

COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE

7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore ("the College") Annual General Meeting was held at Level 1, Women's Tower, Lecture Theatre (Training Centre), KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 229899 on Friday, 20 May 2011 at 1700 hours.



2011-2012 COUNCIL

President:	Dr Bernard Chern
Immediate Past President:	Dr Lai Fon-Min
Vice President:	Dr Kenneth Kwek
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Sheila Loh
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Section Chairmen

Section of Gynaecological Oncology:	Dr Lisa Wong
Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine:	Dr Arijit Biswas
Section of Reproductive Medicine:	Dr Loh Seong Feei
Section of Urogynaecology:	Dr Han How Chuan



*Front Row (left to right):
Dr Jasmine Mohd, Dr Yeo Seow Heong George, Dr Kenneth Kwek, Professor Yves Ville (Guest Speaker), Dr Bernard Chern, Dr Lai Fon-Min, Dr Ho Tew Hong.*

*Back Row (left to right):
Dr Jothi Kumar, Dr Sheila Loh, Dr Arijit Biswas, Dr Khoo Chong Kiat, Dr Philip Yam, Dr Han How Chuan*

*Absent with Apologies:
Dr Loh Siong Feei, Dr Lisa Wong*

MEMBERSHIP

The total number of members in the college stood at 225 as at 31st December 2011. There are 213 Local Fellows, 11 Overseas Fellows and one Honorary Fellow.

ACTIVITIES

Lectures and Symposium

Event Title: **Minisymposia on Thrombosis And Pregnancy**
Co-organised with Chapter of Haematologist, College of Physicians, Singapore

Date: 12 – 13 January 2011

Speaker: HMDP Expert Prof Ian Greer
Executive Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Faculty of Health & Life Sciences
University of Liverpool

Event Title: **Learning Initiatives for Fertility Experts (LIFE) Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Nurse Certification Course (Module 1)**

Date: 26 & 28 February 2011

Speakers: Sister Diana Chia
Dr Lim Yun Chin
Dr Sheila Loh
Dr Loh Seong Feei
Dr Suresh Nair
Prof PC Wong
Dr Yu Su Ling

Event Title: **Round Table Discussion – Role of hCG driven LH activity in Ovarian Stimulation**

Date: 28 March 2011

Speaker: Prof Anders Nyboe Anderson
Professor, Copenhagen University

Event Title: **Lecture on Recent Advances in Use of MIS for Benign and Malignant Gynecological Procedures**

Date: 23 August 2011

Speaker: Professor Javier Magrina
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ

VISITING ACADEMICIAN LECTURE

Visiting Academician: **Prof Tan Seang Lin**
James Edmund Dodds Chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology;
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
McGill University, Canada

Lecture Title: **Treatment of Infertility and Fertility Preservation for Cancer and Non-cancer Patients**

Date: 7 May 2011

11TH REGIONAL MRCOG PART II EXAMINATION COURSE

The 11th MRCOG Part II Examination Course was held at KK Women's & Children's Hospital from 20 to 23 January 2011. 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.

The candidates went through a rigorous mock examination course which included attempting the extended matching questions, short answer questions and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) circuit. The examiners from UK, Drs Edmund Neale and Suresh Duthie 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.

7TH 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 Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre from 6 to 8 May 2011.

The theme for the event was "Common Borderline Ultrasound Findings – Where An Expert's Opinion Makes A Difference", where the focus was on common borderline ultrasound findings, many of which lack clear clinical information for counselling.

Several internationally renowned experts on ultrasound were invited to give their expert views on issues commonly encountered in the daily clinical practice. There were 243 participants for the congress, of which 136 were local participants and 107 were from overseas. The overseas participants came from various countries such as Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

8TH COLLEGE LECTURE AND DINNER

The College held its annual lecture and dinner at Pan Pacific, Singapore on 6 May 2011. There were a total of 20 tables, 200 attendees.

Professor Tan Seang Lin, James Edmund Dodds Chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McGill University, Canada; and the founding Medical Director of Montreal Reproductive Centre was the guest lecturer for the event. He delivered a lecture titled "The Present and Future of IVF" which was well-received by the audience.

At the dinner, Dr Lai Fon-Min, President of the College (2009 - 2011) recorded his appreciation of thanks to the past College Presidents, Professor Ho Tew Hong and Dr Chang Tou Choong, and presented them with the College plaques.

WORLD FERTILITY AWARENESS MONTH, JUNE 2011

The Section of Reproductive Medicine continued to uphold its objective of updating the practicing doctors and healthcare professionals on the key issues affecting the reproductive health and welfare of men and women in Singapore by organising two forums in June.

Specialists and General Practitioners Forum

Theme: **Short Updates on Endocrine Disorders and Fertility**

Date: 25 June 2011

Topics & Speakers: **Update on Insulin Sensitizers for Ovulation Induction**
Dr Yu Su Ling

Long Term Effects of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
Dr Cho Li Wei

Hyperprolactinemia and Infertility
Dr Yeong Cheng Toh

Treatment of Hypothalamic Anovulation
Dr Kelly Loi

Update on Androgen Deficiency and Male Infertility
Dr Teoh Seng Hin

Chairperson: Dr Shelia Loh

Public Forum

Theme:	How Can Advances in Medical Technologies Help a Couple Start a Family
Date:	26 June 2011
Topics & Speakers:	Polycystic Ovary – How Does it Affect You and Your Fertility Dr Cho Li Wei
	How to Optimize Sperm Count and Quality? Dr Matthew Lau
	Understanding Ovulation, Fertility Window and Ovarian Reserves Dr Yu Su Ling
	Endometriosis Fibroids and Cysts - Will it Affect Your Fertility? What Can be Done? Dr Suresh Nair
	Advances in Assisted Reproductive Techniques (Test Tube Baby) Dr Stephen Chew
Chairperson:	Dr Loh Seong Feei

NOMINAL SPONSORSHIP FOR EVENTS

The College was a nominal sponsor for the following events:

Event Title:	3rd Preinvasive Surgical Workshop
Date:	19 March 2011
Organiser:	Division of Gynaecologic Oncology, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology National University Health System
Event Title:	Ultrasound in Gynaecology Symposium - A Morning With An Expert: A/Prof Nicholas Raine-Fenning, University of Nottingham
Date:	3 April 2011
Organiser:	National University Hospital
Event Title:	The 8th & 9th Anatomy of Complications Workshop, Singapore 2011
Date:	9 – 10 April 2011 (8 th Workshop) 20 – 21 August 2011 (9 th Workshop)
Organiser:	National University Health System, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

The College was asked by MOH for their opinions on the following issues:

Guidelines on Cryopreservation of Oocytes

College supports Cryopreservation of Oocytes as a service but with limitations and guidelines as to how this service should be implemented.

Is Water Birth accepted as conventional mainstream medical practice?

Women allocated to immersion in water needed less epidural, spinal or paracervical analgesia. The College's stand was that there was no significant difference in other important clinical outcomes, including duration of labour, operative delivery and perineal trauma.

Abortions links with Breast Cancer

There is no conclusive evidence supporting a causal link between induced abortion and subsequent development of breast cancer.

New Licensing Terms and Conditions (LTCs) required for assisted reproduction (AR) Services

- The College requested MOH to adapt RTAC regulations to the Singapore context. The certifying body can use the same RTAC requirement and auditing process, except that the Australian requirement on senior counsellor, multiple pregnancy rates and donor identity be modified according to MOH guidelines.
- The responsibilities of Clinical Director and Scientific Director should be separated as stipulated in RTAC Code of practice.