Dear FIGO Colleagues

Greetings to you all.

This is my first communication to the FIGO fraternity since 9 October 2015.

My promise to make FIGO a truly global organisation is illustrated by my inviting participation from each and every region of FIGO.

This will give it leverage to be looked at as the principal organisation catering to women’s health and human rights issues globally.

To begin with, we have ensured that all FIGO Committee and Working Group Chairs and their members have global representation, with attention to gender, as well.

Each Committee and Working Group will have one FIGO Officer as an ‘Ex officio’ member to ensure smooth coordination of work. All these are fully functional.

In my inaugural speech I focused on:

1) Reduction in maternal mortality
2) Family planning
3) Early detection and prevention of cancer of the cervix and breast

FIGO’s efforts continue in great earnest, not only towards a reduction in maternal mortality, but also a reduction in maternal morbidity, especially through making an effort to deliver quality midwifery help in the rural areas of low-resource countries.

Through its Member Societies, FIGO is lobbying local governments to establish methods and ways of training to help improve midwifery care.

A higher profile for family planning

The main aim of family planning is to reduce maternal mortality, providing full access to, and choice of, contraception.

I have felt for a long time that the term ‘Family Planning’ should be changed to ‘Contraception and Family Planning’, ensuring that a large adolescent population is included. FIGO has been at the forefront to help achieve improved use of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) availability, especially in countries needing it desperately.

Injectable contraception is receiving a major boost in India, the largest populous democracy in the world, which is a welcome development.

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The FIGO Project for ‘Institutionalising Post-Partum IUD Services and Increasing Access to Information and Education on Contraception and Safe Abortion Services’ has done commendable work in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Tanzania, Kenya and Bangladesh, and will do hopefully in many more countries to follow.

In January, I had the privilege of representing FIGO at the International Conference on Family Planning in Bali, Indonesia, and interacted with many international health ministers and donors supporting this extremely important initiative.

FIGO has embarked on a new Working Group for Contraception which met in London in March to draw up priorities in 20 countries with an urgent need.

Let us hope that all our efforts help substantially in helping to achieve the FP2020 goal.

The challenges of cervical cancer

For our next initiative, we have established a Working Group for preparing and executing strategies for early detection and treatment of breast diseases.

Cervical cancer still remains a major killer in underdeveloped countries where universal screening is not available.

Prevention of cancer of the cervix with the HPV vaccine has been a difficulty due to the cost involved, and we at FIGO are actively working to make this available at affordable prices from various quarters.

We are hoping that through pharmaceutical support, international funding and local governments we are able to implement a project of early detection of cancer of the cervix, along with implementing the vaccination of school girls in a few states in large countries, and totally in small countries.

One hundred CMEs all over India are being planned through FIGO and FOGSI to update 32,000 obstetricians and gynecologists in supporting early detection and prevention of cancer of the cervix.

FIGO’s high profile at global meetings

Recently, I had the privilege to visit and represent FIGO at three Member countries’ congresses. This included the All India Congress of Obstetrics & Gynecology in Agra, India, in January, which was attended by over 10,000 delegates, with over 50 international faculties.

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) Board Retreat was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in March 2016. As Chair of the Health Care Professional Associations, I represented FIGO on its Executive Board.

It was a fruitful meeting with many decisions taken by the stakeholders which included donors, UN agencies, industry, WHO, the World Bank and the Global Financing Facility (GFF) on issues of women’s and adolescents’ health.

Looking to Rio 2018

The FIGO Congress Committee Chair and his colleagues are working hard to select the Professional Congress Organiser (PCO) for the 2018 Rio Congress, along with overseeing all other arrangements.

At the Officers’ meeting, it was decided that, in order to give global representation of speakers and chairpersons, names and CVs, with topics, depending on declared strength of country membership, will need to be submitted to the Congress Scientific Committee two years in advance for them to choose from.

This should, for the first time, give an opportunity to members all over the world to participate as speakers and chairpersons at Rio 2018.

The FIGO Officers met at the end of January to oversee FIGO’s work and take major decisions. In order to have a total regional balance – even at the FIGO Officers’ level – I wish to inform you that the vacancy created by the resignation of Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran as past President was filled by the Officers by appointing Professor Yirgu Gebrehiwot of Ethiopia. He has accepted and joined the Officers with immediate effect. We welcome him.

The Chief Executive of FIGO, Professor Hamid Rushwan, retires in September after nine years of service to FIGO, and the Officers will appoint a new incumbent soon.

I hope to serve you for the tenure of my Presidential term to the best of my ability and in the best interests of FIGO.

Kind regards

Professor C N Purandare
FIGO President 2015–2018
Dear Colleagues

It is a pleasure to connect with you again in the first Newsletter of 2016. I trust the year began well for you.

2016 started off in traditional brisk fashion, with the first meeting of the new FIGO President and new Officers in late January (an introduction to the team is on page four). It was a stimulating and challenging meeting, with many new ideas expressed – new proposals arising from this meeting will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval and action when it meets in Washington in mid-May. We have also been delighted to finalise the new Chairs and Members of the FIGO Committees and Working Groups – these have increased in number and breadth of topic/activity, and I am confident they will do excellent work on the Federation’s behalf. They are important channels for FIGO’s work, and reflect a continued determination to realise FIGO’s mission to promote the health and wellbeing of women worldwide and to improve the practice of gynecology and obstetrics.

Improving the birth experience … through the ‘Lab.our Ward’

In March, FIGO joined a one day collaborative meeting, the ‘Lab.our Ward’, a multidisciplinary design project that aims to create new approaches to pregnancy and childbirth for resource-constrained hospitals in Sub-Saharan Africa to improve the experience of women giving birth.

FIGO was especially invited to participate in shaping innovations that will be presented in a physical labour ward model at the upcoming ‘Women Deliver’ conference and then tested through the ‘Lab.our Ward’ design project that aims to create new prototypes around architecture, interior and ambience, experience, interactions, tools and accessories.

M4ID is also advising FIGO on its online profile, now an essential component of any organisation’s communications strategy.

The latest on post-partum haemorrhage

In early April, I was invited to attend a Post-partum Haemorrhage (PPH) Research Advisory Group meeting in New York, organised by Gynuity Health Projects, our misoprostol initiative project donor. The meeting included results from several large community-based studies that provide important insight on the different ways that misoprostol can be integrated into future programmes for PPH management.

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As many of you will be aware, the upcoming FIGO Executive Board Meeting is in mid-May, in the fine city of Washington DC, when we look forward to meeting our valued global representatives. We must extend grateful thanks to our meeting hosts the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), who I know well for you.

Retirement of Chief Executive

As many of you will be aware, I have made the decision to retire as Chief Executive of FIGO at the end of September 2016, after a successor is chosen.

I have had the great pleasure of working at FIGO as the Chief Executive since 2007. During this period, we have seen many changes and new developments within the organisation and there have been many successful achievements over the years.

I feel the time is now right to pass responsibility to my successor to take FIGO forward. Further information will be available later on in the year, and will be featured in the next Newsletter – we will certainly keep all those connected with the FIGO family fully informed.

Until then, I send my very best wishes for a productive year, as we continue to work for the benefit of women’s and children’s health worldwide.

Professor Hamid Rushwan
FIGO Chief Executive
FIGO held the first meeting of its newly elected Officers on 30–31 January 2016 at the London Secretariat

Here is an overview of the team tasked with guiding FIGO from 2015–2018.

**FIGO President – Professor C N Purandare (India)**

Professor C N Purandare, at 64, is a dynamic leader who received training in obstetrics and gynecology in India and Ireland. A senior consultant obstetrician and gynecologist at three leading hospitals in Mumbai, he is also the honorary consultant for the Mumbai Police. Currently, he is the Dean of the Indian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Emeritus Editor for the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of India. He has been conferred the Fellowship (Honoris Causa) by the RCOG (Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, UK) in 2009, Fellowship (Honorary) by the RCPI (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland) in 2013, and Fellowship (Honorary) by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2014. An astute administrator, he has shaped the growth trajectory of the Mumbai Obst/Gyn Society. He was the Secretary General of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) for the years 2004–2008. He later rose to be President (2009–10). He has a special interest in Foetal Medicine and High Risk Pregnancy and was the first to perform foetal surgery in India. He has devised the Purandare’s Modified Radical Hysterectomy Operation for Carcinoma of the Cervix and successfully performed over 250 such procedures with an improved five-year survival rate.

He was installed as President of FIGO in October 2015 in Vancouver, Canada, at the FIGO World Congress. His vast experience will allow him to shape FIGO’s initiatives and strategies on a larger scale. In the immediate future, Professor Purandare will dedicate his time to prioritising ‘Reduction in Maternal Mortality’ as an area of continued momentum, and plans to build focus on ‘Conception Planning’ which he advocates to be called ‘Conception Planning’ in order to include a large population of adolescents who need help. There will also be emphasis on prevention and early detection of cancer of the cervix.

Professor Purandare will use his strengths of leadership and team building, forging partnerships, financial acumen, strong academic knowledge of obs/gyn and integrity as the five pillars to lead change and make FIGO truly recognised as the prime organisation for uplifting women’s health globally.

**President Elect – Dr Carlos Füchtner (Bolivia)**

Dr Carlos Füchtner is the Extraordinary Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Hospital Municipal de la Mujer, Dr Percy Boland, Bolivia. He was President of the Bolivian Obstetrics and Gynecology Society (SBOG) from 2000–2002, and President of the Latin American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FLASOG) from 2002–2005. His work with FIGO has seen him as a Member of the FIGO Executive Board representing FLASOG (2002–2005) and SBOG (2012–2018). He has also been a Member of FIGO’s Audit Committee (2004–2006) and of the FIGO Committee for Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health (2005 and 2009–2012). He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) in 2010.

**Honorary Treasurer – Dr Ralph Hale (USA)**

Prior to election as Honorary Treasurer, Dr Hale served 20 years as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Hawaii, followed by 18 years as the Executive Vice President at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). He has been very active in FIGO and has served on the Executive Board for 16 years as the ACOG representative. During his positions he has had extensive formal and informal training in finance, budgeting and other fiscal matters. As a strong supporter of international women’s health, he encourages FIGO’s members to contact him with any questions or concerns.

**Honorary Secretary – Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo (Italy)**

Professor Di Renzo is Professor and Chair at the University of Perugia (UOP) in Italy. He is Director of both the Reproductive and Perinatal Medicine Center and the Midwifery School at UOP, and also the Permanent International and European School of Perinatal and Reproductive Medicine (PRES) in Florence. His other positions include Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Maternal Fetal and Neonatal Medicine, and Corresponding Editor of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is an Advisory Board Member for the March of Dimes Foundation, a Fellow ad eundem of the RCOG and an Honorary Fellow of ACOG and ICOG. He is an Honorary Professor and Doctor Honoris Causa at 15 different universities throughout Europe, South America and the United States, and an Academic Member of the Romanian and Russian Academy of Sciences.

**Vice President – Professor Seija Grenman (Finland)**

Professor Seija Grenman is the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Turku and Turku University Hospital in Finland. She is Chairman of the Finnish Gynaecological Association and the Finnish Cancer Foundation. She has served in different positions in the Nordic Federation of Medicine, and is serving as an international board member with any questions or concerns. She is also one of the founders of the Finnish Association for Reproductive and Sexual Health andequal collaboration as well as awareness of problems of reproductive and sexual health and equal appreciation of both genders in different parts of the world.

**Dr Yirgu Gebrehiwot Ferede (Ethiopia)**

Dr Yirgu Gebrehiwot Ferede is an Associate Professor and Consultant obstetrician and gynecologist working at Addis Ababa University, in the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has additional training in epidemiology, biostatistics and gynecologic oncology.

Dr Yirgu has been the president of the Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for two terms, and was the first and founding president of the African Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AFOG). He has been a member of the FIGO Executive Board, is Editor in Chief of the Ethiopian Journal of Reproductive Health, and is serving as an international board member to IPAS.

For more information on FIGO’s structure and governance, see www.figo.org/
figo-structure-and-governance.
The Rwanda Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (RSOG) is a legally recognised professional organisation [as per the Ministerial Order N°04/08.11 of 9/1/2012 granting legal status to the Association ‘Rwanda Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ (RSOG)] and approving its legal representative].

Its mission is to support its members in pursuing the improvement in women’s health in Rwanda by promoting excellence in clinical practice, training and research in obstetrics and gynecology; through Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and the maintenance of high ethical standards; and representing the discipline within the country, on the continent and internationally.

Since then it has been actively involved in improving maternal and child health in Rwanda through teaching sessions, an outreach programme, and advising the Ministry of Health in matters related to reproductive health.

Since its creation, RSOG has been able to conduct Annual Scientific Conferences with impressive turn-outs and the participation of international speakers. So far, we have been able to conduct three such Conferences with the following themes:

- July 2013: Saving Mothers Giving Birth
- July 2014: NCD [Non-Communicable Disease] and Reproductive Health
- July 2015: Improving Maternal and Newborn Health in Rwanda as Post-2015 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Each Conference was preceded by a one-day Pre-Conference Workshop on colposcopy, office hysteroscopy, laparoscopy and ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.

Once a month all the gynecologists meet for an evening scientific event to discuss and present updates in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. We have also been actively involved in an outreach programme where we move to rural areas to teach doctors about management of obstetric emergencies.

Since 2014, we have started a teaching programme on caesarean section supported by a video [www.vimeo.com/117383422] developed in partnership with the International Organization for Women and Development (IOWD), an American NGO involved in women’s health to improve the skills of general practitioners in District Hospitals.

All these teaching activities are CPD-accredited, as RSOG has been accredited by the Rwanda Medical and Dental Council as a CPD provider.

The Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Uzbekistan was founded in 2002. The initiators of the association’s activities are professors and assistant professors of higher medical institutions in obstetrics and gynecology.

The association is a non-governmental, non-profit social organisation with legal personality. In 2010 there were 30 elected members from among leading specialists of the Republic of Uzbekistan, who identified major areas of activity, as approved in a work plan. Professor Dilbar Najmutdinova (PhD) has been Chairman of the association since 2012.

According to the charter of the organisation, the main purposes of its creation are:

- The union of all obstetricians of the Republic
- The reduction of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality
- The introduction of the latest achievements in medical science in the everyday practice of obstetrics and gynecology
- The strengthening of connections between scientific and practical healthcare systems
- The training of doctors

Members of the Board carried out an analysis of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality, and formulated proposals to improve and develop services in maternal and child health. Board members also assist in organisng and conducting scientific conferences, symposia and congresses. Systematic work is underway to identify a unique format of National Standards.

The organisation is responsible for:

- Interaction between institutions regarding maternal and child health
- Approving and implementing activities designed to reduce maternal and perinatal loss and disability, using modern medical technology, diagnostics and treatment
- Preserving and restoring women’s reproductive health
- Promoting excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology
- Advancing the health of women through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and education.

Dr Najmutdinova is a Professor of Medicine at the Tashkent Medical Academy in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for the preparation of general practitioners. She is a Director of the Republican Specialized Scientific-Practical Medical Center of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan. She began her medical career as a junior researcher in the obstetrics and gynecology clinic of Tashkent State Medical University. She became an assistant professor there in the obstetrics and gynecology department in 1992 and in 1998 was elected its Head. In 2005, Tashkent Medical Academy was founded, where Professor Najmutdinova was invited as a Vice-Rector of scientific affairs till 2014. Since 2014 she has been leading the Republican Specialized Scientific-Practical Medical Center of Obstetrics and Gynecology, where she has been enjoying an ever increasing role in medical education and practice.

Her current portfolio includes responsibilities for undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing professional learning. She has a busy clinical practice in general gynecology, with special interests in sexual and reproductive health, vulvar disease and vaginal surgery. Her academic interests include physician assessment, knowledge translation, innovative curriculum development and enhancement of learning through simulation.

- Courtesy of the Association
NEW FIGO COMMITTEES 2015–2018

Capacity Building in Education and Training
chaired by Professor Ernesto Castelazo Morales

- Dr Ernesto Castelazo Morales – Chair, Mexico
- Professor Luis Cabero Roura – Past Chair, Spain
- Professor Chittaranjan Purandare – Ex officio, India
- Dr Carlos Fuchtner – Ex officio, Bolivia
- Dr Maria Cecilia Arturo Rojas, Columbia
- Professor Moshe Hod, Israel
- Professor Rashid Latif Khan, Pakistan
- Dr David Richmond, UK
- Professor Oladapo Ladipo, Nigeria
- Dr André Lalonde – Advisor, Canada

Ethical Aspects of Human Reproduction and Women's Health
chaired by Dr Frank A Chervenak

- Dr Frank A Chervenak – Chair, USA
- Dr Sanjay Gupte – Co-Chair, India
- Dr Bernard Dickens – Past Chair, Canada
- Dr Hannah Motshedisi Sebitioane, South Africa
- Professor Leonel Briozzo, Uruguay
- Dr Laurence McCullough, USA
- Dr Michael Marsh, UK
- The Lord Patel – Consultant, UK
- Dr Ralph Hale – Ex officio, USA

Fistula
chaired by Professor Ajay Rane

- Professor Ajay Rane – Chair, Australia
- The Lord Patel – Emeritus Co-Chair, UK
- Dr Yirgu Gebrehiwot Ferede – Ex officio, Ethiopia
- Dr Andrew Browning, Tanzania
- Dr Gloria Esegbona, UK
- Professor Sayeba Akhter, Bangladesh
- Professor Kalilou Ouattara, Mali

Gynecologic Oncology
chaired by Dr Neerja Bhatia

- Dr Neerja Bhatia – Chair, India
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- Professor Lynette Denny – Past Chair, South Africa
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- Dr Mauricio Cuello Fredes, Chile
- Dr Rengaswamy Sankaranarayanan, France
- Dr Jonathan Berek, USA

Menstrual Disorders
chaired by Professor Rohana Haththotuwa

- Professor Gerard H A Visser – Chair, the Netherlands
- Professor William Stones – Past Chair, Kenya
- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Ex officio, Italy
- Dr Diogo Ayres De Campos, Portugal
- Dr P K Shah, India
- Dr Maria Fernanda Escobar, Colombia
- Dr Wanda Nicholson, USA
- Dr Anwar Nasser, Lebanon
- Dra Isabel Lloyd, Panama
- Dr Luming Sun, China

Reproductive Medicine
chaired by Dr Edgar Mocanu

- Dr Edgar Mocanu – Chair, Ireland
- Professor Kovnitz – Co-Chair, Israel
- Dr David Adamson – Past Chair, USA
- Professor Chittaranjan Purandare – Ex officio, India
- Dr Nona Mishieva, Russia
- Dr Jaideep Mahotra, India
- Professor Silke Dyer, Chile
- Dr Zev Rosenwaks, USA
- Professor Ernest Ng, Hong Kong

Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health
chaired by Professor Gerry Visser

- Professor Gerard H A Visser – Chair, the Netherlands
- Professor William Stones – Past Chair, Kenya
- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Ex officio, Italy
- Dr Diogo Ayres De Campos, Portugal
- Dr P K Shah, India
- Dr Maria Fernanda Escobar, Colombia
- Dr Wanda Nicholson, USA
- Dr Anwar Nasser, Lebanon
- Dra Isabel Lloyd, Panama
- Dr Luming Sun, China

Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor
chaired by Professor Tsung-Hsien Su

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- Dr David Richmond – Co-Chair, UK
- Professor Chittaranjan Purandare – Ex officio, India
- Professor Oscar Contreras Ortiz, Argentina
- Dr Bob Freeman (IUGA), UK
- Dr Peter de Jong, South Africa
- Dr Paul Riss, Austria
- Professor Steven Swift, USA

Women's Sexual and Reproductive Rights
chaired by Professor Chiara Benedetto

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- Professor Lesley Regan – Past Chair, UK
- Professor Seija Grenman – Ex officio, Finland
- Professor Stephen Munjanja, Zimbabwe
- Professor Pio Ivan Gomez, Colombia
- Dr Shaimaa M J Ibrahim, Iraq
- Dr Paulo Felipe Meade Trevino, Mexico
- Dr Rubina Sohail, Pakistan
- Dr Hamda Al Riski, Bahrain
- Dr Colleen Patricia McNicholas, the Netherlands
- Dr Jan Elizabeth Christl, Canada
- Ms Silke Mader (EFCNI) – Ex officio, Germany

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NEW FIGO WORKING GROUPS 2015–2018

Adolescent, Pre-conception and Maternal Nutrition

Chair: She has 10 names listed.

Breast Disease

Chair: She has 2 names listed.

Challenges in the Care of Mothers and Infants during Labour and Delivery

Chair: She has 2 names listed.

Good Clinical Practice in Maternal-Foetal Medicine

Chair: She has 1 name listed.

Prevention of Unsafe Abortion

Chair: She has 1 name listed.

Reproductive and Environmental Developmental Health

Chair: She has 1 name listed.

Violence Against Women

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**Adolescent, Pre-conception and Maternal Nutrition**

Chair: Professor Mark Hanson

- Professor Mark Hanson – Chair, UK
- Professor Chittaranjan Purandare – Ex officio, India
- Dr Irene Cetin, Italy
- Dr Anthony O’Connor, UKWHO
- Dr Ricardo Fescina, Uruguay
- Dr Torvid Kiserud, Norway
- Dr Bert Koletsko, Germany
- Dr Ronald Ma, Hong Kong
- Dr Fionauala McAlulife, Ireland
- Dr Shane Norris, South Africa
- Dr Emily Oken, USA
- Dr Lucila Poston, UK
- Dr Luz Maria De Regil, Canada
- Dr Chittaranjan Vajrik, India

**Breast Disease**

Chair: Professor Sven Becker

- Professor Sven Becker – Chair, Germany
- Dr Gustavo Ferreiro Delgado, Uruguay
- Dr Nestor Garello, Argentina
- Dr Wadhi Ghaname, Lebanon
- Dr Minoru Irshara, Japan
- Dr Sibone Mocumbi, Mozambique
- Professor Mark Pearlman, USA
- Dr Taniri Tanjir, India
- Ex officio TBC

**Challenges in the Care of Mothers and Infants during Labour and Delivery**

Chair: Dr Roberto Romero

- Dr Roberto Romero – Chair, USA
- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Ex officio, Italy
- Professor Chittaranjan Purandare – Ex officio, India
- Dr Agustin Conde-Agudelo, Colombia
- Professor Tony Duan, China
- Professor Dan Farine, Canada
- Dr Maria Teresa Gervasi, Italy
- Professor Tadashi Kimura, Japan
- Dr Yami Leo, South Korea
- Dr Jack Luknio, Peru

**Good Clinical Practice in Maternal-Foetal Medicine**

Chair: Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo

- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Chair, Italy
- Professor Eduardo Fonseca, Brazil
- Dr Carlos Fuchtner – Ex officio, Bolivia
- Dr Eduardo Gratacous, Spain
- Dr Sonia Hassan, USA
- Dr Mark Kurtser, Russia
- Dr Fergal Malone, Ireland
- Dr Shlomo Lerman, Malaysia
- Professor Kypros Nicolaides, UK
- Dr Nancy Sierra, Mexico
- Professor Huixia Yang, China
- Dr Vincenzo Bergella (SMFM), USA
- Professor Mark Hanson
  (Chair – Working Group on Adolescent, Preconception and Maternal Nutrition) – Ex officio, UK
- Professor Moste Hod
  (Chair – Working Group on Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy) – Ex officio, Israel/Europe
- Professor Joe Leigh Simpson
  (March of Dimes) – Ex officio, USA
- Dr Yves Ville (ISUOG) – Ex officio, France
- Professor Gerard Visser
  (Chair – SMNH Committee) – Ex officio, Netherlands

**Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy**

Chair: Professor Moše Hod

- Professor Moše Hod – Chair, Israel
- Dr Hema Divakar – Co-Chair, India
- Dr Yirgu Gebrehiwot Ferede – Ex officio, Ethiopia
- Dr Hector Bolatti, Argentina
- Professor Luis Cabrero Bouza, Spain
- Dr Blami Dao (JPHIEGO), USA
- Dr Gernot Desoye, Austria
- Dr Fidelma Dunne, Ireland
- Dr Anil Kapur, India
- Dr Tahir Mahmood, UK
- Dr Mohamed Momtaz, Egypt
- Dr David McIntyre, Australia

**Pre-term Birth**

Chair: Professor Joe Leigh Simpson

- Professor Joe Leigh Simpson – Chair, USA
- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Co-Chair, Ex officio, Italy
- Dr Ernesto Castelazo Morales, Mexico
- Professor Mary D’Alton, USA
- Professor Eduardo Fonseca, Brazil
- Professor Bo Jacobsson, Sweden
- Professor Oladapo Ashuri, Nigeria
- Dr T Y Leung, Hong Kong
- Professor James Martin, USA
- Professor Jane Norman, UK
- Dr Madhuri Patel, India
- Dr Jennifer Howse – Ex officio, USA
- Dr Christopher Howson – Ex officio, USA
- Dr Ralph Hale – Ex officio, USA

**Prevention of Unsafe Abortion**

Chair: Professor Anibal Faúndes

- Professor Anibal Faúndes – Chair, Brazil
- Dr Jaydeep Tank – Co-Chair, India
- Dr Teresa Bombas, Portugal
- Dr Rodica Comendant, Moldova
- Dr Borna Dilbaz, Turkey
- Dr Guyo Jaldesza, Kenya
- Dr Timothy Johnson, USA
- Professor Robert Leke, Cameroon
- Dr Paul Van Lock, Switzerland
- Dr Marina Padilla de Gil, El Salvador
- Dr Dorothy Shax, Canada
- Dr Luis Tavara, Peru
- Dr Shahida Zaidi, Pakistan
- Dr Carlos Fuchtner – Ex officio, Bolivia

**Reproductive and Environmental Developmental Health**

Chair: Dr Linda Giudice

- Dr Linda Giudice – Chair, USA
- Dr Jeanes Conny – Co-Chair, USA
- Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo – Ex officio, Italy
- Professor Richard Anderson, UK
- Professor Riana Bornman, South Africa
- Professor Maria Dolores Gomez Roig, Spain
- Professor Hong-Nerng Ho, Taiwan
- Dr Ntodeni Ndawumato, South Africa
- Dr Edgar Ivan Ortiz, Columbia
- Dr Jorma Tonnari, Finland
- Dr Tracey Woodruff, USA

**Violence Against Women**

Chair: Dr Diana Galimberti

- Dr Diana Galimberti – Chair, Argentina
- Dr Claudia Garcia-Moreno – Co-Chair, Switzerland
- Professor Seija Grennan – Ex officio, Finland
- Dr Luc de Borsis (UNFPA), Geneva
- Dr Anita Gagnon, Canada
- Dr Fayaz El Kall, Lebanon
- Dr Shanitha Kumari, India
- Dr Desiree Mostajo Flores, Bolivia
- Dr Vinay Rane, Australia/USA
- Professor Berit Schei, Norway

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FIGO ACTIVITIES

FIGO Nutrition and Hyperglycemia Working Groups take shape

FIGO Working Group on Adolescent, Preconception and Maternal Nutrition

Following the release of The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Recommendations on Adolescent, Preconception and Maternal Nutrition: ‘Think Nutrition First’ at the 2015 FIGO World Congress, a FIGO Working Group on Adolescent, Preconception and Maternal Nutrition (APMN) was established to ensure the implementation of the recommendations across the countries represented by FIGO’s Member Societies.

The Group is led by Professor Mark Hanson, who successfully spearheaded the development of the document on FIGO recommendations. The Group will focus on two key areas: advocacy and awareness-raising, and capacity-building and training. It will hold its first meeting at the European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Congress, to be held in Athens in May 2016, where the project will also be presented by members of the Working Group.

Key to the progress of the Group is the team of 4 Regional Ambassadors from around the globe. This team of passionate nutrition advocates has been recruited from FIGO’s Member Societies to help with dissemination of the recommendations document, as well as adapting it into locally relevant guidelines in each of their countries/regions. Beyond the first year of the Group’s work, the Regional Ambassadors will also assist with the capacity-building workstream by undertaking and facilitating in-country training in order to aid implementation of the recommendations.

If you are interested in learning more about the Group; and seeing the FIGO recommendations and the series of infographics which accompany them (multiple languages available), please visit www.figo.org/working-group-adolescent-pre-conception-and-maternal-nutrition or contact matthew@figo.org for more information.

FIGO on YouTube!: Maternal Nutrition videos now available

Some presentations from the FIGO World Congress can be viewed on the new FIGO YouTube account, accessible via the icon on the homepage of www.figo.org.

The videos include an introduction to adolescent, preconception and maternal nutrition, regional issues from North America, Africa and Europe, and the national context in Sudan, South Korea, India, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Colombia and Turkey.

FIGO Working Group on Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy

The newly formed FIGO Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy (HIP) Working Group builds on the exceptional achievements of the expert group responsible for creating The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Initiative on Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: A Pragmatic Guide for Diagnosis, Management, and Care (2015), which was launched at the 2015 FIGO World Congress.

The Group, chaired by Professor Moshe Hod, will focus on three priority areas: 1) advocacy and awareness-raising, 2) capacity-building and training, and 3) research and implementation science. While the Group aims to implement the FIGO recommendations across the globe, eight priority countries have been identified for targeted action. These countries – India, China, Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Brazil and Mexico – account for 55 per cent of the global diabetes burden.

The Group met for the first time in Florence on 29-30 January 2016, where they further outlined the Group’s remit and members designated themselves to the sub-groups working on the priority areas. A joint action plan was created for the terms of the Group, which will run to the next FIGO World Congress in 2018 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The work of the Group, as well as the FIGO recommendations themselves, will be presented at a number of conferences throughout the year, including Women Deliver and the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynecology annual meeting, which both take place in May 2016. Members of the Group will also be delivering components of a postgraduate course (pre-congress) and presenting at the South Asia and Asia Pacific International Congress on Diabetes in Pregnancy (SADIP), hosted by DIPAP in Sri Lanka this September (see www.comtecmed.com/dipap/2016/timetable.aspx).

If you are interested in learning more about the Group, the FIGO recommendations and multilingual infographics, please visit www.figo.org/workng-group-hyperglycemia-pregnancy or contact matthew@figo.org for more information.
Professionals benefit from 2015 FIGO/Chien-Tien Hsu Fellowships

In 1992, the Chien-Tien Hsu Research Foundation and FIGO established a fellowship to enable young obstetricians and gynecologists beginning a career in gynecologic oncology to attend the FIGO World Congress and to visit a gynecologic centre (in a country usually where a FIGO Congress is being held).

In 2015, the two successful Fellowship applicants were Dr Santhosh Kuriakose (India) and Associate Professor Dr Mohamad Nasir Shafiee (Malaysia). They report here on their successful activities.

Dr Santhosh Kuriakose (India)

The Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship gave me, a gynecologic oncologist working in India, a great opportunity to see and understand the practice in a technologically advanced country like Canada. FIGO provided excellent logistical assistance in the run up to the Congress.

My Observership took place under Dr Dianne Miller, Head of Gynecologic Oncology services, British Columbia (BC) Cancer Agency, Vancouver, from 28 September –2 October 2015. Her great consideration, contagious enthusiasm and warm personality made the experience highly enjoyable.

Based at the Gynecologic Oncology Centre at Diamond Health Centre, I could observe that the patient expectations and problems greatly differed from that of our patients. I could see the advantage of a general practitioner taking care of patients and referring only those cases that needed to be seen by a gynecologic-oncologist. Treatment, irrespective of the cost involved, is taken care of by Government insurance, and there is an organized screening programme. There were many pre-invasive lesions of the cervix and I could absorb, first-hand, the management protocols, including how doctors counsel patients and help them to make informed decisions. I could also participate in Grand Rounds, a Tumour Board Meeting, and Pathology Rounds.

The Tumour Board is conducted at the BC Cancer Agency. I attended a telemedicine conference where several specialists from other oncology centres discussed case management. It was a great way to individualise case management and discuss difficult questions regarding patient care. Dr Miller played a key role in the conference, a regular activity for the department.

During Grand Rounds, cases and consultations were discussed, especially difficult ones, and treatment plans finalised. Future operations were also analysed, including detailed surgery plans. During pathology rounds, we could see pathology slides and ask for clarification of doubts from the pathologist. Discussing the finer aspects of histology gave clinicians, especially the fellowship trainees, a deeper and better perspective on the diseases they operate on. In addition, pathologists got to know exactly what the surgeon expected from them.

At the health centre, I observed gynecologic-oncologists operating across three days, assisting in the high-tech equipment they were using. I compared, and reflected on, the work we do at home with that of Vancouver, and this helped me understand our strengths and shortcomings, as well as our weaknesses. This has actually broadened my vision for the gynecologic oncology unit where I serve as Chief of Services. I met Dr David Huntsman, Chief of the Research Division, at the agency. He briefed us regarding his current interests and research projects, and we had a fruitful discussion on how we can potentially collaborate with one another. He gave me great insights into future research in my field.

In the second week, I attended FIGO’s XXI World Congress, finding it highly beneficial to my career for several reasons: It provided a great opportunity to update knowledge; meet stalwarts in the field of gynecologic oncology; see first-hand how a Congress of such magnitude could be organised; and present my poster on ‘Incidental Leiomyosarcoma of the Uterus: A single tertiary care centre experience of 25 cases over a period of five years’. Many delegates discussed the relevance of the poster with me. Also, the Exhibition halls gave us an opportunity to see newer technologies that will help me in this important upcoming project.

After training in gynecologic oncology I aim to establish the first gynecologic oncology unit at a tertiary care centre with a postgraduate teaching facility in the government sector in Kerala State. As a gynecologic oncologist beginning his career, this programme has enhanced my vision for the future, and has given me invaluable insights that will help me in this important upcoming project.

~ Dr Santhosh Kuriakose, MS, Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology, Chief of Services, Gynecologic Oncology Division, Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Government Medical College, Kozhikode, Kerala, India

Associate Professor Dr Mohamad Nasir Shafiee (Malaysia)

I was so delighted to receive this prestigious award. It opened up a new dimension in my career as an academician, obstetrician and gynecologist, particularly in gynecologic oncology. A week-long stint at the Gynecologic Oncology Unit in Vancouver Hospital, British Columbia, headed by Dr Dianne Miller, was tremendously priceless! The first-class hospitality and warm welcome that was provided by Dr Miller and her team throughout the stay made me feel like I had gained a new extended family in BC!

A complete series of clinical sessions that included ward rounds, clinics, meetings and surgical procedures were scheduled for the Fellows to highlight ‘360 degree’, comprehensive women’s care in this well-established unit. I was impressed by the teams’ multidisciplinary and multiracial involvement, and a very efficient service was delivered for patients’ needs. I was also privileged to be introduced to the Head of the British Columbia Cancer Agency, Dr David Huntsman. His great passion in research motivated me to explore more research opportunities, especially study collaboration with BCA, Vancouver. We will definitely explore some pertinent research questions to be studied, and establish an institutional link between SCA, Canada and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia.

I was also given an opportunity to present my two research topics at the FIGO Congress 2015 on the link between polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and endometrial cancer. This session not only improved my scientific presentation skills, but gave me experience on how to field questions and present a professional appearance. It also opened research networking opportunities with other presenters and the audience. As I indulge an equal interest in both clinical practice and research (and also teaching), mainly in reproductive malignancy, I feel that I need a firm foundation to ‘grow up’ and catalyse the development of this fraternity – FIGO has offered me the appropriate base. I will definitely work harder and smarter to make my dream a reality.

Socially the programme allowed me to experience different cultures and people outside my usual daily life. It broadened my knowledge, not only on clinical settings of medical practice, but on geographical aspects, different peoples and their beliefs; in addition, I greatly enjoyed the natural beauty of Vancouver!

This Fellowship programme is truly beneficial in many aspects. I feel so blessed to have been chosen for the programme, and would strongly recommend other potential candidates to apply in the future.

I would like to express special gratitude to the FIGO Fellowship Committee, Dr Dianne Miller, Bill, Lorna, Dr David Huntsman, the gynecologic oncology team at Vancouver General Hospital, and everyone who has supported me throughout my programme.

~ Associate Professor Dr Mohamad Nasir Shafiee, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
FIGO PUBLICATIONS

A record year for new-look IJGO team

‘FIGO, the official publication of FIGO, had a highly productive 2015, including attending the FIGO 2015 Congress and publishing eight journal supplements – our highest total yet,’ said Abi Cantor, Managing Editor.

‘Editorial Board members attended the annual meeting in London, in February 2016, learning that the journal had had a record-setting year in 2015: 1,500 articles were submitted and more than 2,000 pages of content published. 2015 saw the number of articles downloaded through Elsevier’s ScienceDirect platform increase to more than 500,000, with the number of articles viewed through www.ijgo.org reaching over 71,000. Throughout 2015, the journal’s global reach continued to expand, with articles being downloaded by more than 5,000 institutions worldwide. The use of UGO’s mobile apps for iOS and Android devices continued rising from previous years, with the number of app downloads, issues downloaded to mobile devices, and abstracts viewed by researchers on the move all increasing to record levels.

‘UGO’s expanding use of social media has increased visibility internationally and the frequent activity on UGO’s Twitter feed (@IJGOLive) has resulted in a more than fivefold increase in “followers”. The journal also launched its official Facebook page. This social media activity will help to increase the journal’s ability to promote the latest news, including the monthly “Editor’s Pick” and the most recent content.

‘At the FIGO 2015 Congress in Canada, the journal hosted, in collaboration with the Green Journal, the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada, two author workshops: “How to get published: What you need to know” and “How to get published: What you need to do”. These provided a great opportunity to help new researchers better understand the publication process and how best to approach preparing an article for submission.

Abi ended: ‘In 2015, we published eight supplements – these included the FIGO Cancer Report 2015, the Abstracts of the XXI FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and FIGO’s World Report on Women’s Health, guest edited by UGO Editor Richard Adanu and FIGO President Chittaranjan Narahari Purandare.’

New faces

In September 2015, IJGO welcomed two new members to the editorial office: Sean Fitzpatrick (Manuscript Editor) and Antonia Gianfield (Editorial Assistant).

Sean most recently worked as a freelance copyeditor, as well as having several years of experience working in scientific and medical publishing as part of the editorial team at Future Science Group. He holds a BSc in Molecular Biology from the University of St Andrews. He commented: ‘I am delighted to have joined the IJGO editorial team and am really looking forward to contributing to the day-to-day running and continuing development of the journal. It is very exciting to be involved in the communication of important research from so many countries across the globe.’

Antonia holds a BSc in Psychology from the University of the West of England in Bristol, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Publishing from Oxford Brookes University. She was interning within the Peer Review Management department of Wiley-Blackwell in Oxford before joining the IJGO team. She has a keen interest in publication ethics and is passionate about the dissemination of new research: ‘I am very happy to be a part of the UGO team. I have found the work extremely rewarding and I feel very privileged to be working on such an important publication.’

Abi commented: ‘Sean and Antonia have been fantastic additions to the team. UGO quickly benefited from their knowledge and ideas for journal development. We will be working together to ensure we consolidate UGO’s standing as a high-quality source of information and research, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries.’

She ended: ‘2015 was a whirlwind of activity, with staff changes, publication preparation for Congress and unprecedented numbers of submissions. I look forward to building on the achievements to increase UGO’s reach still further and communicate the latest research and thinking in the specialty to clinicians and healthcare professionals worldwide.’

FIGO strengthens PPIUD team

FIGO has recently recruited to complement its PPIUD Initiative team (‘Institutionalising Post-Partum IUD Services and Increasing Access to Information and Education on Contraception and Safe Abortion Services’): Dr Linda de Caestecker (Deputy Project Director) and Jennifer Brown (Project Assistant).

Linda joined FIGO in July 2015 with a focus on delivering the FIGO Initiative on institutionalisation of Post-Partum IUD Services. She has also taken on the role of overseeing all FIGO projects and is a member of the FIGO Senior Management Team.

She was previously Director of Public Health (DPH) in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, an area with some of the most disadvantaged communities in the UK. She started her clinical career as an obstetrician and gynaecologist, latterly working in Ghana. She then returned to public health, retaining an interest in maternal and child health. While DPH, she served on the Commission for Women Offenders in Scotland, led work on age-ranges for cervical screening in Scotland and participated in national work on maternity and paediatric services. Linda holds an honorary chair at the University of Glasgow and has published papers on gynecological cancer and early childhood interventions.

Linda said: ‘I was delighted to join FIGO, being particularly pleased to be part of the PPIUD initiative with its major potential to save mothers’ and babies’ lives. This is an exciting time for FIGO to develop its projects, which include Fistula Surgery Training, Maternal Nutrition, Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy, Essential Interventions in Reproductive Health and Helping Mothers Survive.

‘I have had a fascinating time in my first six months with travel to countries in Asia and Africa to support training. I am convinced that individuals with the right amount of inspiration and application can change the world for the better and I have been privileged to meet many such people around the world. Delivering change, whether it is institutionalising PPIUD, or promoting goodwill, will not be easy, but tenacity, relationship-building and flexibility are critical parts of the journey and I look forward to the challenge.’

‘Throughout my career I have worked in partnership with a range of agencies and organisations, with different ways of working, but shared aims to improve health and well-being. I hope that I can bring that experience to FIGO and am pleased to be part of the new FIGO Working Group on Contraception which brings together many of the key organisations working in this field.’

Jennifer has joined the team as Project Assistant, with a background in International Development and Reproductive Health Rights, obtaining degrees from SOAS, University of London, and the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

She has lived and worked in India and South Africa, publishing research on the provision of sexual health education in South African schools and working for HIVSA on an adolescent health programme, utilising mHealth applications. She later joined CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, as a Partnerships Officer where she worked to strengthen collaboration across globally diverse sectors of civil society.

Jennifer said: ‘I have a passion for reproductive rights and am delighted to join the team to help improve the provision of long-acting reversible contraception in the post-partum period.’
FIGO now on YouTube!

We’re delighted to announce that FIGO has now opened a YouTube channel to showcase its videos.

Current uploads include the Inaugural Mahmoud Fathalla Lecture at the FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics in Vancouver, Canada (Monday 5 October 2015) – this was memorably delivered by Eve Ensler, the Tony Award winning playwright, activist and author of the theatrical phenomenon ‘The Vagina Monologues’ which has been published in 48 languages and performed in over 140 countries.

A special series of panel presentations on Adolescent, Preconception and Maternal Nutrition at the FIGO World Congress in Vancouver last year can also be viewed.

You can access the channel easily via the YouTube icon on the www.figo.org homepage – alternatively, the films are viewable at www.figo.org/videos.

FIGO boosts Facebook profile!

FIGO has significantly boosted its presence on Facebook since the start of 2016 and has gained over 450 new ‘likes’ in the past four months, taking the total to over 2,700. Recent messages to the page have included enquiries about the next FIGO Congress, and questions about the FIGO membership process. Visit www.facebook.com/FIGO.org/ and show your support for FIGO by clicking on the new Facebook post feedback icons.

Popular FIGO resource: What’s in The FIGO Fertility Toolbox™?

Seven Tools to help you tackle the disease/disability of infertility! Each Tool provides information on how to manage a particular aspect of infertility:

- Tool 1: The FIGO Fertility Daisy – why we should care about infertility
- Tool 2: Overcome Personal Barriers
- Tool 3: Overcome Societal Barriers
- Tool 4: Diagnose Infertility
- Tool 5: Treat Infertility
- Tool 6: Refer/Resolve Infertility
- Tool 7: Prevent Infertility

Professionals (and the public) can visit this superb free tailored resource at www.fertilitytool.com.

Diary Dates

18th ISPOG Congress
12–14 May 2016, Málaga, Spain
www.ispog2016.es

ACOG Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting
14–17 May 2016, Washington, USA
www.acog.org/About-ACOG/ACOG-Departments/Annual-Meeting

Women Deliver
16–19 May 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark
www.womendeliver.org/conferences/2016-conference

13th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology
25–28 May 2016, Dubrovnik, Croatia
www.web.aiigroupinternational.com/2016/efs

European Spontaneous Pre-Term Birth Congress
26–28 May 2016, Gothenburg, Sweden
www.espbc.se

40th Nordic Conference of Obstetrics and Gynecology
12–15 June, Helsinki, Finland
www.confedent.fi/nfog2016

European Congress of Perinatal Medicine (ECPM)
16–18 June 2016, Maastricht, the Netherlands
www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/144836

RCOG World Congress 2016
20–22 June 2016, Birmingham, UK
www.rcog2016.com

FOGSI-FIGO: Conference on Best Practices, Breakthrough and Current Dilemmas in OB/GYN
24–26 June 2016, Pune, India
www.fogsi-figopune2016.com

ESHRE Annual Meeting 2016 (European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology)
3–6 July 2016, Helsinki, Finland
www.eshre2016.eu

49th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction
16–20 July 2016, California, USA
www.ssr.org/16Meeting

10th Athens Congress on Women’s Health and Disease
1–3 September 2016, Athens, Greece
www.womenshealth2016.com

European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) 2016
8–10 September 2016, Antalya, Turkey
www.soacference.esgo.org

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