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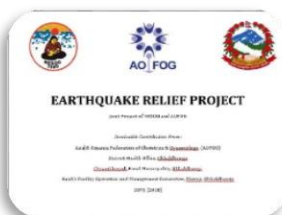
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## President's Message....

Dear Colleagues,



2019 started with a bang as we participated in the All India Congress of O&G (AICOG) in Bengaluru in January.

As with all AICOGs, the delegate numbers were huge and Bengaluru drew an attendance of about 14,000 delegates. The AOFOG session concentrated on updates in Gynaecological Oncology and attracted a good audience which generated active discussion.

As we welcomed the year of the boar in the Chinese zodiac, AOFOG also participated at the Bangladesh Congress in Dhaka in early February and the Myanmar Congress in Yangon at the end of February. Our SRH Committee continues to grow from strength to strength and in collaboration with the Bengal Society of O&G and FOGSI, we held a very productive symposium on [Adolescent & Sexual Health in Kolkata](#) in the same month. Special thanks to Dr. Krishnendu Gupta for ensuring a successful event. Further details of these events have been included in the Secretary General's report.

With about 8 months to go before our [AOFOG Congress in Manila](#), the Executive Board and our various Subcommittees are intensifying our activities for the rest of the year. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of the O&G Society of Malaysia (OGSM), a [tripartite MOU](#) was signed between the Nepal Society of O&G (NESOG), OGSM and AOFOG to improve training in emergency obstetric care in Nepal. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, another [MOU](#) was signed between AOFOG and the [Korean Society of Gynecological Oncology \(KSGO\)](#) to improve training in this sub-specialty. This AOFOG-KSGO Young Gynae Oncologist Programme has been trialed successfully in 2017 and 2018 before being formalised last month. Many thanks to the National Societies of Malaysia and Korea for stepping up to assist us. Over the coming months and years, AOFOG will be exploring more "smart partnerships" with other member National Societies so that we can maximise our limited resources to benefit our less fortunate members.

The beginning of the year usually sees some changes in the Executive Boards of our member National Societies. May I please urge all of you to write in to the AOFOG Secretariat to update this information so that the lines of communication remain uninterrupted. Please also take this opportunity to update your subscriptions if you have not already done so.

Finally, the [AOFOG 2019](#) website is now active so please visit the website and avail yourself of the benefits of early [registration](#). Manila is shaping up to be an exciting blend of academic, cultural and social activity so don't miss out!

Wishing everyone another productive year ahead!

Warm regards,  
**Ravi Chandran.**





## Secretary General's Message.....



Dawn of the New Year saw a change in the Secretariat. We say Good Bye to Asoka Cassiechetty who served as the Executive Assistant from the time the Secretariat was opened in Colombo. We wish her all the best. We welcome Ms. [Flora Phillip](#) as the new Executive Assistant on the 15th of January 2019.

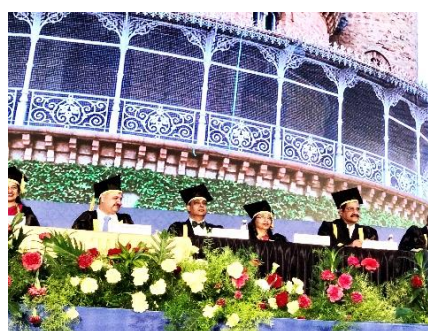
We have had a very busy time from the beginning of this year organizing sessions at Member Society conferences and participating in them.

### AICOG 2019

First was [AICOG 2019](#), the annual conference of the Federation of Obstetrical & Gynaecology Societies of India which was held in Bengaluru from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of January. As expected it was attended by more than 10,000 delegates, both the President Dr. Ravi Chandran & I participated and AOFOG had a session on cancer updates. We congratulate Dr. Nandita Palshetkar who took over as the President and Dr. Jaydeep Tank who continues to be the Secretary General. I wish to thank the Country Representative Dr. Hiralal Khonar and the outgoing President of FOGSI Dr. Jaideep Malhotra for helping in organizing the session. [Read more...](#)

### Honorary fellowship of ICOG

I am delighted to inform you that our President Dr. Ravi Chandran was honored by the Indian College of O&G by awarding him the honorary Fellowship of the ICOG in recognition of his Academic achievements & contribution to the field of O & G both nationally and internationally. He was also invited to address the new fellows. Congratulations Ravi!



### OGSB International Conference

Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society of Bangladesh held their [27th International Scientific Conference - 2019](#) on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019 in Dhaka. We thank the president Prof. Laila Arjumand Bhanu & the Secretary Prof. Firoza Begum for including an AOFOG session in the congress the session and Congratulate Prof. Sameena Chowdhury for been inducted as the new President of OGSB. [Read more...](#)

### ASRH Symposium, Kolkata

Dr. Krishnendu Gupta of the AOFOG SRH committee under the guidance of Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum, Chair of the SRH committee organized a very successful Symposium on [Adolescent & Sexual Reproductive Health](#) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb in Kolkatta. I am thankful to Dr. Krishnendu Gupta for all the hard work and also FOGSI, Bengal O&G society and Indian College of O&G for supporting the programme. [Read more...](#)

### 13<sup>th</sup> Obstetrical and Gynaecological Congress of the Myanmar O&G Society

The congress was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 in Yangon with the participations of 580 delegates, coming from various parts of Myanmar. The theme of the AOFOG session was 'Ensuring safe practice in

Obstetrics & Gynaecology with Prof. Masaki Mandai (Chairman MIGS committee), Dr. Nelinda Pangilinan (Chair, U/S Committee) & Prof. Praveen Fatima (REI Committee member) participating as speakers. Dr. Ravi Chandran (President), Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa (Secretary General) & Prof. Myint Mg Mg (Patron MMMA O&G Society) chaired the session. The session was well attended and the delegates showed a keen interest in the lectures, concerning safe practice in laparoscopic surgery, imaging and induction of ovulation. We are thankful to Prof. Aye Aye Aung, Prof. Aye Aye Thein and Prof. Kyi Kyi Nyunt and all the officers of the MMA O&G Society for all the assistance given to organize the session.

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## Meeting with the Union Minister of Health & Sports.



On the request of our President Dr. Ravi Chandran, Union Minister of health & sports, who participated as the Chief Guest for the inauguration Ceremony agreed for a meeting with us and Prof. Myint Maung Maung Patron, Prof. Aye Aye Aung President & few officers of the Myanmar O&G Society. During the meeting Dr. Ravi Chandran elaborated the programmes conducted in Myanmar on Emergency Obstetric care along with the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Society of Malaysia and the project planned on cervical

Cancer screening and treatment – single visit approach. The Minister was very interested in the two programmes and wanted to carry them forward without delay. Though the meeting was brief, it was very fruitful.

## Signing of the agreement regarding iCOE.



An agreement was signed by AOFOG, Nepal Society of O&G & O & G Society of Malaysia regarding continuing the Intensive Course in Obstetric Emergencies

In Nepal for the next two years with the objective of providing educational support in practice of Obstetric emergencies among medical professionals of Nepal, training cohort of local trainers to conduct iCOE & NESOG continuing the training programmes in Nepal with high quality training.

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General AOFOG signed on behalf of AOFOG, Dr. Gunasegaran PT Rajan, (Course director ICOE, Past President OGSM) signed on behalf of OGSM and Dr. Kusum Thapa (President NESOG) signed on behalf of NESOG.

This was followed by another programme of iCOE for the Nepal doctors.

## AOFOG 2019

Preparations for the great event by Dr. Christia, and their team from Philippine O&G society is in full swing. It's filled with a galaxy of eminent speakers from the Asia Oceania region as well as from around the world. Also a series of exciting Social events have been organized to dine, wine and dance. Also you would have a choice of memorable tours to explore the hidden beauties of Philippines.

It's not a conference to be missed and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in Manila at

[AOFOG 2019.](#)

[Online Registration](#) through the AOFOG 2019 [website](#) is now open. [Read more...](#)

**Rohana Haththotuwa.**



## AICOG 2019

AOFOG Scientific Session at AICOG 2019 of FOGSI in Bengaluru was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 at "Chamundi Hall"

Speaker	Subject
1. Prof. Hiralal Konar	Updates in Screening for Ovarian Cancer
2. Kazunori Ochiai	Controversies in Endometrial Cancer
3. Y. K. Kim	Cervical Cancer Surgery

This session on oncology was chaired by: Dr. Jaydeep Tank, Dr. Ravi Chandran, Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa and Prof. Hiralal Konar.

Participation was around 300 members (approximately) of the FOGSI and other international members.

It was well appreciated by the audience on the floor. Interactive session was continued after the main session for nearly 20 minutes.

Overall it was a scientific programme of AOFOG in FOGSI with a tremendous success.

**Prof. Hiralal Konar,**  
FOGSI Representative to AOFOG



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## International Scientific Conference of OGSB



OGSB has organized its 27<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference on 1-2 February, 2019 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme of the conference was "SDGs-where we stand?"

The inaugural session was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Hall of Fame of Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. **Mr. Zahid Maleque MP** Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of People's Republic of

Bangladesh graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. **Prof. Laila Arjumand Banu**, President-OGSB Chaired the inaugural session.

About Fourteen hundred participants from home and abroad participated in the conference. Scientific session started from 8:00 am till 6:00 pm simultaneously held in 3 halls on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February. There were, plenaries, Infertility, MNH, Family Planning, Midwifery panel discussion, symposium, FIGO session, AOFOG session, SAFOG session, SAFOM session, Skill & drill, updates and memorial lecture. There were a number of free paper sessions; video & posters session.



AOFOG session was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February in Hall of Fame from 10:30-11:30 hrs with Dr. Ravi Chandran, President-AOFOG & Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Secretary General-AOFOG in the chair. The theme of the conference was “Cesarean section - Confronting the storm”. There were presentations on Rising rates and its consequences by Prof. Shyam Desai from India, Avoiding a cesarean section by Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum, from Bangladesh & Handling the difficult by Dr. U.D .P. Ratnasiri from Sri Lanka. There was a very interactive discussion after the presentation.



**Prof. Laila Arjumand Banu**  
Immediate Past President – OGSB

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## Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health Symposium



The ‘Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health Symposium 2019’ (ASRH Symposium 2019) organised by the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee of the Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG) in collaboration with The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society (BOGS), supported by The Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) and Indian College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (ICOG) was very successfully held on Sunday, 03 February 2019 at the beautiful water-bodied venue of ITC

Sonar in Kolkata.

The theme of the symposium was “Adolescence – Making Growing Up Good”.

The symposium was attended by Dr. Ravi Chandran (President of AOFOG, Malaysia), Dr. Nandita Palshetkar (President of FOGSI, 2019), Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, (Secretary General of AOFOG Colombo), Dr. Jaydeep Tank (Deputy Secretary General of AOFOG, India & Secretary General of FOGSI), Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum (Chair – SRH Committee of AOFOG, Bangladesh), Prof Hiralal Konar (FOGSI Representative to AOFOG), Dr. Girish Mane (Chairman – Adolescent Health Committee of FOGSI), Dr. S Shantha Kumari (National Coordinator of FOGSI, 2019 & Immediate Past Chairperson of ICOG), Prof. Sk Zinnat Ara Nasreen (Member – SRH Committee of AOFOG, Bangladesh), Prof Laila Arjumand Banu (Immediate Past President of OGSB, Bangladesh), Prof Alokendu Chatterjee (Past President of FOGSI & SAFOG), Prof Sudhir Adhikari (President of BOGS) amongst numerous others.



Being a ‘one day’ international scientific meeting focussing on ‘Adolescent Health’, the program was designed having one keynote lecture, four guest lectures, six symposium lectures and two panel discussions covering various aspects on this subject. The invited faculty included fellow gynaecologists from India and abroad along with a paediatrician, dermatologist, psychiatrist, psychologist, lawyer and community health specialists. This diverse mix of professionals brought about inclusivity to this important meeting. It was indeed

very heartening to note that all the faculty members invited were present for their respective academic commitments. Dr Bhaskar Pal (Chair – Scientific Committee), Prof Sk Zinnat Ara Nasreen (Co-Chair – Scientific Committee) and Dr Biswajyoti Guha (Clinical Secretary of BOGS) needs special mention for



planning the contents of the interesting scientific program. There were 175 delegate registrations for the symposium.

During the course of the scientific proceedings, there was a beautiful yet crisp inauguration program conducted by Dr. Basab Mukherjee (Honorary Secretary, BOGS). All the international and outstation faculty members were recognised and felicitated during the inauguration. The symposium ended with a wonderful valedictory program, which was followed by a lucky draw conducted by Dr. Shyamal Sett (Vice President of BOGS) with attractive prizes won by the delegates.



Prof. Krishnendu Gupta (Organising Secretary, 'ASRH Symposium 2019' & Member – SRH Committee of AOFOG) placed on record his deep appreciation to the office bearers of AOFOG for giving the opportunity to BOGS for conducting this scientific meeting, to the esteemed MC members of BOGS for agreeing to collaborate with AOFOG, to FOGSI and ICOG for supporting the meeting and to ICOG for awarding '5 ICOG Credit Points' to the delegates attending the symposium. Prof Gupta placed his grateful thanks to the

members of BOGS and the delegates for their participation and specially mentioned the kind assistance and generous support provided by the ten 'Academic Partners' from the pharmaceutical industry and to 'Team ITC Sonar', without whose help this symposium would not have been able to be conducted in the style befitting that has been showcased by BOGS for the past few years!!

**Prof. Krishnendu Gupta.**

Organising Secretary, ASRH Symposium 2019' & Member – SRH Committee of AOFOG

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Obstetrical and Gynaecological Congress of the Myanmar O&G Society



We had a very successful congress with attendance of 580 obstetricians and gynaecologist from all over the country. With International speakers and scientists we had three pre-congress workshops in University of Medicine 1 and 2 and Defense services Medical Academy. Two days of Symposium and free communications and e-posters MOGS and AOFOG had joint session on "Enhancing Safe practice in Obstetrics and Gynaecology" on the first day. Both AOFOG President and Secretary had meeting together with president of MOGS and officials form MOHS and Patron of MOGS. AOFOG and HE form MOHS discuss matters on how AOFOG can assist and support in Maternal and Reproductive health care through MOGS.



**Prof. Aye Aung**

President

Myanmar Obstetrics and Gynecological Society

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## iCOE Kathmandu, Nepal

On 15-16<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Nepal Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (NESOG) in collaboration with the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) and Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG) organised an Intensive Course in Obstetric Emergencies

(iCOE) at the Kathmandu Medical College, Nepal. The first Nepal iCOE in November 2018 was well-received, and the OGSM was invited to return for the second of such training. NESOG, OGSM and AOFOG signed a memorandum of understanding to conduct four courses in Nepal over the next two years. They were represented by Dr. Kusum, Dr. Gunasegaran and Dr. Rohana respectively



iCOE is a hands-on simulation course using equipment of various fidelities. The course aims to equip specialist-grade doctors with skills to handle emergencies in the labour ward and reduce maternal morbidity and mortality. Training methodology focuses on small group engagement rather than traditional didactic teaching. The course consists of short lectures supplemented with multiple group breakout sessions which comprises impartation of skills, simulation of clinical scenarios and case discussions.

One day prior to Nepal iCOE, twelve local trainers spent an afternoon attending a Training-Of-Trainers course to be equipped to conduct iCOE. Six then became probationary trainers for the next two days; the remaining six participated as observers, and designated to be trainers for the subsequent iCOE.

The two-day iCOE training covered a wide range of topics including maternal resuscitation, management of post-partum haemorrhage, sepsis and hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, essential labour ward skills and handling complicated caesarian section. In addition, there were sessions on team dynamics, handling bad outcomes and 'how to do a drill'. Information technology (IT) was incorporated in innovative ways to conduct participant's assessment and feedback, e-learning and simulation of clinical scenarios. A faculty meeting was held at the end of each day to elicit feedbacks and ideas for improvement.



Participants commented that the course was practical, well-structured and conducted efficiently. They also found the method of learning interesting and useful, especially in learning to do things systematically in an organised way. Pre and post-course assessments showed marked

improvement in knowledge and skills. The OGSM handbook on Obstetric Emergencies was popular and well received.



NESOG, AOFOG, Kathmandu Medical College and the Nepal National Health Training Centre has pledged to continue to support the conduct of iCOE in Nepal. It is anticipated that the team of Nepali iCOE trainers would take the course forward and be champions of maternal healthcare in their respective places of service.

**Michael Hoong**

iCOE Trainer, OGSM

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## KSGO Young Gynae Oncologist Programme - AOFOG Signing of the MOU

This programme was mooted by the Korean Society of Gynecologic Oncology (KSGO) in 2017 and spearheaded by Prof YT Kim the President of the KSGO and also the Chair of the AOFOG Oncology Subcommittee. The pilot programme ran from 3 – 8 November 2017 and was greatly appreciated by the 5 pioneer participants from Malaysia (2), Singapore, Laos and Indonesia. Following this success, it was decided to make this an annual programme.

Objectives of the Programme are:

1. To broaden the perspectives of young Gynaecologists below the age of 40 years, specialising in Oncology in member countries of the AOFOG.
2. To provide an opportunity to experience advanced Gynaecological Oncology treatment in centers of excellence.
3. To enable them to network with other professionals in the field of Gynaecological Oncology

This one week long programme which is fully funded by the KSGO allows participants to make educational visits to major oncology centres in Seoul and thereafter have the privilege of attending the KSGO Fall Symposium, present a paper and participate in social events.

MOU was signed between The AOFOG and KSGO for the continuation of the AOFOG – KSGO Young Gynae Oncologist Programme, On Behalf of the AOFOG President Dr. Ravi Chandran and the Secretary General Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa signed and on behalf of the KSGO, President Prof. Young Tak Kim & Secretary General Prof. Jeong Yeol Park signed the MOU.

## Nepal Earthquake relief fund of AOFOG.

The renovation and reconstruction of Sherna Birthing Center destroyed by devastating earthquake of April, 2014 in Nepal has been completed and it's now in operation and deliveries are performed as usual. A detailed report of the AOFOG funded project will be given in the next issue...



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## New Executive Assistant

It is a great pleasure in introducing myself to the lovely people who are reading this newsletter.

I am Mrs. Betsie Flora Philip, born in the land called the “Pearl of the Ocean”-Sri Lanka, just joined the Secretariat of AOFOG, situated in Colombo as the Executive Assistant, to support our experts in the field of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in furthering the reproductive health of the women in the specific regions of Asia & Oceania.



Prior to this post I was engaged in the FIGO project, called the “Institutionalisation of Postpartum Family Planning Services in Sri Lanka (PPIUD)”, conducted by The Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologist (SLCOG) in collaboration with the Family Health Bureau of Sri Lanka (FHB), as the National Manager, for the past five years.

Having the experience of teaching kids in the Sunday school for more than 25years as well as in the Schools in UAE for 4 years, made me a proactive person who can patiently handle situations where it is critical. I have been working for more than 10 years in the field of Secretarial & Administration in the private sectors. Namely Industrial Asphalts Ceylon Ltd, Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, Brown & Co., & Express Newspapers Ceylon Ltd.

While having the qualifications in many fields, the higher qualification relevant to my current position is the part qualification in ICSA-Chartered Secretaries and Administrators U.K & Diploma in Confidential secretaries Cum Personal Assistants.

Doing the right thing at any time in any area with maximum perfection, creativity, craft work, flower arrangement, site seeing, gardening, educating the orphan & needy children, enjoy work & family life, reading the Holy Bible are my interests.

I think the opportunity I got to work with the AOFOG affairs will be another mile stone to my career where I could develop my skills in serving better to the community, nation & worldwide.

Thank you all in advance, for accepting me at the AOFOG. Hope and pray that the diligent work will continue with a great smile towards the success of AOFOG.

I am available for any assistance from the Secretariat and I could be contacted on [secretariat@aofog.net](mailto:secretariat@aofog.net).

**Flora Philip.**





## Future Events

1. **SAFOG Conference - Dhaka 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
AFOG Session
2. **71st Annual Congress of Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology** at JSOG-Nagoya Congress Center in Nagoya, Japan - **11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
<http://www.congre.co.jp/jsog2019/en/index.html>
3. **Annual Conference of Nepal Society of Obstetricians & Gynaecologist** at NESOG-Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu - **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
<http://conference.nesog.org.np>
4. **9<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asia Pacific initiative on reproduction (Aspire)** at Hong Kong - **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**
5. **Annual Conference of Laos Association of Obstetrics & Gynecology** at LAOG-Vientiane - **23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**
6. **Annual Conference of Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong** at OGSHK-HKAM Jockey Club Building - **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**
7. **Annual Conference of Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia** at OGSM-Setia SPICE Convention Centre, Penang - **18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019**
8. **Annual Conference of the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists** at SLCOG, Colombo - **9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**
9. **AICC-RCOG Conference** at Culcutta, India. - **5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**
10. **Annual conference of the Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology** at KSOG-Grand Hilton Seoul Hotel - **20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019**
11. **[AFOG Congress 2019](#)** at Philippines-Manila - **10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



## Ride with us to the AOFOG Congress 2019 in Manila



**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN**

Mabuhay!

Save the dates **November 10 to 14, 2019** and register to the **26<sup>th</sup> Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Congress in Manila, Philippines**. Join the **Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society (Foundation), Inc.** as it hosts this prestigious AOFOG Congress in *"Strengthening the Road to Women's Health \_ Reaching New Heights"* at the **Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)**.

The AOFOG Congress scientific sessions will center on conventional and likewise controversial approaches to women's health.

Choose from any of the **Pre-Congress Activities** set on **November 11, 2019**. **Meet the Experts in Gynecologic Ultrasound for the Clinicians** and discuss **Approach to Diagnosis and Management**. Listen to the lectures and join the live demo of **Introduction of Energy-Based Treatment of Common Gynecologic Diseases**. Review **A Clinician's Guide to Pediatric Gynecology** and participate in a Vaginoscopy workshop or attend the **Master's Class on Surgical Site Infection** and discuss **Prevention Management**. Be abreast in the **Updates in the Management of Common Obstetric Complications**. Join any of the following workshops: **Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries \_ OASIS Hands-On Workshop**; **Laparoscopic Suturing Workshop** or participate in the **Tips and Tricks of Operative Hysteroscopy and use of Smart Bipolars in MIGS**.



Listen to the AOFOG President's Lecture by **Professor Ravi Chandran**, the CT Hsu Memorial Lecture of **Professor Neville Hacker** and the Shan S. Ratnam Oration by **Professor Walfrido Sumpaico**. **Professor Haywood Brown** will deliver the Malaysia Lecture. **Professor Carlos Fuchtnr** will deliver the FIGO President's Lecture and **Professor Ted**

**Anderson** will deliver the ACOG President's Lecture. **Professor Lesley Regan** will discuss achieving SDG5 and ensuring gender equality by 2030 for the RCOG President's Lecture. Other invited plenary speakers include **Professor Michael Robson** who will discuss achieving an appropriate cesarean section rate while **Professor Liona Poon** will discuss preventing preeclampsia. **Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran** will join us to present innovative strategies in the prevention of postpartum hemorrhage while **Professor Mario Festin** will cover the topic on the global health perspective of saving mothers. Moreover, paradigm shift of treatment of endometriosis will be discussed by **Professor Tasuku Harada**.



Various international and local subspecialty societies will take part in the scientific symposia that will comprehensively cover interesting topics in obstetrics and gynecology. Special topics on Patient Safety and Environmental and Maternal Health will also be included. Watch the controversial **debates** on: mild SUI treatment; carboprost or carboprost in postpartum hemorrhage; HPV screening and vaccination vs screening and early treatment for cervical cancer survival; hormonal vs non-hormonal treatment in menopause; and medical vs surgical management of myoma.

We look forward to the stimulating simultaneous sessions and interesting free communications as well as the [Call for Abstracts](#) has been opened. **Deadline for submission is on May 3, 2019.**

Join us as we celebrate and feast together in the exceptional amalgamation of cultures and traditions amidst the signature gracious and heartfelt warmth of the Filipino hospitality. Experience the magnificent Manila Bay sunset as it leads us to the President's Night and celebrate **"One Asia Oceania."** Rejoice during the Welcome Reception/Fellowship Night as we celebrate a **"Festival of Festivals"** \_ Festival of Lights, Festival of Colors, Festival of Music and Motion and Festival of Taste!



Choose from any of the Congress' partner hotels for your accommodations: Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila (Speakers' Hotel), Conrad Manila, Diamond Hotel, New World Hotel Manila Bay, Nobu Hotel (City of Dreams), Manila Hotel, Century Park Hotel, Hotel Jen, Pan Pacific Hotel, Armada Hotel, Hotel 101, Microtel by Wyndham and TRYP by Wyndham.

Make time for "Day Tours" and "Explore Tours." We will take you on a day trip through the Walled City of Intramuros and also visit the island fortress of Corregidor. We will lead you to escape to Tagaytay for a relaxing retreat away from the busy metropolis to enjoy a day of pampering and wellness. We invite you to explore Cebu, the Queen City of the South and also discover the little paradise of Bohol. Explore the most beautiful world-renowned islands of Palawan and Boracay too.

Let us continue to promote the science and art of obstetrics and gynecology towards total healthcare in women throughout life. Let this AOFOG 2019 Congress be a manifestation of international cooperation and goodwill in the region.

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