in Palermo, Italy.

In early June, I represented FIGO at the Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), together with Professor Hamid Rushwan and Professor Françoise Shenfield (Co-Chair of the FIGO Committee for Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health). One major Congress highlight was the release of the 2014 report on the 'State of the World's Midwifery'. The focus was naturally concentrated on the 70+ countries where the situation needs great improvement in terms of the number of midwives, adequate training, continuous education and the conditions under which they work. I urge national societies to work with their national midwifery associations and influence their governments to bring about the much needed changes.

The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) also held its excellent annual conference in June. Dr Shankar Sammanthamurthy, President, and Dr Tang Boon Nee, Immediate Past President, will continue to run invaluable life-saving skills courses in various parts of Malaysia. FIGO encourages them to continue their robust activities which are of great help to neighbouring countries.

The Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology (NFOG) held a Congress in mid-June in Stockholm. I had the privilege of interacting with many friends, and the social function at Stockholm's City Hall (where the

Nobel Peace Prize is presented) was a great treat for the hard working obstetricians and gynecologists. I am grateful to Professor Magnus Westgren, President of the NFOG 2014 Congress, and to Professor Sven Montan for requesting me, as President of FIGO, to hand over the 'Professor Ingemar Ingemarsson Prize' in honour of a physician who has contributed so much, not only to Swedish/Nordic obstetrics, but also to world obstetrics.



(courtesy of JSOG)

Participation in varied national, regional and international conferences is always a learning experience for me – it is a very useful vehicle through which to explore how FIGO can best work with its societies. I am truly grateful for the invitations and the splendid hospitality received.

Dates for your diary: FIGO-SAFOG-SLCOG (30 October–2 November 2014)

Professor Alokendu Chatterjee, President of the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (SAFOG), Deshabandu Kapila Gunawardena, President of the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (SLCOG) and I – on behalf of FIGO – invite you to participate in this important conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, at the end of October this year. Many organisations are participating, including WHO, UNFPA, SIDRA, the March of Dimes and JSOG – I would urge you to review the programme at www.figo-safog2014.colombo.org and register now. We would like to see as many as possible at the conference, and, if time permits, for you to enjoy what Sri Lanka has to offer by way of its splendid tourist attractions. Dr Rohana Haththotuwa, as the local Organising Committee Chair, and Professor Malik Goonewardene, as Scientific Committee Chair, deserve a special mention – they are doing a truly excellent job to provide you with the very best conference experience.

Vancouver 2015 firmly on track: 4–9 October 2015

The FIGO Triennial Congress is *the* premier global event for the world's obstetrical and gynecological community, and we would like as many of you as possible to attend.

Professor Abd Aziz Yahya, Organising Committee Chair, Professor Joanna Cain, Scientific Committee Chair, and Marta Collins, FIGO Events and Meetings Manager, are working closely with the various Committees and the local Professional Congress Organisers to produce a superb event. You will find key dates for the Congress on page seven of this Newsletter, and please visit www.figo2015.org for the very latest information as it is released.

I join the FIGO Officers, Executive Board and Secretariat in wishing you a productive few months until my next news in the December issue.

Best wishes

S. Arulkumaran

Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran
FIGO President



L-R: Professor Tsung-Hsien Su (FIGO's Taiwan Executive Board member); Professor Ikuo Konishi (JSOG Executive Board Chairperson); Marie-Christine Szatybelko (FIGO's Senior Administrator and Committee Manager); Bryan Thomas (retired FIGO Administrative Director); Mrs Hiromi Kimura; Professor Tadashi Kimura (FIGO's Japan Executive Board Member)

(courtesy of JSOG)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OVERVIEW



Professor Rushwan (centre, front row) and colleagues at the Global Conference on Maternal Nutrition, Istanbul (May 2014)

Dear Colleagues

I trust you are well and have been enjoying a lively, challenging and productive few months.

I have been travelling extensively since our last issue in May, and can report on the successful development of various activities and collaborations.

In mid-May, I travelled to Istanbul to attend the Global Conference on Maternal Nutrition, to speak on the 'Prevalence of Maternal Malnutrition Globally' and to conduct workshops on 'Developing Maternal Nutrition Guidelines'.

The FIGO Initiative on Maternal Nutrition aims to develop and disseminate evidence-based Global Guidelines on Maternal Nutrition from pre-conception to the post-partum period, in collaboration with high-level academics, professionals and scientists, who are expert in this field. Unrestricted grant support from Abbott Nutrition International will help aid the development and dissemination which is envisaged to start at the FIGO Congress in Vancouver next October.



The FIGO President and Chief Executive with Dr Francoise Shenfield (ICM Congress, Prague, June 2014)

In June, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) held its superb triennial congress in Prague. The FIGO leadership was in attendance and contributed to several important sessions: 'Improving the Quality of Care in Maternal and Newborn Health' (the FIGO Essential Interventions project); 'Misoprostol for the management of post-partum haemorrhage: new evidence and the way forward' (with Gynuity Health Projects, our collaborators on the FIGO Misoprostol Initiative); Obstetric Fistula (the FIGO

Fistula Initiative); and Helping Mothers Survive Bleeding after Birth (with the Laerdal Foundation, collaborators on our HMS-BAB project). One highlight of this very influential congress was the publication of the new 'State of the World's Midwifery Report 2014'. The first such report was launched in 2011, and I am pleased to say that the new edition continues its excellent documentation and exploration of the relevant issues. You can access the report at: www.unfpa.org/public/home/publications/pid/17601.

Mid-June took me to Toronto, Canada, to represent FIGO at the 70th Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC). I presented on the role of professional health associations for promoting global health equity and also participated in an interesting session on understanding the complexities of adolescent reproductive health in low-resource countries.

I visited Dar es Salaam in late June to participate in an important meeting of the FIGO Fistula Initiative, which included a review meeting for training the trainers, a visit to the Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation organisation in Tanzania (CCBRT) and a meeting with collaborator EngenderHealth. We are very pleased to announce that we have now finalised a new grant with partners the Fistula Foundation to enable FIGO to continue its valuable work in helping to build the capacities of fistula surgeons in accredited training centres, using the FIGO Global Competency-Based Fistula Surgery Training Manual.

As you will see reported elsewhere in this issue, the FIGO 2014 Executive Board meeting took place in Tokyo, Japan, in early July, hosted by the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG). We were the recipients of superb hospitality and excellent organisation, for which we sincerely thank the Society – a most productive and enjoyable event ensued.

In late July, I was invited to the '1000+ OBGYN Proposal Planning Workshop' in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, which was designed to build upon the work and findings from the Initiative's meeting held in Accra, Ghana in February earlier this year. The purpose was to create a proposal to establish the five-year implementation plan for the Initiative, which is aiming to train 1000 plus ob/gyn specialists in sub-Saharan Africa to address women's health challenges in the region. The meeting – hosted by the University of Michigan Department of OBGYN Global Initiatives – was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

New MOUs with SMFM and NESA

I am delighted to report that FIGO has recently signed two new Memoranda of Understanding with the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) and the New European Surgical Academy (NESA).



SMFM dedicates itself to improving maternal and child outcomes and raising the standards of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of maternal and foetal disease. Proposed areas for our future collaboration include developing joint educational documents, and participation in future FIGO conferences.



NESA – an international surgical academy with members in 51 countries – re-evaluates existing surgical procedures, optimises and rationalises them where necessary, introduces new surgical procedures and ideas, and shares and transfers the accumulated knowledge to countries with limited resources. Proposed areas for our future collaboration include working with the FIGO Committee for Capacity Building in Education and Training in developing courses in countries with limited resources.

We look forward to reporting on the development of our activities with SMFM and NESA in future issues.

Finally, further to the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between FIGO and Wellbeing of Women and the announcement of an Academic Fellowship available for international candidates – a grant of up to £20,000 to enable a candidate in the field of obstetrics and gynecology to link up with academic mentors in the UK for a period of up to three years – I am delighted to report that we now have feedback on applications and the selection process is in full swing.

Relaunch of www.figo.org

We are extremely delighted to present our newly relaunched website at www.figo.org. I am sure you will all agree that it is considerably fresher and easier to navigate, providing clear and up to date information on our current projects and relationships. The new website would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of Alexandra Gilpin, who has overseen the project. I would like to ask our Member Societies and other collaborating colleagues to promote it as much as possible, and to link their own websites to it. In addition, we now have an official FIGO Facebook page, where we'll be delighted to receive your comments.

Our new Administrative Director, Mr Sean O'Donnell, who you will meet elsewhere in this issue, has settled well into life at FIGO – we feel confident that we are in safe hands!

My very best wishes

Professor Hamid Rushwan
FIGO Chief Executive

Tokyo welcomes FIGO Executive Board 2014

The 2014 Executive Board meeting was hosted by the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG) and held at the Hotel Chinzanso in Tokyo, Japan, in July 2014.

This important annual meeting enabled elected Officers and Executive Board members to come together to take clear decisions on important matters affecting the running of the organisation.

The Board meets at least once every year, is elected by free vote at the General Assembly, and its members comprise representatives of 24 national societies and the six Officers.



The new and retiring Administrative Directors, Sean O'Donnell and Bryan Thomas, share a drink

As is traditional, as well as holding the main Board and Officers' meetings, FIGO took the opportunity to hold a number of side meetings/events, including one for the Audit and Finance Committee, a special FIGO-JSOG Educational Seminar and a Workshop on the Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights Curriculum.

There were also fascinating field visits to the Tokyo Fire Department Control Center, and to the



L-R: Professor Tadashi Kimura (FIGO's Japan Executive Board Member); Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (FIGO President); Professor Ikuo Konishi (JSOG Executive Board Chairperson)

Maternal and Child Health Center, Aiiiku Hospital (http://www.aiiku.net/index_english.html), which provides 'high-quality medical care and supports a safe and comfortable pregnancy, labour/delivery, and child-rearing.'

The retiring Editor of FIGO's main publication, the International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics (IJGO), Dr Timothy Johnson, and the retiring FIGO Administrative Director, Bryan Thomas, both received gifts of thanks for their respective great services to FIGO.

Professor Hamid Rushwan, FIGO Chief Executive, commented: 'The Board meeting is always a valuable annual opportunity to touch base with our esteemed colleagues, and we are grateful to all for their time, expertise and commitment to the successful continuation of FIGO strategies.'

'We would also like to thank JSOG for its

excellent organisation and hospitality, which greatly contributed to the overall success of the meeting.'

All photos courtesy of JSOG



Dr Timothy Johnson receiving his gift from the FIGO President

Gestational Diabetes: FIGO Expert Group sets the scene for Standards of Care protocols



The Expert Group in London (May 2014)

FIGO's new initiative to produce, disseminate and implement evidence-based standards of care protocols on caring for women with gestational diabetes (with financial support secured from Novo Nordisk) began in earnest at a meeting of independent experts held in London in May.

The objectives of the meeting, chaired by Professor Moshe Hod (President-Elect of the European Association of Perinatal Medicine (EAPM)), were to: agree on a complete list of essential GDM-related materials that need to be developed and the core

components/chapters of the GDM Guidelines; confirm roles, responsibilities, a timeline and deliverables for the current project period; and mobilise longer term resource strategies for the FIGO GDM initiative.

The Expert Group, representing FIGO regions, will develop the Guidelines, with the involvement of the FIGO Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health and the FIGO Working Group on Best Practice on Maternal-Foetal Medicine.

It was recognised that, despite GDM being a common medical condition, the area remains extremely neglected, with women in low-resource

settings bearing the brunt of this neglect. The Guidelines should therefore be developed with a view to them being actively accessed and used in a way that inspires and supports healthcare providers to better serve their patients.

Professor Rushwan, FIGO Chief Executive, commented: 'The meeting was an excellent platform from which to launch such an exciting new initiative. Several important conclusions were reached over two days of lively and enriching discussions - chief among these was the understanding that the reasons behind a recommendation should be transparent and should be backed by evidence, feasibility and acceptability. Another vital observation is that it is not just about clinical interventions, but also public policies and government funding.'

'FIGO is uniquely placed as an organisation, as it can initiate several major avenues through which to assist with discussion, development and dissemination. These include: our high status within the United Nations system, enabling the guidelines to be discussed with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the FIGO Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health has expertise in supporting maternal healthcare in low-resource settings; the utilisation of close collaboration with www.glowm.com, FIGO's educational platform; and the continuation of valuable pre-Congress and other post-graduate courses on GDM.'

New FIGO website goes live!



FIGO is delighted to report the relaunch of its website: www.igo.org.

The new site is clean, fresh and easy to follow. Divided into six main sections – About Us, Our Members, Our Work, Events, News and Publications and Resources – the site provides clear and comprehensive information for those who want to obtain a detailed overview of our unique organisation.

A large portion of the site is also available to view in French and Latin American Spanish – a new and useful highlight which will benefit many of FIGO's members. A special member map (together with a 'sortable' member list) also provides an 'at-a-glance' overview of where member societies are based globally.

Professor Hamid Rushwan said: 'A new website build is always a challenging and exciting undertaking for any organisation. We are extremely pleased to provide web visitors with a significantly improved online presence, and hope that this will encourage many more energising connections between FIGO and its various audiences.'

He added: 'FIGO's global reach is considerable – we encourage all our Member Societies to link their own websites to www.igo.org, their global body, to help promote the valuable work we are actively engaged in. Members' own contact details, and website addresses, will continue to be available in the Our Members section.'

In addition, FIGO now has a presence on social media – we are looking forward to developing this in the months to come.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/FIGO.org and 'like' us, post a comment or share a link.

Visit us at www.twitter.com/FIGOHQ and 'follow' us.

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Sean O'Donnell



As many of you will know, Mr Sean O'Donnell recently joined us as the new FIGO Administrative Director, replacing Mr Bryan Thomas, who has now retired.

Sean has substantial senior management level experience in the charity, public and higher education sectors including, most recently, Royal Holloway, University of London. He has also worked in the past with Save the Children and Action for Children. He has significant experience of charity governance, administration, membership organisations, managing professional relationships, implementation of policy and management experience across human resources and finance.

Sean attended his first FIGO Executive Board meeting in July, enabling him to familiarise himself with the governance and constitution of the organisation.

Sean, welcome to FIGO; tell us a little about your background

Well, I guess I am a true Celt with an Irish family background, but raised in Glasgow, Scotland. I moved to London over 25 years ago, originally to work in the UK music industry (within A&R/Artist & Repertoire) – I worked within the business divisions of major record labels such as RCA and Chrysalis Records. I then switched to Retail Operations and eventually became Head of Retail at Save the Children UK, which was an incredibly rewarding experience. I next moved to Royal Holloway where I managed their student

association for over 10 years, and where I learned about governance and administration within membership-led organisations. I live with my civil partner, Keith, and our dog, Bertie, in a village called Englefield Green which is in Surrey, just outside London. I also make a superb cocktail!

What attracted you about working for FIGO?

I have always been attracted to organisations with a strong mission or cause, whether related to the rights of children and young people or education. I was drawn to the fact that, through working at FIGO, I would be contributing to women and newborns' health and rights. It is important to me to know that my efforts within the workplace are ultimately having a positive impact within society. Also, when I saw the role in more detail, I knew I had to apply as it was a really strong match for my skillset – I felt I could make a significant contribution to the work of the organisation.

What do you see as the main opportunities/challenges ahead for us in the next few years?

I feel the initial challenge for me, personally, will be to live up to the high standards set by my predecessor, Bryan – a tough act to follow indeed! I think some of the key challenges in the future, for all NGOs, will be our responses to the impacts of increasing geopolitical unrest, climate change and population growth. One of the main opportunities for us is to spread the word about the fantastic achievements of FIGO, largely through the efforts of the volunteer contributors. In addition, we have a superb opportunity with respect to the FIGO staff who have impressed me greatly, and whom I would like to thank for having made me feel so very welcome in the role.

How do you switch off from the demands of the job?

Fortunately, I live next to Windsor Great Park, one of the most beautiful parklands in the UK, and which also boasts Virginia Water Lake. The five-mile hike around the lake, with our dog in tow, certainly clears the head and helps to put things into perspective. Having always loved music, I am a massive fan of Spotify and iTunes and I can easily switch off for hours – much to the chagrin of my partner!

New Deputy Managing Editor starts at IJGO

FIGO's official publication, the International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics (IJGO), has recently welcomed Abi Cantor into the fold as its new Deputy Managing Editor. Abi has excellent experience in scientific, medical and technical publishing; she joins FIGO straight from the Lancet journals, before which she was at PLOS [Public Library of Science].



Abi Cantor

Abi said: 'The research published in IJGO is of crucial importance to women's health and well-being worldwide, and I feel privileged to be able to contribute to this work, and especially the publication of

papers from low- and middle-income countries of all sizes. To play a part in the day-to-day running of the journal is exciting and I look forward to seeing it develop in the future.'

IJGO Managing Editor Clare Addington said: 'I'm delighted to have Abi join IJGO. She has great experience and enthusiasm and I look forward to involving her in journal decisions and discussions as we take IJGO forward.'

New IJGO supplement released – free online access

The International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics (IJGO) has released a new supplement: Prevention of Unsafe Abortion and its Consequences (July 2014), guest edited by Professor Anibal Faúndes, Chair of the FIGO Working Group for the Prevention of Unsafe Abortion.

It is free to access online at [www.ijgo.org/issue/S0020-7292\(14\)X0006-8](http://www.ijgo.org/issue/S0020-7292(14)X0006-8).



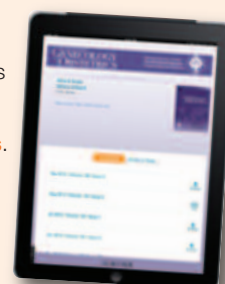
Professor Anibal Faúndes

this important new feature is a welcome enhancement. For more details, visit this link: www.ijgo.org/content/mobileaccessinstructions.

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In addition, a reminder that IJGO has now launched an iPad app, a new, free benefit to FIGO members and subscribers.

Clinicians and health professionals globally are increasingly using their mobiles to access information 'on the move', so



FIGO Cancer Report available to purchase online at www.figo.org



The latest edition of the 'FIGO Cancer Report' is available to purchase online, through PayPal, at a cost of £27.50:

Go to: www.figo.org/figo-cancer-report-2012.

It brings together in one publication updates on the staging and management guidelines on each site specific gynecological cancer, and Gestational Trophoblastic Disease; and separate chapters from a developed and developing world perspective on pathology, chemotherapy, and radiation.

In future editions, data collected from institutions from all parts of the globe will be presented. The system that has been used for collecting international data on gynecological malignancies is being reconstructed and modernised and will be available at the next World Congress in 2015.

Please contact ijgo@figo.org for further information about the Report.

World Congress website open for business!



www.figo2015.org now contains a wealth of useful information on the next FIGO World Congress, taking place in Vancouver from 4–9 October 2015, including details on the Scientific Programme, registration and accommodation, and comprehensive sponsorship options.

Registration

Details of the registration and payment methods will be available in October on www.figo2015.org.

Registration fee

Early registration: CAD 1000
Regular registration: CAD 1150
On-site registration: CAD 1300

Delegate registration fee will include: Admission to sessions and exhibition hall, coffee breaks, choice of social programme, delegate bag and Congress literature.

Keep up to date with the special Congress Newsletter – sign up now at www.figo2015.org to be alerted to new developments as they happen.

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The official hashtag for the XXI FIGO World Congress is [#FIGO2015](https://twitter.com/FIGO_2015) – please use it to share all your tweets about the Congress.

Congress Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/FIGO2015Vancouver.



Congress Countdown dates

Abstract Submission
Opens 15 October, 2014

Registration and Housing
Opens 15 October, 2014

Abstract Submission Deadline
15 March, 2015

Abstract Acceptance Notification
30 April, 2015

Early Registration Deadline
15 May, 2015

Regular Registration Deadline
31 August, 2015

Congress Dates
4–9 October, 2015

FIGO-SAFOG-SLCOG joint conference



A special joint conference organised by FIGO and the South Asian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SAFOG), in collaboration with the Sri

Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (SLCOG), will be held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, at Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 30 October to 2 November 2014.

Visit www.figo-safog2014colombo.org for full details.

Diary Dates

13th European Congress of Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology
17–20 September 2014, London, UK
www.rcog.org.uk/events/13th-european-congress-paediatric-and-adolescent-gynaecology

44th Annual Meeting of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI)
17–20 September 2014, Bonn, Germany
www.immunology-conference.de

2014 International Conference on Stillbirth, SIDS and Baby Survival
18–21 September 2014, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.stillbirthalliance.org

16th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine
8–12 October 2014, São Paulo, Brazil
www.issmslams2014.org

18th SIS World Congress on Breast Healthcare
16–19 October 2014, Florida, USA
www2.kenes.com/sis/Pages/Home.aspx

FIGO-SAFOG-SLCOG Conference
30 October–2 November 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka
www.figo-safog2014colombo.org

Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition 15th Meeting
23–24 October 2014, Mexico City, Mexico
www.rhsupplies.org/news-events/membership-meetings/fifteenth-meeting-mexico-city-2014.html

XIX World Congress of the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy
26–29 October 2014, New Orleans, USA
www.isshp.org

15th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecological Cancer Society (IGCS)
8–11 November 2014, Melbourne, Australia
www2.kenes.com/igcs/Pages/Home.aspx

Asia Pacific Congress on Controversies in Gynecology, Infertility & Ultrasound (COGI)
20–22 November 2014, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
www.cogi.org/vietnam/welcome.aspx

Joint meeting on 'Hot Topics in Obstetrics and Gynecology' – Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and Sidra Medical and Research Center
30 November–2 December 2014, Doha, Qatar
www.sidraevents.org

15th Biennial Scientific Conference of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
5–7 December 2014, Islamabad, Pakistan
www.sogp.org

2015 6th World Congress on Women's Mental Health
22–25 March 2015, Tokyo, Japan
www.congre.co.jp/iawmh2015

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