

COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE



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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore was held on 22 May 2012, 1700 hours, at Lecture Theatre (Training Centre), KK Women's and Children's Hospital.

Membership

The total number of members in the College stood at 225 as at 31 December 2012. There were 213 Local Fellows, 11 Overseas Fellows and one Honorary Fellow.

Activities

Lectures and Symposium

Event:	The Role of Reproductive Surgery in ART Era
Date:	12 – 13 January 2012
Speaker:	Prof Togas Tulandis Professor and Academic Vice Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology McGill University

Event:	How to Minimise and Improve Cutaneous Scarring
Date:	8 November 2012
Speaker:	Dr Por Yong Chen Head & Consultant, Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Visiting Academician Lecture

Visiting Academician:	Prof Yves Ville Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine Necker-Enfants-Malades Hospital, Paris Descartes University
Lecture Title:	The Role of Prenatal Diagnosis in Modern Obstetrics
Date:	7 April 2012

12th Regional MRCOG Part II Examination Course

The 12th MRCOG Part II Examination Course was held at KK Women's & Children's Hospital on 12-15 January. It was co-organised by the College, the Singapore Representative Committee (RCOG) and the Division of Graduate Medical Studies, National University of Singapore.

The course had a total of 48 participants from various countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Myanmar. Seven (7) O&G specialists from Brunei and Indonesia also signed up for the trainers programme.

The candidates went through a rigorous mock exam course which included attempting the extended matching questions, short answer questions and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) circuit. The examiners from UK, Drs LJ Sant Cassia and Anthony Rutherford also gave the participants useful insights on handling the actual examination.

A total of 48 local trainers helped out with the essay marking, skills station session and the OSCE circuits during the course.

8th International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ISUOG) Outreach Course in conjunction with 3rd College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore Scientific Congress

This event was hosted together with the ISUOG Teaching and Training Centre, Singapore at Raffles Town Club, Dunearn Ballroom on 7-9 April 2012.

The theme for the event was "Fetal Surveillance: What a Normal 20 Week Scan Does Not Tell You". The focus is on the application of ultrasound in fetal surveillance in clinical settings such as IUGR, TTTS (in twin pregnancy) and intracranial pathology from antenatal insults, such as CMV infections which may develop later on in pregnancy.

Several internationally renowned experts on ultrasound were invited to give their expert views on issues commonly encountered in the daily clinical practice. There were 354 participants for the congress, of which 217 were local participants and 137 were from overseas. The overseas participants came from various countries such as Australia,

Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

9th College Lecture and Dinner

The College held its annual lecture and dinner at Raffles Town Club, Dunearn Ballroom, Singapore on 7 April 2012. There were a total of 200 attendees.

Prof Yves Ville, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine at Necker-Enfants-Malades Hospital, Paris Descartes University, spoke on 'The Role of Prenatal Diagnosis in Modern Obstetrics'. Prof Yves Ville's research interests included Prenatal Diagnosis, Fetal Medicine and Surgery, and ultrasound in obstetrics. Prof Ville has published over 320 papers in peer review literature and has co-authored or co-edited 10 textbooks.

16th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Infertility

The College, together with Congressmed, organised the 16th World Congress on controversies in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Infertility. The Congress was held at The Raffles Convention Centre on 19-22 July 2012. Topics included all aspects of O&G – Maternal Fetal Medicine, Urogynaecology, Reproductive Medicine and Gynaecology.

The Congress provided a unique platform to discuss controversial issues in all fields of obstetrics, gynaecology and infertility. The ability to discuss only controversial topics with emphasis on clinical solutions in cases where no agreed-upon answers or consensus exist, provides clinicians with an insight and a take-home message that ameliorates treatment in the most difficult situations. Renowned international as well as local speakers were invited to be the main debaters and to chair the discussions. There was a total of 800 participants from India, Australia, Israel, Singapore, Hong Kong, Europe, United States and other parts of the world.

2012 APAGE Regional Conference in conjunction with College of O&G, Singapore Teaching Conference

The Regional APAGE Conference was held at KK Womens' and Childrens' Hospital Training Centre on 23-24 July. The congress was jointly organised by the Minimally Invasive Surgery Unit from KK Women's and Children's Hospital in conjunction with the College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore, SingHealth Duke-NUS OBGYN Academic Clinical Programme and Asia Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy. The theme of the congress was 'Endometriosis and Complex Pelvic Surgery'.

Speakers from the region were invited to speak at the conference. The programme included live endometrial and pelvic surgeries from KK Hospital operating theatre as well as live beams from hospitals in the UK and Taiwan. There were 100 participants from Singapore as well as the South East Asia Region.

A half-day hands-on workshop was conducted at the KK Hospital Simulation Centre on the APAGE conference. There were a total of 40 participants for the workshop. Participants

had the opportunity to hone their skills with endoscopic surgeries on pelvic models and on other items which simulated real live endoscopic surgeries.

Nominal Sponsorship For Events

The College was a nominal sponsor for the following events:

Event: 10th Anatomy of Complications Workshops

Date: 12-22 April 2012

Organiser: Division of Gynaecologic Oncology
National University Hospital, Singapore

Event: Applications of Robotic Surgery in Gynaecology: An Introductory Workshop

Date: 20-21 April 2012

Organiser: KK Women's and Children's Hospital
SingHealth OBGYN Academic Clinical Programme

Event: IUGA Regional Symposium, Singapore

Date: 27-29 April 2012

Organiser: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
National University Hospital, Singapore

Event: 11th Anatomy of Complications Workshops

Date: 25- 26 August 2012

Organiser: Division of Gynaecologic Oncology
National University Hospital, Singapore

Event: 3rd Labour Ward Intrapartum Course

Date: 2-3 November 2012

Organiser: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
Singapore General Hospital

Event: An update on 3D/4D ultrasound-perfecting your skills

Date: 10 November 2012

Organiser: Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine
Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, National
University Singapore

Professional Affairs

Home Births and Duolas

The Ministry of Health requested for the College's opinion on home births and Duolas. The College considers unassisted home births to be unsafe, and advises women to avoid having unassisted home births where possible. On planned home births, it must be made known to women who are considering planned homebirth that there are relatively few resources available at home for the management of sudden unexpected complications that may affect any pregnancy or birth. Women who are considering planned homebirth should therefore be provided with comprehensive and accurate information regarding these risks.

Hysterectomies for Mentally Competent Minors (Voluntary Sterilization)

The College's opinion on the above matter is that both the minor as well the parent will need to give consent on the procedure. There is no loophole as it stands since a mentally competent minor needs to give consent too, and if the minor is mentally incompetent, then the court will have to decide.