FIGO continues its global agenda through a productive 2017!

Dear Colleagues

With vacation time ending, many of you must be returning to work after much needed family holidays! FIGO has been working hard since my last communication to you.

In preparation for the FIGO Regional Congress in Dubai from 11–13 April 2018, I spent three days in April inspecting various venues and having meetings with government authorities to get the very best support for our event.

I then travelled to London to attend the 1st World Congress on Maternal Fetal Neonatal Medicine in London, which took place from 23–26 April.

The FIGO Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility Committee met in Dublin in early May, which I attended as an ex officio member. The Committee has been doing superb work under the sterling leadership of Dr Edgar Mocanu.

The FIGO Executive Board meeting was held in London on 13 May; detailed discussions on various Committees took place and two new ones were formed: one on minimal access surgery and one on non-communicable diseases, combining the Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy and the Adolescent, Pre-conception and Maternal Nutrition Working Groups.

Towards the end of May, I attended the 25th European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Turkey, participating in the inauguration and as a guest speaker.

From there, I went to Geneva for a few days to attend the important WHO World Health Assembly (WHA) and to represent FIGO. I am absolutely delighted that Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has been elected as the new WHO Director-General. We look forward to working closely with him.

In June, I went back to Dubai to select the venues for the FIGO Regional Congress in April 2018.

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Demonstrating the ‘FIGO Gyn Cancer Management’ app at the 25th Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOCOG), Hong Kong (June 2017), with the FIGO Past President, Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran (left) and Dr Neerja Bhatla, Chair of the FIGO Committee for Gynecologic Oncology (see next page for app links)
FIGO continues its global agenda through a productive 2017!

Professional Congress Organiser (PCO) and finalise the venue for the FIGO Regional Congress in April 2018, which will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel Convention Centre.

The Asia Oceania Federation conference (AOCOG) was held in Hong Kong in mid-June – I was present, and gave an oration on FIGO’s ‘Good Practice Recommendations in Obstetrics’. The following weekend was spent in Pune, India, at ‘FOGSI CINN 2017’, where I spoke on ‘Nutrition First.’

A Joint Meeting of FOGSI, RCOG and AIICC was held on 30 June at the RCOG, and I was present for the inauguration and activities, ending with a colourful evening!

In early July, I attended the high profile Family Planning Summit in London. One major event was the late Dr Babatunde Osotimehin’s memorial lecture, organised by UNFPA and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A new initiative – ‘She Decides’ – was launched during the Summit, a timely global campaign originated by the Dutch Government, to promote the rights of girls and women to decide their sexual and reproductive lives.

At the end of July, the 25th Congress of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia was held – I attended the inauguration and gave a plenary keynote address. In a busy August, I was delighted to attend the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists’ (SLCOG) Golden Jubilee conference in Colombo. The inauguration was attended by the President of Sri Lanka and addressed by the Health Minister, along with the Presidents of FIGO, AFOG and SAFOG. SLCOG conferred on me the Honorary Fellowship (FSLCOG), which was an honour to FIGO, and I was asked to give a keynote address.

This was quickly followed by the FOGSI-FIGO 2017 International Congress on ‘Clinical Challenges in Obstetrics and Gynaecology’ in Hyderabad, where I inaugurated and gave an oration lecture. FIGO had a special session there and was well represented by Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo, Honorary Secretary, Dr Carlos Füchtner, President Elect, and Mr Johan Vos, our Chief Executive.

The next quarter will be equally busy, including attendance at the UN General Assembly in September, and I look forward to updating you on further important activities in the December newsletter.

Best wishes

Professor C N Purandare
FIGO President
2015–2018

‘FIGO Gyn Cancer Management’ app

At the Committee for Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility meeting, Dublin (May 2017)

Delivering a lecture at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists’ ‘India Day’, London (June 2017)

At the 25th European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (May 2017)

With the Hyderabad police commander (centre, in white) and Dr Diana Galimberti, Chair of the FIGO Working Group on Violence Against Women (centre) at the ‘Stop Violence Against Women’ campaign in Hyderabad (August 2017)

With the new Director General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, at the World Health Assembly, Geneva (May 2017)

With the EBCOG President, Dr Tahir Mahmood (left), at the 25th European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (May 2017)
Advocacy is key to our mission

Dear Colleagues and Friends

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you enjoy reading some of the highlights from the past few months.

One of the strategic priorities for FIGO is to be a strong advocate for women’s health globally. Our voice is starting to resonate louder as we continue to build our presence at major meetings like the World Health Assembly in Geneva every May, and the United Nations’ General Assembly in New York in September. FIGO is one of the global organisations that has consultative status with the UN and is in official relations with the WHO. Through these agencies, we work on a large number of initiatives and also provide comment on the strategies, such as the WHO Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030). Every country is mandated to work towards key indicators within the plan, which provides an opportunity to work closer with our Member Societies. Strengthening our advocacy at global, regional and national levels will enable FIGO to better help women and children.

As the global voice for women’s health, FIGO was also invited to participate in the Family Planning Summit held in July in London. This event was supported by the UK government and planning to be held in New York in September. FIGO is one of the global organisations that has consultative status with the UN and in official relations with the WHO. Through these agencies, we work on a large number of initiatives and also provide comment on the strategies, such as the WHO Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030). Every country is mandated to work towards key indicators within the plan, which provides an opportunity to work closer with our Member Societies. Strengthening our advocacy at global, regional and national levels will enable FIGO to better help women and children.

FIGO had four symposia sessions and a speak at its Triennial Congress in Toronto where the outgoing President, Frances Day-Stirk at ICM Toronto, with Franka Cadée, the new ICM President (left), and the World Health Assembly, Geneva (May 2017).

Working with the risen Member Societies and helping build capacity is another key priority for FIGO. A stronger Member Society will ultimately lead to better service standards. This will lead to a more respected and stronger voice to influence Governments; it will also yield better opportunities to influence policy, which will likely result in better services for women and children in these countries. Working together collaboratively is what will make FIGO and its Member Societies stronger. Equally important is our relationship with like-minded professional organisations like the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM). I was honoured to attend and speak at its Triennial Congress in Toronto where FIGO had four symposia sessions and a dedicated booth. Building relationships and working collaboratively is the key – no single country, company or NGO can solve global issues on its own.

FIGO continues to be richly served by the many experts that serve on its Committees and Working Groups. I was pleased to participate in a recent meeting of the Committee for Women’s Health and Human Rights (WHHR), ably chaired by Professor Chiara Benedetto. The meeting also included the participation of Dr Diana Galmiberti, Chair of the FIGO Working Group on Violence Against Women. The Officers and I will discuss later this year how we can make these Committees and Working Groups more effective and offer more support from the FIGO office.

The global agenda for women’s health and wellbeing continues to be extremely busy. This is good in many ways, but it requires a strong team that is fit for purpose. FIGO has embarked on an exciting new direction where we look at redefining our strategic priorities and making changes that will make us a stronger organisation. Changes are happening and we will continue to ensure that our Member Societies and Regional Federations are aligned and appropriately resourced towards a common purpose: for women of the world to achieve the highest possible standards of physical, mental, reproductive and sexual health and wellbeing throughout their lives.

I invite you to stay in touch with our work by following us on social media (www.facebook.com/FIGO.org and @FIGOHQ). If you are based in London, please feel welcome to come and visit us at FIGO House! Wishing you all the best in your work.

Best wishes

Johan Vos
FIGO Chief Executive

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FIGO welcomes Samia Khatun!

FIGO extends a warm welcome to Samia Khatun, Project Manager, Global Safe Motherhood project (maternity cover). She has over seven years’ NGO research and programme management experience, and has been most recently managing three projects (youth and women’s economic empowerment) at Plan International UK. Samia has a Master’s in Political Economy of Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and she has practical international development experience, having spent time in rural Tanzania. She also has five years’ experience operating as a Trustee of a UK-based charitable fund. She commented: ‘I am really excited to be joining FIGO! As a women’s rights advocate I have always been interested in maternal health and am pleased to be able to expand my knowledge of this, while utilising my skills and experience. ‘FIGO has fantastic reach through its Member Societies, which means greater outcomes for global women’s health. I am looking forward to working with colleagues across the Federation.’

In April 2017, Latvian doctors congregated for a high profile medical Congress of obstetrics and gynaecology in Monaco, under the patronage of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. The Congress brought together updates and consensus on topics of interest – including maternofoetal complications – especially with regard to cervical cancer in Latvia and the rest of the world.

Professor Franco Borruto – an Honorary Member of the Latvian Society – who was in attendance, explained the importance of work in this vital area of women’s health: ‘Latvia – with about one million women over the age of 15 – has a very high incidence rate of cervical cancer; 23 cases per 100,000, about six times higher than in neighbouring countries such as Finland. It is estimated that two women per week die from cervical cancer in Latvia.’

According to Professor Silvia de Sanjosé (President of the International Papillomavirus Society): ‘Monaco has a population of about 14,000 women over 15 years of age, and access to early detection is a common practice. The Monaco authorities have deployed and supervised all WHO recommendations for vaccination and screening. Wherever we are in the world, vaccination is a key issue for HPV prevention. About 500,000 cases of cervical cancer have already been prevented worldwide in the last 10 years by vaccination. We are still awaiting 36 million cases of cervical cancer over the course of life among women who live around the world.

‘Experiences in different countries have shown that the only programmes that succeed are in school – for girls before 15 years of age, two doses are sufficient. Immunisation reaches 80 per cent in most countries.

‘Programmes need strong support from the authorities. Only a strong official response, well documented and scientifically valid, can stop this conflict (examples are the UK and Spain). With HPV prevention, we have an important job to do. Women can be protected against HPV and we now have the means to do so in a safe and effective manner. We need to communicate this good news to health professionals and the public, but especially to public health officials. ‘We have a problem, but now we have the solution!’

Report and photographs courtesy of Professor Franco Borruto

FIGO Secretariat awarded SILVER by ‘Investors in the Environment’!

We started working with ‘Investors in the Environment (IIE)’ towards reducing our impact on the environment in early 2016. We are now excited to announce that we have been awarded the ‘Silver’ level accreditation, scoring over 90 per cent in this category!

We will now be putting all efforts into achieving the highest accreditation level – ‘Green’ – and to do this, we will be concentrating on improving in the key areas of resource-tracking and measurement, as well as target-setting for our carbon footprint.

FIGO recognises the vital role that staff members have played in succeeding with this undertaking, and is immensely grateful for their contribution and commitment.

We would also like to thank IIE for its guidance and advice!

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Professor Borruto and FIGO staff

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Reducing deaths from post-partum haemorrhage with a simple drug

Post-partum haemorrhage (PPH) is the leading cause of maternal death around the world. The condition is responsible for a third (30 per cent) of the 300,000 women who die in pregnancy or childbirth globally each year.

Earlier this year, the results from a major international clinical trial showed that a blood clot stabilising drug called tranexamic acid could be an important tool in tackling this major issue. The World Maternal Antifibrinolytic (WOMAN) Trial involved 20,000 women in 193 hospitals across 21 countries, co-ordinated by the Clinical Trials Unit at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. It found that tranexamic acid reduced death due to bleeding by 30 per cent if given within three hours. There was also a significant reduction in the number of women who needed a laparotomy.

The effectiveness was seen across all causes of bleeding, whether it was a caesarean or vaginal delivery, but there was more significant benefit in cases of uterine atony. There was no increase in arterial or venous thromboembolic complications with the use of the drug compared with placebo.

What makes these findings even more important is that tranexamic acid is widely available and is heat stable and is simple to administer intravenously in health care facilities, so there should be no reason why patients worldwide cannot receive the treatment if the will is there. There is that tranexamic acid is relatively inexpensive in most countries. It is also that tranexamic acid is widely available and is relatively inexpensive in most countries. It is also heat stable and is simple to administer intravenously in health care facilities, so there should be no reason why patients worldwide cannot receive the treatment if the will is there among clinicians and decision-making bodies.

IJGO impact factor soars to 2.174!

FIGO’s journal, the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics (IJGO), has seen its impact factor soar to 2.174, its highest ever! The journal’s ranking has also increased to 37/79 journals (up from 47/80).

Abi Cantor, IJGO Managing Editor, said: ‘The IJGO team is thrilled with the increase in our impact factor – it is a great achievement and marks the efforts made by our editors, editorial office, publisher and FIGO to raise the profile of the journal. The value is a measure of how many times on average an IJGO article is cited one or two years after publication. Therefore, our new impact factor shows that IJGO content is being used after publication, whether to inform further research, practice, or policy.’

‘Thank you to everyone who contributes to the journal and reads its content. With your continued help, IJGO will continue to grow!’

Haleema Shakur

Former FIGO President, Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, who was Chair of the WOMAN Trial steering committee, said: ‘Now we have this important evidence, obstetricians should make use of the results and ensure that adequate stock of tranexamic acid is available and the drug is used early when PPH occurs. Implementing this good practice should be the responsibility of both the national O&G societies and individual obstetricians. Using the drug as a frontline treatment should help us reduce maternal mortality due to PPH.’

Haleema Shakur, WOMAN Trial Project Director and Associate Professor of Clinical Trials at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said: ‘Conducting a trial on this scale was a major feat of collaboration and we are grateful to all those health professionals around the world who made it possible, as well as to the women themselves who participated.

‘This drug is not a magic bullet and challenges remain in treating PPH, but it is an important tool that can help prevent deaths and ensure more babies grow up with a mother. We hope those working in the O&G field will join us in sharing the findings with their networks to ensure all medical professionals across the globe are informed. This will give women with PPH the greatest opportunity to benefit from the results.

Future research will assess the bioavailability of tranexamic acid after alternative (non-intravenous) routes of administration, as this could potentially facilitate its use in primary health-care settings.

Visit womantrial.lshtm.ac.uk for more information and to join the WOMAN trial network to receive further updates. You can also contact the trial team at TheWomanTrial@lshtm.ac.uk

Report and photographs courtesy of LSHTM

Further steps towards human rights!

‘The Women’s Health and Human Rights [WHHR] Committee met in Torino in July 2017 to discuss work accomplished and future plans,’ said Professor Chiara Benedetto, Committee Chair.

‘It was a pleasure to meet Dr Diana Galimberti, Chair of the FIGO Working Group on Violence Against Women, Dr Anita Makins, PPIUD Initiative Deputy Director, and Dr Faysal El Kak, of the American University of Beirut. They shared personal experiences, and discussed collaboration with the Committee. Johan Vos, FIGO’s Chief Executive, also attended, presenting vital contributions on FIGO’s commitment to fundraising.’

‘There will be a full report on our exciting new work in the December Newsletter!’

A group photo at Sant’Anna Hospital, in front of the ‘Egg’ symbol of birth by Peppe Perone (Professor Benedetto left of centre, in white)
FIGO highlights key projects at ICM 2017

In June 2017, FIGO attended the 31st International Confederation of Midwives’ (ICM) Triennial Congress, held in Toronto, Canada, where we played a key role by holding four sessions dedicated to important topics in women’s health.

A dedicated session on a range of FIGO projects was witnessed by a large audience of delegates on the first morning of the Congress. Presentations had a special focus – how FIGO works with midwives around the world to tackle the issues addressed by these projects. The topics covered in this session were hyperglycemia in pregnancy (presented by Dr Hema Divakar); violence against women (presented by Petra ten Hoope-Bender); unsafe abortion (presented by Professor Aníbal Faúndes) and FIGO’s post-partum IUD project (presented by Winnie Shena and Martina Gitte). The session was chaired by FIGO Chief Executive, Johan Vos.

FIGO President Professor Purandare said: ‘FIGO sincerely congratulates the SLCOG on its Golden Jubilee Congress. It is the premier body providing maternity care services for pregnant mothers and improving the adolescent health and health of post-reproductive women in the country, and it occupies an absolutely pivotal position in the country’s healthcare system, ensuring that women get the very best attention and treatment.

‘For such a landmark anniversary, it was only fitting that FIGO joined with AOFOG and SAFOG to make it a truly international affair. In addition, several of FIGO’s valued Member Societies – ACOG, RCOG, RANZCOG, FIGOS and OGSM – were in attendance. A gathering of such calibre provided a fitting backdrop.

‘FIGO has a long history with the SLCOG – it is a greatly valued FIGO Member Society. We are proud to say that one of FIGO’s major initiatives, its project for “Institutionalising Post-Partum IUD Services”, was first piloted in Sri Lanka [now being reproduced in other countries], and aims to address the post-partum contraceptive needs of women by institutionalising the practice of offering immediate post-partum Intra-Uterine Device services (IUD) in hospital.

‘We hope that the SLCOG enjoyed its celebrations, which were most richly deserved. We congratulate its leaders on the organisation’s longevity and know that it will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of women and newborns. As we move further into the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) era, this has never been more important.’

Martina Gitte presenting on FIGO’s post-partum IUD project

The FOGSI-FIGO connection – focus on Hyderabad 2017

Chief Executive Johan Vos giving his presentation

The FOGSI-FIGO 2017 International Congress on Clinical Challenges in Obstetrics and Gynaecology was held in Hyderabad in early August 2017. The FIGO President and Chief Executive were in attendance.

Johan Vos said: ‘FIGO was well represented by its leadership at this important event – the workshops, symposiums, panel discussions and plenary sessions were of the highest standard, and there was a strong focus on continuing to work towards the achievement of SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.

‘As our stakeholders well know, FIGO is absolutely committed to accelerating its efforts and activities to reach SDG targets, especially in the area of safe motherhood and newborn health.’

He ended: ‘FIGO thanks FOGSI, for its gracious hospitality and its continuing close collaboration with FIGO activities.’

FIGO-Gynuity panel line-up

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Care. Presenters covered practical information to improve pre-pregnancy care and help midwives provide the full range of essential competencies in midwifery practice.

FIGO also took the opportunity to promote its work with an information booth in the exhibit hall. As well as featuring information and materials about FIGO projects, delegates also had the opportunity to speak with FIGO presenters, as well as Chief Executive Johan Vos.

FIGO is committed to continuing and growing its work with ICM and midwives, towards an integrated approach to ensuring the good health of women around the world.

Report courtesy of Samia Khatun, FIGO Project Manager, Global Safe Motherhood Project, and Matthew Pretty, FIGO Project Co-ordinator

The opening ceremony with the President and Minister of Health of Sri Lanka
FIGO RESOURCES

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European Congress of the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy
6–9 September 2017, Berlin, Germany
www.euroisshp2017.com/programme/scientific-programme/

27th World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology
16–19 September 2017, Vienna, Austria
www.isuog.org/WorldCongress/2017

Italian Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 92nd National Congress 2017
8–11 October 2017, Rome, Italy
www.sigo.it/news/sigo-2017

2nd International Symposium on Obstetric Anesthesia – Effect on Newborn and Mother
12–14 October 2017, Budapest, Hungary
www.obstanest.akcongress.com/index.php/symposium

14th Annual Congress of National Iranian Association of Gynecologists & Obstetricians: ‘Advances in Obstetrics and Gynecology’
10–13 October 2017, Tehran, Iran
www.irancog.ir

2nd Asia Pacific Symposium on Diabetes, Hypertension, Metabolic Syndrome and Pregnancy 2017 (DIPAP 2017)
27–28 October 2017, Shanghai, China
www.comtecmed.com/DIPAP/2017/

RANZCOG Annual Scientific Meeting
29 October–1 November 2017, Auckland, New Zealand

Latin American Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology 2017 (FLASOG 2017)
5–9 November 2017, Cancun, Mexico
www.congresoflasog2017.org.mx/

Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Annual Convention and 71st Anniversary Celebration 2017 (POGS 2017)
17–20 November 2017, Manila, Philippines
www.pogsannual.com

25th World Congress on Controversies in Obstetrics, Gynecology & Infertility 2017 (COGI 2017)
30 November–2 December 2017, Vienna, Austria
www.cogi-congress.org/

28th German Congress for Perinatal Medicine 2017 (DGPM 2017)
30 November–2 December 2017, Berlin, Germany
www.dgpm2017.com

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