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President's Message

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President's Message....

Dear Members,

Dear AOFOG members, I am pleased to present the last newsletter of 2021. I assume that you have a quiet and enjoyable time with your family and important partners during this holiday season. The end of the year is a time to look back on the year. This time I would like to see the wake as a captain.



2020 - 2021 of AOFOG is a completely different year from normal AOFOG activities. That's because, of course, the COVID-19 epidemic raged around the world again and again. We would like to express our condolences to the many victims of COVID-19.

Under these circumstances, the first thing that welcomed us who starting to row in the rough seas of COVID-19 was the issue of the AOFOG congress, which is held every two years. The momentum of the COVID-19 pandemic at that time was tremendous, and we decided to postpone the AOFOG congress 2021 originally scheduled for March 2021 to May 2022. Initially, some said the 14-month postponement was too long, but we thought it was necessary and sufficient for the global control of this infection to spread. I am proud that the decision was correct.

While overcoming several big waves, vaccines were developed during this time, and vaccination progressed around the world. New infections have plummeted, lockdowns have been lifted in many countries, and citizens have been able to regain their normal lives. However, mutations in the COVID virus are endless. Recently, the new VOC "Omicron" has begun to rage around the world.

During this period, all meetings related to the operation of AOFOG were held online, and the seminars organized by each Committee were also held virtually. The advantage of the web meeting is that you can attend meetings and seminars without going to the venue, but unfortunately the enthusiasm in the venue is not transmitted to the web. Is it an old idea that face-to-face is the basis of meetings, conferences, and seminars? The purpose of attending an international conference is not just about going to the conference venue. It is also an opportunity to experience the culture of the host country and is an important place for other members to get to know each other. It's an opportunity to deepen friendships with old friends and at the same time make new friends. This Omicron strain is highly infectious, but fortunately, it is said that it is unlikely to become severe.

For the past two years, I was able to survive the rough sea voyage safely with the seniors who showed me the right direction, the executive board members who steered with me, the chairs, and members of the standing committee who rowed together. I have been enjoying the voyage with NS members who were on board joined a trip with us. Thanks to everyone's support and cooperation. I would like you to stay on board for another five months.

2022 is the year of the tiger. The year of "growth" or "beginning" represents auspiciousness. I hope that 2022 will be a prosperous year for you and your family. I am looking forward to seeing you in person at the AOFOG Congress 2022 in Bali, Indonesia in May.

Prof. Kazunori Ochiai
President, AOFOG.



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Secretary General's Message.....

Dear Friends,

Wish everyone a Happy new year!

With the dawn of 2022, we appear to see a trace of light at the end of the Covid 19 tunnel. With the vaccinations being carried out successfully in most countries we have a ray of hope. But the appearance of new variants such as Omicron has become an obstacle. Still, we are hopeful that by the time of our AOFOG 2022, the environment will be conducive for us to have the conference face to face enabling us to meet each other in person.



During the past three months, we have continued to have our programmes virtually, but the activities were fewer.

FIGO 2021 Congress

AOFOG was invited to conduct a session at the recently concluded FIGO congress. Because of the prevalence of Covid 19, we were not able to participate in person but the session was conducted on a virtual platform. Speakers sent their lectures prerecorded but joined by Zoom with the Chairpersons and the Moderators for a live Q/A Session.

The theme of the AOFOG session was 'Challenges to Women's Healthcare in the AOFOG region'.

The session highlighted the continuing challenges in the region especially concerning Maternal Mortality, Cervical Cancer, and SRH, and 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 were also discussed.

The session commenced with Prof Kazunori Ochiai, President AOFOG welcoming everyone for the session and highlighting the aim of the session.

The first speaker Dr. U.D.P. Ratnasiri, Chair Maternal & Fetal Medicine Committee, spoke on REDUCING MATERNAL MORTALITY – THE BATTLE CONTINUES.

He highlighted the continued high MMR in some areas and the great disparity in MMR across the region

And said that in line with the SDG, AOFOG has concentrated in areas of greatest need (currently Indochina, Pacific Islands and the Indian subcontinent).

(1) Education and Capacity Building especially in Emergency Obstetric Care

Intensive Course on Obstetric Emergencies (ICOE) programmes were carried out in Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Bangladesh and Nepal in association with the ICOE team of the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society of Malaysia headed by Dr Gunasegaran. MOU was signed with NESOG on continuing the ICOE programme. Many local doctors were trained as trainers who will carry forward the training in their counties. The programme had pre and post programme testing

which showed the success of the programmes. As this was an intensive 2-day hands-on programme, now it has been impacted by the COVID situation. The funding for the programmes has been shared with OGSM.

He further said that for the Pacific Islands, due to logistic issues, programmes have been limited and that AOFOG worked with RANZCOG (the nearest NS member) to facilitate. Programme on Respectful Maternity Care scheduled for April 2020 in the Pacific Islands was disrupted by COVID.

(2) Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Mortality

Known to help in reducing MMR. Training of the trainers' workshop for trainers from Cambodia, Laos Philippines and PNG was conducted in association with Momentum Country & Global Leadership (MCGL)

He went on to say that AOFOG was working with OGSM and National Societies about ICOE, in the Pacific island programmes with RANZCOG, for MPDSR activities with the WHO working group.

The next speaker Prof Sarikapanan Walailak spoke on 'ELIMINATING CERVICAL CANCER – ARE WE WINNING? ". She highlighted the continued high incidence in some areas and discrepancy across the region, and the lack of awareness and lack of easy access for screening and treatment procedures.

Elaborated on various symposia/meetings that have been done in conjunction with various NS over the last 2-3 years, Including HPV LEAD web programme organised by POGS/CECAP in conjunction with Manila Declaration 2019.

Programme in Cambodia conducted in conjunction with JSOG on cervical cancer screening, training of cytopathologists, etc.

MOU was signed between AOFOG & the Korean Society of Gynaecological Oncologists to help a few selected Young gynaecological Oncologists from the AOFOG LMI countries

She concluded by saying that AOFOG was working with various NS, JSOG/JICA, KSOG/KSGO, POGS/CECAP, ASGO, IGCS.

Next Prof Krishnendu Gupta, Chair SRH committee spoke on SRH-OF MANSPLAINING AND SWEEPING THINGS UNDER THE RUG.

He highlighted the challenges faced such as lack of awareness. Persistent denial of the problem (sweeping things under the rug) and the attitude in many men-dominated Asian cultures regarding the problem.

In this regard AOFOG has conducted many programmes to increase awareness in the form of symposia held in Dhaka, Kolkata, PNG, etc. These were attended not only by medical personnel but by NGOs, women's groups, representatives from the criminal justice system, press.

Working with NGOs programmes were also conducted regarding Adolescent vaccinations/IPV/access to contraception

Final speaker Prof Pisake Lumbiganon, the President-elect, spoke on THE 3 Cs: COVID, CONUNDRUM, CURVEBALL

He mentioned that the pandemic caught everyone flat-footed and disrupted many of the AOFOG programmes/plans/meetings. Prof Pisake highlighted a few activities done by AOFOG regarding Covid.

- Covid 19 Advisory group was formed and a COVID hub was included on the website to disseminate information to all NS in the form of statements/guidelines on MFM, Oncology, MIS, SRH etc.
- Webinars were conducted on MFM, Oncology, MIS, SRH to keep our members updated with support from international faculty and that the AOFOG was working with NS, FIGO, & Pharmaceutical companies in this regard

The lectures were followed by a very interesting Q/A session which was well moderated by Dr. Ravichandran, Immediate Past President who planned the programme.

The session was concluded with Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa giving the concluding remarks.

Asia Evening Programme at the FIGO 2021.

Prof Frank Lowen, (Chair Scientific Programme Committee, of the FIGO World Congress 2021), at a meeting with the Executives of the AOFOG, requested AOFOG to organize the Asia evening to highlight some activities of AOFOG and cultural programmes of the member countries. Dr. Ravichandran took the task to himself and masterminded a very exciting program and he coordinated the organizing of the programme which was very entertaining, interesting and informative. It gave an insight into the structure of our member societies and the cultural diversity of the countries. The programme was greatly appreciated by everyone and I wish to congratulate Dr. Ravi Chandran for his excellent production and direction. [Read more...](#)

Committee Activities

- 1) [MIGS Committee](#)
- 2) [Urogynaecology Committee](#)
- 3) [REI Committee](#)

Congratulations.

To the Exec Board members for their achievements

- 1) Dr. Ravi Chandran, Immediate Past President - Elected as Regional Trustee for Asia Oceania in FIGO Council
- 2) Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-General- Elected as
 - a. President, South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology
 - b. President, South Asian Federation of Menopause Societies
- 3) Prof. Kiyoko Kato, Editor In Chief - Awarded the FIGO Women's Award
- 4) Prof. Joong Shin Park, Council Rep; to the Exec; Board – Elected as Chairman of Korean Society of O & G

AOFOG 2022.

We are fast approaching the congress of the year, AOFOG 2022. Organisers headed by Dr. Andon Hestiantoro and Prof Budi Wiveko are busy making the preparations despite the numerous obstacles they are facing due to the continued Covid 19 pandemic. Fortunately, the conditions are improving in Bali, Indonesia and we are hopeful by the time of the congress in May 2022 the environment would be conducive for us to participate in person and meet each other and enjoy the congress.

The organisers have come up with a very exciting scientific programme in keeping with the theme of the congress, 'From Bench to Bedside between the Culture, Tradition and Technology in Women's Health'. A galaxy of speakers from 15 countries from the region including the host country Indonesia will be participating. Also, experts from outside the region will be delivering plenary lectures. There are around 142 speakers from Indonesia and around 234 speakers from other countries joining, making the programme very educative and interesting.

Plenary lectures will be given by world-renowned speakers and include Dr. Jeanne Conrey, President FIGO, Dr. Maureen Phipps President ACOG (2022), Prof Edward Morris, President RCOG, Prof Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, Past President FIGO, RCOG, & BMA, and Prof Frank Lowen Professor of Medicine / Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany. In addition Presidents lecture will be delivered by the President AOFOG Prof. Kazunori Ochiai and the prestigious C.T. Hsu Memorial lecture will be delivered by Prof Noriaki Sakuragi, MD, Professor Emeritus of Hokkaido University Japan.

In addition, there will be 9 Pre-congress workshops covering topics of importance to the practising Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and trainees,

The congress will be enriched with many Social programmes and Gala dinner with much entertainment and fun.

As we all know Bali is an exciting tourist destination which we all are eagerly awaiting to visit.

Online registration is now open, and I would like to urge everyone to register without any delay to receive the benefits of early registration. For further details including travel regulations in Bali, kindly visit the [AOFOG 2022 website](#). [Read more...](#)

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Bali from all our member countries and outside.

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General, AOFOG



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ASIA EVENING @ THE FIGO WORLD CONGRESS, OCTOBER 2021

As everyone is aware, the Scientific Programme for the FIGO World Congress was thrown into disarray by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Congress had to be converted to a virtual event and sessions needed to be rearranged at short notice. The Scientific Committee led by Prof. Frank Louwen had to think out of the box and a novel idea that emerged was to have virtual “Regional Evenings” to showcase the 5 FIGO Regions – Africa/Eastern Mediterranean, Asia Oceania, Europe, Latin America, and North America.

Following a ZOOM meeting with Prof Louwen, our Executive Board set to work conceptualising the programme for the Asia Evening. As major issues of Obstetrics, Oncology and Sexual Reproductive Health affecting our region were already being covered by a special AOFOG Symposium at the FIGO Congress, we decided to highlight instead our efforts to move towards virtual training and our constant emphasis on nurturing our Young Gynaecologists via the YGA and Community Fellowship Programmes. Asia Oceania is easily the most diverse geographical, linguistic and cultural region of FIGO and we wanted to emphasise our strength and unity in diversity.

Translating the concept into reality in a short period of 3 months was a challenge but I am proud to say that all those involved rose to the occasion magnificently. Thanks to our member National Societies for contributing such lovely, colourful, and vibrant clips of their countries. It would be remiss of me not to recognise the contribution of the OGSM-ICOE team led by Dr. Gunasegaran and supported by Mr. Bhaskaran, as well as the team from Laos ably led by none other than Prof Alongkone. A special shout out too to Dr. Vincent Cheung from Hong Kong and Dr. Ryan Capitulo from the Philippines for putting together a short clip of the Community Fellowship Programmes in their respective countries in 2017 and 2019. All of this of course would not have been possible without the constant support and encouragement from the AOFOG Executive Board.

The final “product” attracted much interest from around the globe and was enjoyed by all who attended. To quote Prof. Frank Louwen “..brilliant!! That’s how it should be, you fulfill my dreams!!!”.

For those of you who missed the event, we have included a link below to enable you to access and enjoy the event at your leisure.

Link - <https://vimeo.com/643382337>

Password - Figo21RE

Ravi Chandran.

Immediate Past President AOFOG
FIGO Regional Trustee Asia Oceania

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Report from MIGS Committee

In recent 3 months, our committee conducted a milestone collaborative AOFOG-ASGO session with Oncology Committee. In the 7th Biennial Meeting of the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO), we had a joint symposium named "Challenges for minimally invasive treatment on gynecologic cancers: What did we learn from global reports and what should we stand for?" in which endoscopic surgeries for gynecologic cancers were presented and discussed.

The Committee Chair, Tsukasa Baba, chaired this symposium with Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak, and the President, Prof. Kazunori Ochiai, and the President-Elect, Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon, respectively had opening and closing remarks.

The current Asian trend in MIGS was lectured by Prof. Jeong-Yeol Park from Korea, and Training of MIGS from dry box to Cadaver was also exhibited by Prof. Amphan Chalermchocharoenkit from Thailand.

The current status and perspective of MIGS in US and the Robotic surgical training system in Europe were presented by Prof. Mario Leitao and Dr. Henrik Falconer.

All presentations were archived on ASGO2021 website. Dr. Tsukasa Baba also had a couple of educational web lectures for safe MIGS in the treatment of uterine cancers for young doctors in India and China.

Prof. Tsukasa Baba,
Chair, MIGS Committee

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Report of Urogynecology Committee

1. REPORTS of Webinars

The TUGA annual Congress with an AOFOG session of international speech was completed on Oct 3 in Taipei, Taiwan. It was a Hybrid Webinars Symposium, AOFOG session -joint with TUGA, APUGA & TAOG, there were 121 in-person attendees and 355 online participants. This was a nice webinar with good participation and we had very positive feedback with ratings of Excellent: 92%, Good: 8 % from the participants.



An invitation to Webinar organized by The AOFOG Urogynecology Committee joint with TUGA • APUGA and TAOG

The international speeches of update urogynecology

Date: 3rd, October, 2021
Time: 13:10-14:45 (Taiwan standard time GMT+8)

Chairperson

Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su (Treasurer, AOFOG, TAIWAN)

Dr. Ching-Hong Hsieh (Former Chair of Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, TAIWAN)

Dr. Ching-Chung Liang (President, APUGA, TAIWAN)

Speakers

Dr. Mou-Jong Sun (Chair of Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, TAIWAN)

Dr. Ajay Rane (Chair of the Fistula Committee, FIGO, AUSTRALIA)

Dr. Fernandi Moegni (Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, INDONESIA)

Dr. Hui-Hsuan Lau (Chair of Educational Committee, APUGA, TAIWAN)

Master of ceremony

The link for registration: https://zoom.us/join/wn_R4Q5edkFsOPzZLw4YFRg

Time (GMT+8)	Topics	Speakers
13:10-13:15	Opening remarks	Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su (Treasurer, AOFOG, TAIWAN)
13:15-13:25	Introduction of UG Committee AOFOG	Dr. Mou-Jong Sun (Chair of Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, TAIWAN)
Chairperson: Ching-Hong Hsieh (Former Chair of Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, TAIWAN), Ching-Chung Liang (President, APUGA, TAIWAN)		
13:25-13:45	Robotic-assisted suspension for pelvic organ prolapse: surgical technique and perioperative outcomes	Prof. Tsung-Hsien Su (Treasurer, AOFOG, TAIWAN)
13:45-14:05	Nowadays POP and SUI surgical managements in Australia and India	Dr. Ajay Rane (Chair of the Fistula Committee, FIGO, AUSTRALIA)
14:05-14:25	The role of vaginal LASER in urogynecology	Dr. Fernandi Moegni (Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, INDONESIA)
14:25-14:40	Q&A	
14:40-14:45	Closing remarks	Dr. Mou-Jong Sun (Chair of Urogynecology Committee, AOFOG, TAIWAN)





2. Update regarding future activities:

- a. The first one is the international joint conference of Urogynecology joint with APUGA, TAOG, and TUGA on April 2022, in Taiwan.



- b. The second planned activity is the AOFOG scientific meeting BALI 2022. The Pre Congress Urogynaecology committee session on May twenty-fourth, 2022. Thanks to the help from our Urogynaecology committee member Dr. Fernandi, I believe it will be a very nice educational and practical activity.

	PRE CONGRESS UROGYNAECOLOGY COMMITTEE AOFOG SESSION1: RECENT UPDATE IN UROGYNAECOLOGY SURGERY	24/05/2022
0800-0930	Session I: Native tissue repair vs mesh augmented therapy (case illustration)	Chair: Lisa Prodigalidad (Philippines), Co-Chair: Suskhan Djuasid (Indonesia)
0800-0820	Masayasu Koyama (Japan):	Mesh augmented in Japan
0820-0840	I Wayan Megadhana (Indonesia):	Choices of native tissue repair
0840-0900	Wen-Chu Huang (Taiwan):	Best sling mesh for Stress Urinary Incontinence
0900-0930	Q&A	
0930-1000	Refreshment break	
1000-1130	Session II: Post TVM era ini POP management (case illustration)	Chair: Masayasu Koyama (Japan), Co-Chair: I Wayan Megadhana (Indonesia)
1000-1020	Eun Hee Yoo (Korea):	Long term outcome of Sacrocolpopexy with or without TOT
1020-1040	Lisa Prodigalidad (Philippines):	Long term prolapse recurrence after vaginal hysterectomy
1040-1100	Suskhan Djuasid (Indonesia):	Obliterative VS Suspension-Reconstructive Procedure: Which Case Needs Which Procedure?
1100-1130	Q&A	

	PRE CONGRESS UROGYNAECOLOGY COMMITTEE AOFOG SESSION2: VIDEO SESSION IN UROGYNAECOLOGY PROCEDURES	24/05/2022 (10 minute video presentation + 10 minutes QnA)
0800-0930	Session I: Minimal Invasive Surgery procedures in Urogynaecology	Chair: Mou-Jong Sun (Taiwan), Co-chair: Fernandi Moegni (Indonesia)
0805-0825	Kazuaki Yoshimura (Japan):	Laparoscopic Single mesh sacrohysteropexy with bladder patch
0825-0845	Osamu Hirakawa (Japan):	Minimally invasive surgery and pelvic organ prolapse
0845-0905	Alfa Putri Meutia (Indonesia):	Laparoscopic Davydov procedure for Mullerian anomaly
0905-0925	Tsung-Hsien Su (Taiwan):	Robotic treatment of POP
0930-1000	Refreshment break	
1000-1130	Session II: Various procedures for urine incontinence treatment	Chair: Tsung-Hsien Su (Taiwan), Co-chair: Alfa Putri Meutia (Indonesia)
1005-1025	Mou Jong Sun (Taiwan):	Mini-sling treatment of SUI
1025-1045	Fernandi Moegni (Indonesia):	Laser treatment of SUI and GSM
1045-1105	Amita Suneja (India):	Management of fistula post hysterectomy
1105-1125	Thomas Man-Jung Hung (Taiwan)	Botox injection via cystoscopy for OAB

1300-1430	Session III	Laparoscopic and Robotic in Urogynaecology Surgery
1300-1320	Ratih Krisna (Indonesia):	Chair: Tsia-Shu Lo (Taiwan), Co-Chair: Trika Irianta (Indonesia)
1320-1340	Jimmy Nomura (Japan):	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy in Indonesia
1340-1400	Joseph Lee	Laparoscopic VS Robotic Procedure in Urogynaecology: Japan's Experience
1400-1430	Q&A	Current management of urogenital fistula with laparoscopic/robotic or Robotic procedure in Urogynaecology
1430-1500	Refreshment break	
1500-1630	Session IV	Video session Complication in surgery and how to deal with.
1500-1520	HC Han (Singapore):	Chair: Jimmy Nomura (Japan), Co-Chair: Ratih Krisna (Indonesia)
1520-1540	Trika Irianta (Indonesia):	Mesh complication management
1540-1600	Tsia-Shu Lo (Taiwan):	Urinary tract complication management
1600-1630	Q&A	Laparoscopic Urogynaecology Surgery complication management
1900-	OPENING CEREMONY	

1300-1430	Session III: POP treatment	Chair: Hem Kanta Sarma (India)
1305-1325	Shivakumar S Balakrishnan (Malaysia):	Co-Chair: Tyas Priyatini (Indonesia)
1325-1345	Joanne Karen Aguinaldo (Philippines):	Colpocleisis treatment of POP
1345-1405	Aparna Hegde (India):	Abdominal sacrocolpoplasty in Philippines
1405-1425	Amir Fauzi (Indonesia):	Purandare technique for POP treatment
1425-1445		Sacrospinous Hysteropexy/ Ligament Fixation of POP
1430-1500	Refreshment break	
1500-1630	Session IV: Mullerian anomaly management	Chair: Shivakumar S Balakrishnan (Malaysia)
1505-1525	Tyas Priyatini (Indonesia):	Co-Chair: Amir Fauzi (Indonesia)
1525-1545	Akiko Kobayashi (Japan):	Interdigitating Y-Flap for transverse vaginal septum management
1545-1605	Charleen SY Cheung (Hong Kong):	Vaginoplasty for persistent cloaca
1605-1625	Hem Kanta Sarma (India):	Diagnosis and management of obstructive uterine anomalies
1900-	OPENING CEREMONY	Amnion grafting in vaginoplasty

Prof. Mou - Jong Sun

Chair, Uro-Gynaecology Committee

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Report from Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee

Dr. Raymond Li, Chair of the Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee, was invited to take part as Chief Guest in the online conference “Orchestra of Hormones – Endocrine our Lifeline” organised by the Federation of Obstetric and Gynecological Societies of India (FOGSI), and to deliver a lecture on “Ageing and Hormones – Are We Oncologically Safe?”. In the same conference, Dr. Jaydeep Tank, Deputy Secretary-General, gave a lecture on “EDC – Impact on Endocrinology”, and Professor Krishnendu Gupta, Chair of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee, gave a lecture on “Galactorrhoea: An Evidence-Based Approach”. This conference highlighted some very important topics in reproductive endocrinology that constitute essential knowledge to all obstetricians and gynaecologists, and was well attended by members of FOGSI.



The Committee will organise the “AOFOG-HIFERI Pre-Congress Course on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Management” jointly with the Indonesian Association for Obstetrics and Gynaecology (POGI) on 29th January 2022. This will cover various clinical aspects of polycystic ovary syndrome, a common condition in women of reproductive age. We are also planning to organise a webinar jointly with the Sexual and Reproductive Health Committee on “Hormonal Harmony: From Adolescence to Menopause”. It will be held tentatively in spring 2022, and details will be announced in due course.

We look forward to a prosperous, fruitful, and healthy year ahead.

Dr. Raymond Lee
Chair, REI Committee

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Member Society News Corner

1) The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) works to improve Women's Health in the Pacific. This is achieved through the provision of training and education to professionals working in sexual and reproductive health, done in collaboration with a range of organisations based in or working in the Pacific. RANZCOG supports Pacific O&G specialists and trainees to attend RANZCOG Scientific Meetings and workshops in Australia and New Zealand, providing them with exposure to new technology and techniques, as well as opportunities to network with their Australian and New Zealand counterparts.

RANZCOG's support for the COVID-19 response in the Pacific began soon after the declaration of the pandemic in March 2020. In response to a request for assistance with guideline development, RANZCOG developed an evidence-based guide on COVID-19 and pregnancy for resource-limited settings that was distributed across the Pacific. It was intended to complement, not replace local, national and international guidelines.

RANZCOG's support for the COVID-19 response in the Pacific then moved online via its COVID-19 and O&G Webinar Series, three webinars for Pacific O&G clinicians featuring presentations from various organisations across the Asia-Pacific. RANZCOG also contributed pregnancy and birthing content and delivered webinars for an online COVID-19 training program, known as CoHELP, for clinicians in Papua New Guinea, coordinated by Johnstaff International Development on behalf of the PNG National Department of Health, Australian Government (through the PNGAus Partnership), WHO PNG and WPRO.

In addition to COVID-specific assistance throughout the pandemic, RANZCOG continued its support of O&G training and professional development in the Pacific via its Pacific O&G Clinician Webinar Series. With Pacific O&G specialists and trainees unable to attend events in Australia and New Zealand, this series was an alternative means for them to access training support and professional development on O&G topics from leading professionals. The series will continue in 2022.

With COVID-19 creating uncertainty for the foreseeable future, RANZCOG's support for the Pacific O&G specialists and trainees will continue to adapt in the post-COVID world.

2022 Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Annual Scientific Meeting

The 2022 Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Annual Scientific Meeting is scheduled to take place on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, from 10-12 October 2022.

Registrations open in March 2022, and further key dates about the meeting can be found at www.ranzcogasm.com.au

Andre Khoury

Head of Communications and Public Affairs.

2) Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Seoul, Korea, October, 2021- Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (KSOG) announced that it had elected Prof. Joong Shin Park, MD, PhD, as Chairman of the Board, effective October, 2021. Prof. Park, a member of the Executive Board, has formerly served as a chairperson of the scientific committee, and director of medical insurance policy in KSOG. Prof. Park has a wealth of experience, and expert judgment to our society since he joined the Board. He said, "On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our society members. Also, I look forward to serving our society's interests and working closely with the government. Furthermore, I am going to succeed in the 75-years legacy of excellence and innovation. Finally, I am cooperating with AOFOG and doing my best for AOFOG 2024 meeting, which will be held in Busan, Korea."

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3) Taiwan Association of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (TAOG)

Expanded Subsidy for Prenatal Examination Services, Effective on July 1

To improve the health of mothers and their newborns, starting from July 1st of 2021, the Ministry of Health and Welfare Taiwan has increased the number of prenatal visit from 10 to 14, thereby adding gestational diabetes mellitus screening, mid-trimester complete blood count testing and two general ultrasound scans to routine prenatal examinations. Hoping to reduce the risk of perinatal mortality and morbidity and relieve the economic burden on couples of child-bearing age. The expanded subsidy also applies to new immigrants who are non-National Health Insurance (NHI) beneficiaries. It is expected that this will benefit more than a hundred and sixty thousand pregnant women annually.

In addition, to increase compliance and reduce the burden of mothers-to-be, the National Health Insurance Administration of Taiwan has approved the payment of 5 blood glucose test strips per day till giving birth for those diagnosed of GDM. In addition, TAOG cooperates with the producer of blood glucose test strips to offer free blood glucose test machines via prenatal care providers to benefit GDM women in Taiwan.

Assisting infertile couples to realize their wish of having a child

In order to support infertile married couples to fulfill their wish of having a child and to reduce their economic burden for in-vitro fertilization (IVF) procedures, the Ministry of Health and Welfare has expanded the scope of the subsidy for IVF, from low-income households and middle-low-income households to all infertile couples, effective on July 1, 2021. It is estimated that this will benefit 23,000 to 28,000 infertile couples each year.



Figure 1 The TAOG press conference of GDM.



Figure 2 The new version of Mother's Book published in February, 2021

Congratulations

To the Exec Board members for their achievements



***Dr. Ravi Chandran, Immediate Past President -
Elected as Regional Trustee for Asia Oceania in FIGO
Council***



***Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary-
General- Elected as***

- *President, South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology*
- *President, South Asian Federation Menopause Societies*



***Prof Kiyoko Kato, Editor In Chief -
Awarded the FIGO Women's Award***



***Prof. Joong Shin Park, Council Rep; to the
Exec; Board –
Elected as Chairman of Korean Society of O & G***

AOFOG 2022

Dear AOFOG Members,

I am very pleased to announce that the Indonesian government has re-opened Indonesia for international tourists, effective on 14th October 2021. The following citizens from 19 countries are permitted to enter Indonesia using limited stay/tourist visas, including but not limited to China, Bahrain, India, France, Hungary, Japan, Kuwait, Italy, New Zealand, Liechtenstein, Poland, Norway, Qatar, Portugal, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Spain, and United Arab Emirates.

Unfortunately, these following countries are barred from entering Indonesia, including Hong Kong, Angola, Eswatini, Botswana, Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. However, this pandemic situation is changing rapidly. Thus, we will update Indonesia's travel restriction periodically on our 27th AOFOG Congress website. Please keep in mind that this COVID-19 is not over. There have been issues about the spreading of the new variants of SARS-Cov-2, B.1.1.529 or also known as the "Omicron variant". Therefore, please keep practicing social distancing, using double masks, avoiding the mass of people, washing hands, avoiding eating in public places, limiting mobility, and also getting vaccines.

The upcoming 27th Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AOFOG) Congress is hosted by the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISOG/POGI). This biennial congress scheduled on 23rd to 26th May 2022, will be held hybrid (both online and onsite) in The Stone Hotel, Kuta, Bali.

This years' congress theme is "From Bench to Bedside: Between Culture, Future, and Technology in Women's Health". The early bird registration for congress participants has been opened from 1st August 2021 until 31st January 2022. You can do the registration on our website <https://www.aofog2022.com/registration.html> and also check out the registration fee on our latest e-flyer.

We have prepared various interesting topic discussions, debates, and controversies that will add to your knowledge and experience in providing better services for our patients in the future. During the plenary session, 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. Iffath Hoskins, MD will present ACOG President's Lecture. Moreover, listen to FIGO President's Lecture by Jeanne A Conry, MD, Ph.D., and SS Ratnam Lecture presented by Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran.

The pre-congress workshop will be held from 23rd to 24th May 2022. All the participants can choose from 10 enticing workshops, including Live Surgery and Near Live Surgery in Minimal Invasive Surgery, Update Management of Cervical Precancer Lesson, High-Risk Obstetrics and Emergency, Pre-Conception Management, Pain Management during Labor, The Failing Gonad, Video Session in Urogynecology Procedures, Recent Update in Urogynecology Surgery, Sexual and Reproductive Violence and also Ultrasound workshop. Ultrasound workshop will be held with a hands-on session (onsite) for 2 days (from 23rd to 24th May 2022). Other workshops will be held for 1 day, on 24th May 2020.

You can also update your knowledge on numerous concurrent sessions on 25th-26th May 2022. In Maternal-Fetal Medicine Session, there are interesting topics about "A new paradigm in high-risk pregnancy" and "Hot issues on maternal sleeping position and the impact on stillbirth and birth weight". During Benign Gynecology Session, we can update our knowledge on "Adolescent gynecology" and "Gynecology endoscopic surgery". Learn about "From molar pregnancy to GTN": for GP and general obs-gyn" and "Elimination of cervical cancer in Asia-Oceania" during Gynecology Oncology Session. Reproductive Endocrinology Session is having updated issues about "Assisted reproductive technology" and "The management of PCOS". The interesting topics of Urogynecology Sessions, including "The role of stem cells in urogynecology management" and "Aesthetic gynecology surgery: current and future". In Sexual Reproductive Health, we can discuss "Reproductive health of women with disabilities: perspectives and roles of obs-gyn" and "Negligence in maternal and child care during pandemic Covid-19". The special concurrent session in



this congress is Covid-19 Session, covering topics about “Major issues in Covid-19” and also “Covid-19 and preterm delivery”.

We are pleased to inform you that call for abstracts has been opened! We are calling for all the research from all around the world to submit their best scientific papers before the deadlines. Here are some of the important dates for abstract submissions:

- Open for abstract submission: July 1, 2021
- Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2022
- Notification of acceptance for presentation: February 28, 2022
- Deadline for registration of abstract presenters: March 15, 2022

All this year’s Young Gynecologist Award will participate in hybrid virtual gathering: Community Fellowship Programme with the theme of “Promoting acceleration of reducing MMR programme in Asia Pacific”.

We are truly hoping that this pandemic will eventually be better and allow us to gather together and experience the world-famous Bali cultures and traditions with the warmth of Indonesian hospitality in person. During AOFOG President’s Night and Opening Ceremony, be amused by the famous Bali traditional dance. Experience the well-known Kecak Dance in Gala Dinner.

Count the days until the opening registration of our social activities, such as Song Competition with the theme of “Song For Our Mother”; SPRIN (Selamatkan Perempuan Indonesia) as free webinar about obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive health; and also Zumba Gold specially designed for elder ladies. Let’s participate and compete in these awesome events!

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

We hope to see you all there!

Prof. Andon Hestiantoro, OG(REI), MPH, PhD
Chairperson,
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Student / Trainee **	25 - 26 May 2022							USD 120 (LRC)*	USD 94 (LRC)*
General Physician*** / Nurse / Midwife / Allied Healthcare		USD 200	USD 120	USD 260	USD 150	USD 320	USD 190		
Accompanying Person****		USD 50		USD 50		USD 50			
Balinese Cultural Night (Gala Dinner)	25 May 2022	USD 75		USD 75		USD 75			

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Accompanying Person****		IDR 500K		IDR 500K		IDR 500K			
Balinese Cultural Night (Gala Dinner)	25 May 2022	IDR 750K		IDR 750K		IDR 750K			

* LRC (Low Resources Countries) : Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, India, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka & Vietnam

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JOGR Volume 47, Issue 12 has been published and Editor's choice has been updated here;

<https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14470756/current>.

Below Editor's choice articles from Issue 8 will be free **until the end of January 2022**.

- Gestational metformin administration in women with polycystic ovary syndrome: A systemic review and meta-analysis of randomized control studies. (Qi Cao, Yuanyuan Hu, Jing Fu, Xin Huang, Lukanxuan Wu, Jiani Zhang, Huang). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15044>

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

- Spontaneous labor curve based on a retrospective multi-center study in Japan. (Ryosuke Shindo, Shigeru Aoki, Toshihiro Misumi, Sayuri Nakanishi, Takeshi Umazume, Takeshi Nagamatsu, Hisashi Masuyama, Atsuo Itakura, Tomoaki Ikeda, Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology Perinatal Committee). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15053>
- Clinical analysis of uterine intravenous leiomyomatosis: A retrospective study of 260 cases. (Jing Peng, Fangfang Zhong, Yuemeng Zhu, Mingxing Zhang, Meng Zhang, Chong Lu, Yumeng Wang, Xingling Qi, Congwen Wang, Guiling Li). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15013>

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<https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14470756/current>. Below Editor's choice articles from Issue 8 will be free **until the end of February 2022**.

- Annual report of the women's healthcare committee, Japan Society of O&G 2021. (Kiyoko Kato, Masakazu Terauchi). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.14986>
- Examination of fetal well-being evaluation metrics for fetal growth restriction as seen from Japan Obstetric Compensation Cause Analysis Report data. (Mika Sugihara, Nobuya Unno, Hideaki Suzuki, Akihiko Sekizawa, Hiroaki Tanaka, Keiya Fujimori, Tomoaki Ikeda, Koichiro Shimoya). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15067>
- Clinical guide for women with mental health problems during the perinatal period. (Koichiro Shimoya, Tomomi Kotani, Shoji Satoh, Shunji Suzuki, Haruo Kashima, Kazuyoshi Ogasawara, Norio Ozaki, Eiji Suzuki, Yoshiyuki Tachibana, Toshihito Suzuki). <https://obgyn.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jog.15068>

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