

COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE



Set up on 17 August 2004, the College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, Singapore was registered under the Charities Act on 18 August 2004 (Unique Entity Number (UEN): 200410332N). Its registered address is at 81 Kim Keat Road, NKF Centre, #11-00, Singapore 328836. Its internal auditor is Geetha A & Associates.

OBJECTIVE

The Chapter of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (O&G), started by a pioneering group of nine O & G specialists in 1969, had as its main objectives of encouraging postgraduate training, education and research.

In the years that followed, continued medical education and professional development played an important part of the Chapter's activities, in close collaboration with our sister societies and organisations. Close regional and international links were also made and renowned Visiting Fellows or Academicians from overseas were invited by the Chapter to speak and participate in academic activities.

In the tradition of its predecessor, the College continues to involve itself in training, continued medical education and examination activities. This also included producing consensus guidelines and distance learning programmes for the purpose of achieving best practices. An important milestone was the signing of the MOU on 3 September 2005, for the conjoint MRCOG/MMed examination between the RCOG and the College of O&G, Singapore. The first conjoint MRCOG/MMed examination was held on 8 May 2006.

The College is well poised to address the challenges ahead which include keeping the high standards of practice and ensuring that every practitioner maintains competence in his practice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2015 was a busy yet very productive year for the College. We started the year with the annual 15th Regional MRCOG Part II Examination course (15-18 January 2015), which was held at KK Women's and Children's Hospital. It was co-organised by the College, the Singapore Representative Committee (RCOG) and the Division of Graduate Medical Studies,



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National University of Singapore. The course attracted a total of 49 participants from the regions such as Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The College would like to thank Professor Ho Tew Hong for his hard work and support towards the success of this annual examination course.

The 11th International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ISUOG) Outreach Course, in conjunction with the 6th Scientific Congress of the College was hosted by the ISUOG Teaching and Training Centre, Singapore at the Academia from 3 to 5 May 2015. Many internationally renowned experts on ultrasound were invited to share their expert views on issues commonly encountered in the daily clinical practice. There were 261 participants, of which 72 were from various countries such as France, Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Sri Lanka. This success would not have been possible without the untiring efforts of Prof George SH Yeo.

To mark the third quarter of the year, the College co-hosted the Electronic Foetal Monitoring (CTG) Course on 20 September 2015 at The Academia, with SingHealth Duke-NUS Academic Medical Centre. The College was honoured to have invited Dr Edwin Chandrabaran, the Lead Clinician – Labour Ward and Clinical Director for Women's Services of St George's University Hospital, United Kingdom to give a talk and review on actual clinical scenarios and CTGs during the symposium. The course attracted 99 participants, who were mainly local consultants, residents and midwives.

We welcomed 7 new Fellows in 2015, bringing the total College membership to 232 Fellows. We continuously encourage all O&G specialists to join the College to contribute and influence the standards and education in the medical field, as well as professional development in Singapore.

THE 2015 - 2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arijit Biswas President (Director from 1 March 1998)	Tan Hak Koon Immediate Past President (Director from 1 September 1997)	Jasmine Mohd Vice-President (Director from 16 September 2010)
Philip Yam Honorary Secretary (Director from 4 May 1982)	Khoo Chong Kiat Treasurer (Director from 24 July 2009)	Beh Suan Tiong Section Head Section of Gynaecology Endoscopy (Director from 1 February 1998)
Lai Fon-Min Section Head Section of Maternal Fetal Medicine (Director from 4 April 1997)	Roy Ng Section Head Section of Urogynaecology (Director from 1 September 1993)	Stephen Chew Section Head Section of Reproductive Medicine (Director from 1 September 1997)
Timothy Lim Yong Kuei Section Head Section of Gynaecological Oncology (Director from 6 July 2009)	George Yeo Seow Heong Member (Director from 17 March 1986)	Mary Rauff Member (Director from 1 January 1988)
Mahesh Choolani Member (Director from 1 September 1997)	Yong Tze Tein Member (Director from 3 November 2003)	Ho Tew Hong Co-opted Member (Director from 1 February 1984)
Yong Eu Leong Co-opted Member (Director from 1 January 2010)		



Front Row Left to Right :
Prof Philip Yam (Hon Secretary), Prof George Yeo, A/Prof Tan Hak Koon (Immediate Past President), Prof Arijit Biswas (President), Dr Lai Fon Min, Prof Ho Tew Hong, Prof Yong Eu Leong

Back Row Left to Right :
A/Prof Timothy Lim Yong Kuei, Dr Beh Suan Tiong, Dr Stephen Chew, Dr Yong Tze Tein, A/Prof Roy Ng, A/Prof Mahesh Choolani, Dr Khoo Chong Kiat (Treasurer)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College's Annual General Meeting was held at KK Women's and Children's Hospital, on Tuesday, 20 May 2015 at 6:00pm.

MEMBERSHIP

As of 31 December 2015, the College membership stood at 232 Fellows. There were 220 Local Fellows, 11 Overseas Fellows and 1 Honorary Fellow.

STAFFING

As of 31 December 2015, there is no full-time administrative staff employed by the Charity.

15TH REGIONAL MRCOG PART II EXAMINATION COURSE

The 15th MRCOG Part II Examination Course was held at KK Women's & Children's Hospital from 15 to 18 January 2015. 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 exam course which included attempting the extended matching questions, short answer questions and the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) circuit. The examiners from UK, Dr Ed Neale and Dr Andrew Thomson 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. The College would like to like to thank Prof Ho Tew Hong for his hard work towards the success of this annual examination course.

11TH INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ULTRASOUND IN OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY (ISUOG) OUTREACH COURSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH 6TH COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

The 11th International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynaecology (ISUOG) Outreach Course was hosted together with the ISUOG Teaching and Training Centre, Singapore at Academia, Singapore General Hospital from 3 to 5 May 2015. Many internationally renowned experts were invited to give their expert views on issues commonly encountered in the daily clinical practice. The event was well-attended with 287 participants including those from various countries such as Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The theme of the Congress was "Defining contemporary office investigations - closing the gap between ultrasound, laboratory tests, and your practice". The Congress's success was possible with the valuable contributions of Professor George SH Yeo and industry partners.



Prof Arijit Biswas (above, left), Dr T.C. Chang (above, right), Prof George S.H. Yeo (bottom, left) – Chairman of 11th ISUOG Outreach Course, Singapore, and A/Prof Tan Hak Koon (bottom, right).



Registration at the 11th ISUOG Outreach Course (above, left), CEO of KKH – Prof Kenneth Kwek, A/Prof Tan Hak Koon and Dr Lai Fon Min (above, right), and Prof Arijit Biswas (bottom) at the 11th ISUOG Outreach Course, Singapore.

12TH COLLEGE LECTURE AND DINNER

The College held its Annual Lecture and Dinner at the Sheraton Towers Hotel Singapore on 2 May 2015. There were a total of 21 tables, with 210 attendees. The invited speaker was A/Prof Goh Lee Gan, the President of the Gerontological Society of Singapore. He delivered the 12th College of Obstetrician & Gynaecologist; Singapore Lecture entitled 'Women's Health from a Physician's Perspective'.



A/Prof Tan Hak Koon welcoming the Guest Speaker for the 12th College of O & G, Singapore Lecture & Dinner, A/Prof Goh Lee Guan

2015 REGIONAL CONGRESS OF APAGE

The Regional APAGE Conference was a three-day conference held in The Academia, Singapore General Hospital from 3 to 6 June 2015. The theme of the congress was "Endometriosis & Gynaecological Cancers – Strategies in Minimally Invasive Surgery". A total of 192 participants attended the Conference including 52 delegates and 140 faculty members.

The conference featured live endometrial and pelvic surgeries, beamed directly from KK Hospital operating theatre. There were also a few pre-congress workshops, including animal workshops with hands-on training on advanced laparoscopic procedures and dry lab exercises, where participants learned laparoscopic suturing, hysteroscopic resection, use of various energy devices and simulator training.



Dr Edwin Chandraharan at the CTG Course

VISITING ACADEMICIAN LECTURE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

Visiting Academician:	Dr Edwin Chanraharan Lead Clinician – Labour Ward & Lead for Clinical Governance (O & G), Clinician Director for Women's Services, St George's University Hospitals Foundation Trust
Lecture Title:	Inaugural Electronic Fetal Monitoring (CTG) Course Rational Foetal Heart Rate Monitoring

The Cardiotocography Course (CTG) was a one-day symposium comprising lectures, reviews of actual clinical scenarios and CTGs. It included the medico legal aspects; pre and post course test to reinforce learning as well as CTG Interpretation in the clinical setting with case examples. The course was well-attended with a total of 99 participants