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President's Message



Dear AOFOG colleagues and friends,

I attended the POGI conference in Jakarta. Again, the science and the hospitality was outstanding. The AOFOG session was organized by the MFM committee. The topic was Success Stories of Declining Maternal Mortality rates in the Asia-Oceania region. The three exceptional speakers were Jaydeep Tank, India, Christia Padolina, The Philippines, and Rohana Haththotuwa, Sri Lanka. Professor Mahesh Choolani made the closing remarks. A session was also organized by POGI Jhpiego, MSD for mothers under the Uniting for Quality banner. POGI gave an excellent presentation of their pathway forward. It was very encouraging.

Another highlight was the conferring of Honorary Fellowships to POGI on myself, Professor Pisake Lumbiganon, immediate Past President AOFOG, and Dr Rohana Haththotuwa Secretary-General AOFOG. A great acknowledgement of the relationship between POGI and AOFOG.

I gave a welcome address for a joint webinar between FOGSI and the urogynecology committee of AOFOG led by Lisa Prodigalidad-Jabson and Laxmi Shrikhande.

AOFOG thanks to Dr Christia Padolina and Professor Ka Yu Tse provided feedback to the New Zealand government's plan for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer.

This is my final newsletter as I finish my presidency in October at AOFOG 2026. It has been an amazing two years. The kindness, the hospitality, the friendship and the support has been incredible. I thank you all but in particular I would like to acknowledge and thank the executive board, the committee chairs and the secretariat of Flora and Nimali. One could not ask for a better team. Their commitment to improving women's health in our region is outstanding.

Finally, I would like to encourage you all to attend AOFOG 2026 in Sydney in October and thank you for all you do in improving the health, health outcomes and wellness of women in the Asia-Oceania region.

I wish the incoming AOFOG President Professor Charles Su and his new team every success for their term. I am sure it will be an exciting time for them.

Kindest regards
Dr John Tait
President AOFOG

Secretary General's Message



As we approach the conclusion of the current AOFOG Council's term, under the leadership of our President, **Dr. John Tait**, we look back with pride on a period of strong collaboration, engagement, and meaningful activity across the Asia-Oceania region.

At the same time, we are eagerly anticipating the much-awaited **AOFOG Biennial Congress 2026**, to be held in the beautiful city of **Sydney, Australia, from 12–16 October 2026**, hosted by RANZCOG under the theme **"Equivolution: Equity and Sustainability in Women's Health."**

Over the course of this term, AOFOG has strengthened its collaboration with almost all of its member societies, through joint scientific activities, educational programmes, committee initiatives, and working group activities. These partnerships are at the heart of AOFOG's mission and reflect our shared commitment to advancing women's health across the region.

We intend to showcase these achievements and the extensive work undertaken by our committees and member societies in a **special edition of the AOFOG Newsletter**, which will be released during the AOFOG 2026 Congress in Sydney.

Strengthening Regional Partnerships

The past three months have been particularly active, with AOFOG being invited to participate in the national conferences of **Malaysia, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka**. These engagements provided valuable opportunities for scientific exchange, professional networking, and strengthening our longstanding relationships with our member societies.

1. 33rd Congress of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia – OGSM 2026

The **33rd Congress of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM 2026)** was held from **9–12 July 2026** at One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. AOFOG was honoured to conduct a dedicated scientific session as part of the congress programme.



The session was chaired by the AOFOG Secretary General, **Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa**, and featured an excellent panel of speakers from across the region.

Dr. Voon Hian Yan, Chair of the AOFOG Ultrasound Committee, delivered a presentation entitled *"A Beat Ahead: Can Fetal Echo Predict Stillbirth in Intrahepatic Cholestasis of Pregnancy?"*



Prof. Ka-Yu Tse, Chair of the AOFOG Oncology Committee and President of the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Hong Kong, spoke on *"Decoding the FIGO Staging of Endometrial Cancer."*

Prof. Budi Wiweko, Chair of the AOFOG Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee and President of the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI), delivered a lecture entitled *"Turning the Hourglass: Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine."*

The presentations were followed by a lively and engaging discussion with delegates, reflecting the high level of interest in the topics presented.



The AOFOG Secretary General, **Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa**, was also invited to participate in the official opening ceremony of the congress, alongside **Dr. Kannappan Palaniappan**, Incoming President of OGSM; **Dr. R. M. Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran**, Outgoing President of OGSM; **Dr. Alison Wright**, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG); and **Dr. Ravi Chandran**, President-Elect of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO). The opening ceremony was conducted in a novel and memorable manner.

The Gala Dinner provided an opportunity to witness the formal induction of the new OGSM President, **Dr. Kannappan Palaniappan**, by the outgoing President, **Dr. Udayar Pandian Ramachandhiran**.



We congratulate Dr. Pandian on the successful completion of his term and extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Palaniappan on his induction as President. AOFOG looks forward to developing even closer and stronger ties with OGSM during his tenure.

2. 28th Annual Scientific Meeting of POGI

The **28th Annual Scientific Meeting (PIT) of the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI)** was held from **17–22 July 2026** at NICE PIK 2, Tangerang, Banten, Indonesia, under the theme **"Integrating Innovation and Equity: Advancing Women's Health in the Era of Artificial Intelligence."**

AOFOG conducted a highly relevant scientific session on **"Success Stories of Declining Maternal Mortality Rates in Asia."**



The session featured:

- **Opening Remarks:** Dr. John Tait, President, AOFOG
- **Success Stories of Declining Maternal Mortality Rates**

  India: Dr. Jaydeep Tank
  Philippines: Dr. Christia Padolina
  Sri Lanka: Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa

- **Closing Remarks:** Prof. Mahesh Choolani

The session provided an important platform for sharing successful strategies and experiences from across the region in reducing maternal mortality and improving maternal health outcomes.

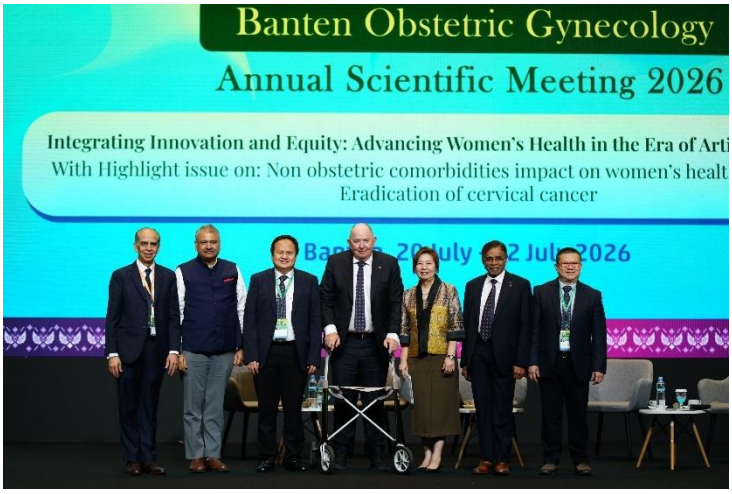
In addition, the AOFOG Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee, under the leadership of its Chair, **Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn**, conducted an **AOFOG–POGI Family Planning Pre-Congress Workshop** entitled *"Modern Contraception and LARC: From Personalized Counseling to Difficult Removals"* on **18 July 2026**. **Dr. John Teo**, member of the AOFOG SRH Committee, and **Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn** served as AOFOG resource persons for this valuable programme.

A significant highlight of the congress was the decision of the Central Executive Board of POGI to unanimously confer the title of **Honorary FISOG (Fellow of the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology)** upon **Dr. John Tait**, President of AOFOG; **Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon**, Immediate Past President of AOFOG; and **Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa**, Secretary General of AOFOG. The honours were presented during the opening ceremony by **Prof. Budi Wiweko, President of POGI**. We sincerely thank the POGI Executive Board for this great honour and for recognizing the contributions of our colleagues towards the advancement of women's health and the strengthening of professional collaboration in the region.

The participation of **FIGO, AOFOG, and RANZCOG**, together with the impressive number of delegates, made the congress a truly memorable international scientific meeting. The scientific programme was of an exceptionally high standard—informative, stimulating, and educational. The

beautifully organized social events further contributed to the success and spirit of collegiality throughout the meeting.

We extend our appreciation and best wishes to the President and Council of POGI and to everyone whose dedication and hard work contributed to making this meeting such an outstanding success.





3. 59th Annual Academic Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

The **59th Annual Academic Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (SLCOG)** was held from **4–6 September 2026** at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.



The congress brought together representatives and officials from **FIGO, AOFOG, RCOG, and RANZCOG**. **Prof. Frank Louwen, President of FIGO**, was the Chief Guest at the opening ceremony, while **Dr. John Tait, President of AOFOG**, was invited as the Guest of Honour.



At the invitation of SLCOG, AOFOG conducted a scientific session entitled **"Evidence-Based Practice Across the Woman's Life Course."** The session commenced with a welcome address by AOFOG President Dr. John Tait and featured presentations addressing important aspects of women's health across the life course.

The programme included:

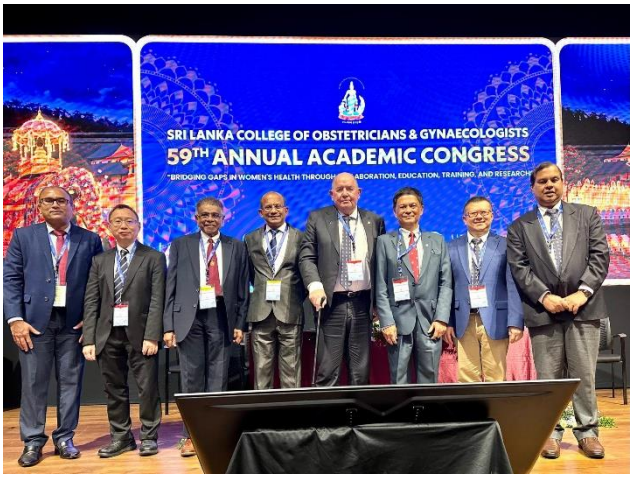
- *"Emergency Contraception: Looking into the Future"* – **Dr. Raymond Li**, Hong Kong, Acting Advisor, AOFOG SRH Committee
- *"WHO Recommendations for the Prevention and Treatment of Maternal Peripartum Infections"* – **Prof. Pisake Lumbiganon**, Thailand, Immediate Past President, AOFOG
- *"Evidence-Based Micronutrient Strategies for Midlife Women"* – **Prof. Unnop Jaisamrarn**, Thailand, Chair, AOFOG SRH Committee

The **Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa Oration** was delivered this year by **Clinical Prof. Sanath Lanerolle**, on the important topic *"Beyond the Balance, Silent Scars: Reclaiming Health Rights and Dignity – Addressing the Issue of Female Genital Mutilation."*

We extend our sincere thanks to the President of SLCOG, **Prof. Rukshan Fernandopulle**, for including an AOFOG session in the congress programme. We also congratulate the President, Council, and organizing committee for conducting an excellent congress with a high-quality scientific programme.

The social events were equally exceptional and entertaining, providing wonderful opportunities to strengthen friendships and professional bonds among participants.





Committee Activities

The work of AOFOG's committees and working groups has continued to be a major strength of the organization throughout this term. The activities of the individual committees will be described in greater detail in dedicated reports from the respective Chairs.

These include:

- **Maternal–Fetal Medicine (MFM) Committee**
- **Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) Committee**
- **Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Committee**
- **Ultrasound (US) Committee**

Their commitment, enthusiasm, and sustained efforts have contributed significantly to the educational and professional activities of AOFOG and to our engagement with member societies across the region.

AOFOG 2026 - Sydney Awaits

There is now only **one month to go** before the much-awaited **AOFOG 2026 Congress**.

The Congress will take place in the picturesque city of **Sydney, Australia, from 12–16 October 2026**, hosted by RANZCOG under the inspiring theme:

"Equivolution: Equity and Sustainability in Women's Health"

The scientific programme has now been finalized and has been enriched by the participation of leading international organizations, including **FIGO, RCOG, EBCOG, and SAFOG**.

The scientific programme will run across **six concurrent streams**, featuring Presidential Lectures, Named Lectures, Guest Lectures, and **more than 250 international presentations** by renowned speakers from the Asia-Oceania region and beyond.

In addition to an outstanding scientific programme, the organizers have planned an exciting range of social events, offering opportunities to enjoy the hospitality, food, culture, and entertainment of Sydney. A variety of excursions will also provide participants with the opportunity to explore the beauty of Sydney and Australia.

We are now at the final stage of preparations, and we very much look forward to welcoming our colleagues, friends, and member societies from across the region and beyond in large numbers to Sydney.

Looking Ahead

As this Council's term draws to a close, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to **Dr. John Tait, President of AOFOG**, our Immediate Past President, Past Presidents the members of the Exec Board, Committee Chairs, Working Group members, and the Council representatives of all our member societies for their dedication, commitment, and invaluable contributions. I also express my sincere thanks to Ms. Flora Philip Exec Assistant and Ms. Nimali Gunasinghe, Finance Exec whose invaluable services with dedication and commitment helped to conduct the activities of the Secretariat and Federation smoothly

AOFOG is a strong and vibrant organization because of the collective efforts of its members. The collaborations and friendships developed during this term provide a strong foundation on which we can continue to build.

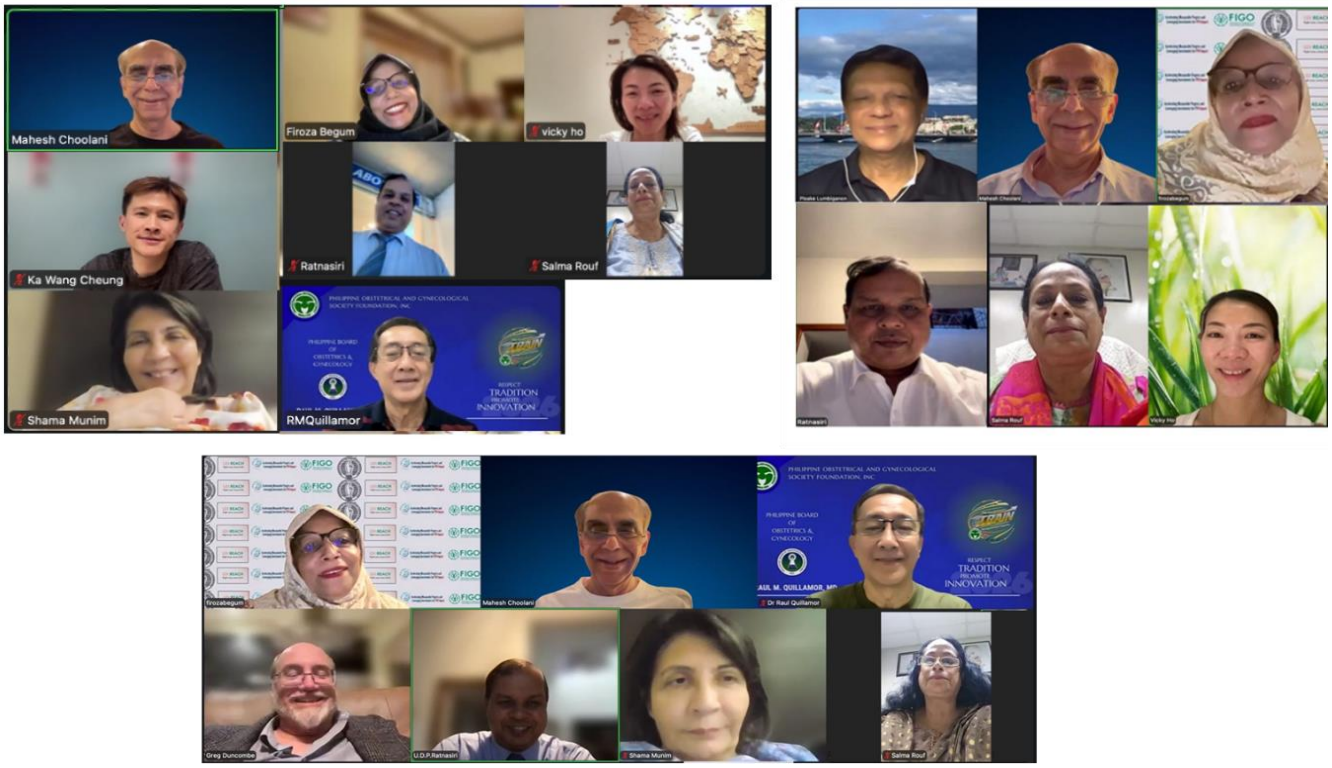
We look forward to celebrating these achievements together at **AOFOG 2026 in Sydney** and to continuing our shared journey towards advancing equitable, sustainable, and high-quality healthcare for women across the Asia-Oceania region.

We warmly look forward to welcoming everyone to Sydney, Australia, for AOFOG 2026!

Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa
Secretary General, AOFOG

Report of the Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee

The AOFOG Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) Committee convened on 2nd June 2026, 14th July 2026 and 4th August 2026, with all meetings conducted virtually via Zoom. During these meetings, the Committee reviewed progress across several major initiatives and discussed priorities for the coming months. Key areas of discussion included the multicentre Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection Project, the AOFOG Position Statement on Optimising Caesarean Section Rates, the AOFOG Position Statement on First-Trimester Screening for Pre-eclampsia, and preparations for the AOFOG 2026 Pre-Congress Workshop in Sydney.



The Chair and members of the AOFOG MFM Committee convened during the MFM Committee meetings via Zoom.

The Committee noted continued progress in the multicentre PPH study, with ethical approvals obtained in five countries and data collection underway. Several other countries have submitted IRB applications, which are currently pending approval. The Committee agreed to proceed with available data from participating countries while continuing efforts to engage the remaining sites, with the aim of developing a collaborative multicentre manuscript.

Significant progress was also made on the AOFOG Position Statement on Optimising Caesarean Section Rates. Following final review and refinement, the statement was approved by the MFM Committee and is being prepared for submission to the AOFOG Executive Board for formal approval. The Committee is also exploring opportunities for an official launch during the AOFOG 2026 Congress in Sydney and publication in the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research (JOGR)*. The AOFOG Position Statement on First-Trimester Screening for Pre-eclampsia has been placed on hold until the harmonised international guideline and implementation roadmap are officially launched in October 2026. Preparatory work will continue in the interim to facilitate the rapid development and

implementation of the AOFOG statement once the international recommendations are formally released.

Preparations are underway for the AOFOG 2026 Pre-Congress Workshop, “Compassion in Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Integrating Empathy into Evidence-Based Practice,” scheduled for Monday, 12 October 2026 in Sydney, Australia. The workshop will explore the integration of compassion and empathy into evidence-based maternal-fetal medicine, with a particular focus on supporting women and families experiencing high-risk pregnancies, complex diagnoses, uncertainty and difficult clinical decisions. The programme will address compassionate care in high-risk pregnancy, psychological and emotional support, counselling and communication of difficult diagnoses, informed decision-making, and the emotional landscape of perinatal medicine. The workshop will conclude with a multidisciplinary panel discussion featuring regional perspectives from Singapore, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Australia, providing an opportunity to discuss real-world challenges and practical approaches to incorporating compassionate, patient-centred care into clinical practice.

Recent Activities of the AOFOG MFM Committee

1. **Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) Data Collection:** The multicentre PPH study is progressing across participating countries, with ethical approvals obtained in five countries and data collection underway. Several other countries have submitted IRB applications, which are currently pending approval. The Committee agreed to proceed with available data from participating centres while continuing efforts to engage the remaining sites, with the aim of developing a collaborative multicentre manuscript.

2. **AOFOG Statement on Optimising Caesarean Section Rates:** The AOFOG Position Statement on Optimising Caesarean Section Rates has undergone final review and has been approved by the MFM Committee. The statement will be submitted to the AOFOG Executive Board for formal approval, with plans to explore an official launch during the AOFOG 2026 Congress in Sydney. The Committee also agreed to prepare the statement for submission to the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Research (JOGR)* in accordance with the journal's requirements.

3. **Position Statement on First-Trimester Screening for Pre-eclampsia:** The Committee agreed to keep the AOFOG Position Statement on First-Trimester Screening for Pre-eclampsia on hold until the harmonised international guideline and implementation roadmap are officially launched in October 2026. Preparatory work will continue in the interim to facilitate the rapid development and implementation of the AOFOG statement once the international recommendations are formally released.

4. **Pre-Congress Workshop - AOFOG 2026 Congress, Sydney:** Preparations for the AOFOG Pre-Congress Workshop on “Compassion in Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Integrating Empathy into Evidence-Based Practice”, scheduled for Monday, 12 October 2026 in Sydney, Australia, are progressing well. The programme and promotional materials are being finalised, and Committee members are encouraged to promote participation among delegates attending the Congress. The workshop will provide an important platform for regional knowledge exchange and discussion of key maternal and fetal medicine priorities.

Upcoming planned activities for AOFOG MFM Sessions

1. The AOFOG Pre-Congress Workshops on “Compassion in Maternal-Fetal Medicine: Integrating Empathy into Evidence-Based Practice” will be held on Monday, 12th October 2026 in Sydney, Australia. The details of the workshops are as follows:



Professor Mahesh Choolani,
MFM Committee Chair, AOFOG

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Prof Budi Wiweko

Chairman,
AOFOG REI COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the August 2026 edition of the AOFOG Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Committee Newsletter.

Over the past months, our Committee has continued to foster academic collaboration and knowledge exchange across the Asia-Oceania region through educational programs and scientific activities. From AOFOG Campus
7 on Disorders of Sexual Development to our recent session at PIT POGI XXVIII, these initiatives reflect our shared commitment to advancing reproductive medicine and improving patient care.

We look forward to continuing this momentum at the upcoming AOFOG 2026 Congress in Sydney, where the REI Committee will contribute an Advanced Half-Day Workshop on Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine.

Thank you to all our colleagues and Committee members for your continued support and dedication. Together, let us continue to advance reproductive health through collaboration, innovation, and shared knowledge.

Warm regards,
Prof. Budi Wiweko
Chairman, AOFOG REI Committee



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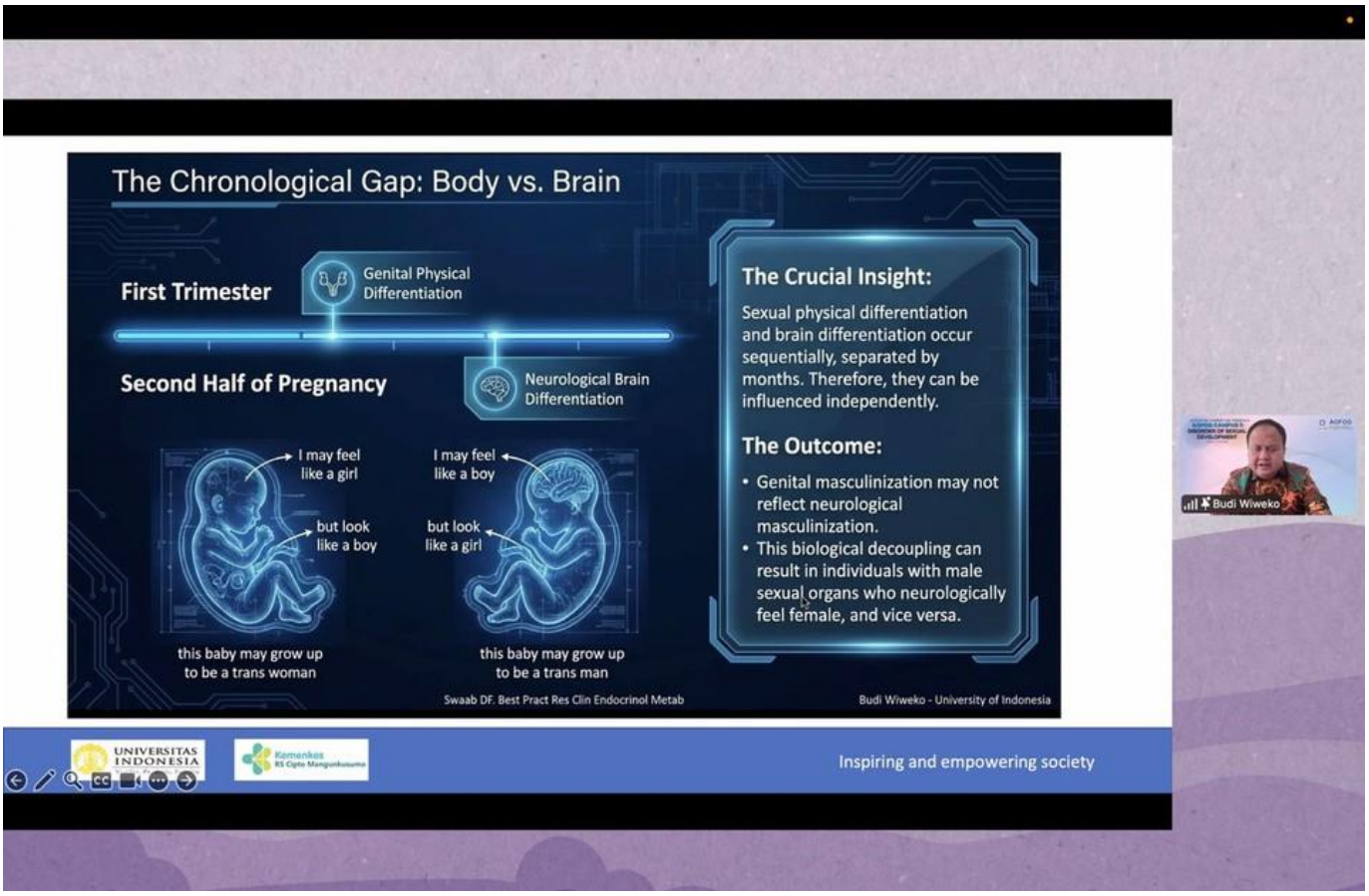
AOFOG CAMPUS 7

Disorder of Sexual Development

Webinar

9st June 2026

AOFOG CAMPUS 7, organized by the AOFOG REI Committee, was held on 9 June 2026 as a half-day online training program titled “Cutting Edge Technology in the Context of Disorder of Sexual Development.” The program aims to enhance understanding of disorders of sexual development (DSD) and their clinical implications, while highlighting emerging technologies that improve diagnosis and management. Key topics will include an introduction to DSD, advances in diagnostic technologies, and the latest developments in treatment modalities, providing participants with updated, practical insights for clinical practice.




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DISORDER OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT
Gain insights into the latest technologies and their application in managing DSD
Introducing our speakers
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Opening by President AOFOG
ROHANA HATHTHOTUWA
Introduction AOFOG by General Secretary AOFOG
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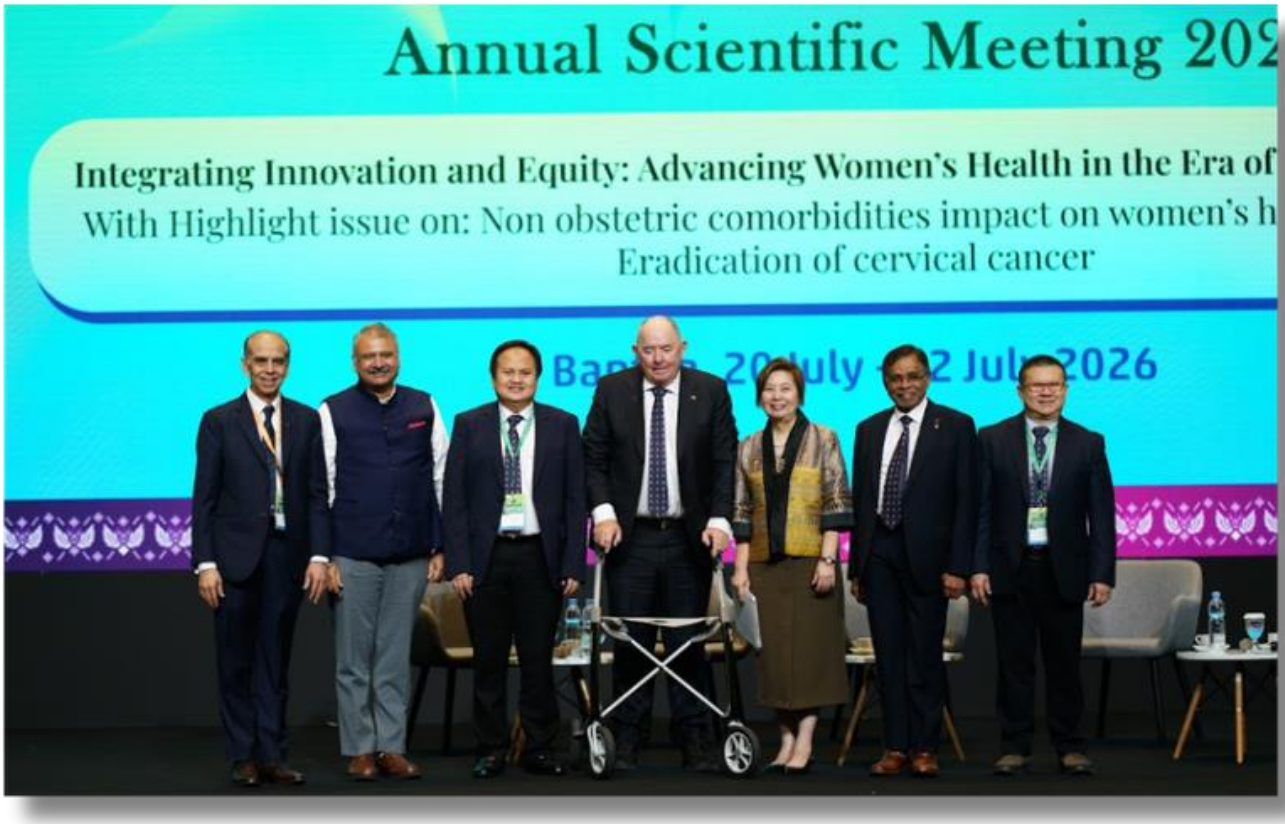
AOFOG at PIT POGI XXVIII 2026

20th-21st July 2026, Banten, Indonesia

On 20-21 July 2026, the AOFOG Session was held as part of PIT POGI XXVIII Banten 2026 with the theme “Success Stories of Declining Maternal Mortality Rates in the Asia Oceania Region.”

The session opened with remarks from Dr. John Tait, followed by presentations highlighting successful strategies and experiences in reducing maternal mortality from India, presented by Dr. Jaydeep Tank; the Philippines, presented by Dr. Christia Padolina; and Sri Lanka, presented by Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa. The session continued with an engaging QnA discussion, providing an opportunity to explore regional experiences and approaches to improving maternal health outcomes. The session concluded with closing remarks by Prof. Mahesh Choolani.


"Women are not dying because of diseases we cannot treat. They are dying because societies have yet to make the decision that their lives are worth saving."
THANK YOU
SDG goals would be Reached -70/100,000
But why can't it be 0/100,000
Woman's Human Rights To be alive & well after Pregnancy & Childbirth
Professionals & Professional Associations need to Embrace their public health and social responsibilities. Every one of us must take a personal resolution to help those in need
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With Highlight issue on: Non obstetric comorbidities impact on women's h
Eradication of cervical cancer

UPCOMING EVENTS

AOFOG 2026
PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

12 October 2026, Sydney

The AOFOG REI Committee will also contribute to the AOFOG 2026 Congress through the Advanced Half-Day Workshop on Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine, scheduled for 12 October 2026 at the ICC Sydney as part of the pre-congress workshops. This half-day session will explore emerging concepts and innovations aimed at improving reproductive outcomes, reflecting the congress theme of advancing science and technology in women's health. Designed for clinicians and specialists, the workshop will provide insights into evolving strategies in reproductive medicine and highlight future directions in optimizing fertility and patient care.



Closing Note

As we reflect on the meaningful activities and achievements highlighted in this issue, we extend our sincere appreciation to all our colleagues, faculty, contributors, and Committee members whose dedication continues to strengthen the AOFOG REI community.

As we continue to advance reproductive medicine across the Asia-Oceania region, collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing remain at the heart of our efforts. We look forward to creating more opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together.

We welcome your thoughts, feedback, and contributions for future editions of the AOFOG Newsletter. Your voice and contributions play a vital role in building a stronger and more connected REI community.

Together, let us continue to shape the future of reproductive health.

Warm Regards,

The AOFOG REI Committee

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Report of the Ultrasound Committee

OGSM 2026

The Ultrasound Committee, Oncology Committee and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI Committee) came together for a joint AOFOG-OGSM Symposium in Kuala Lumpur on the 10th July 2026. This was in conjunction with the 33rd International Congress of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Malaysia. The theme of this year's congress was "Thriving together: Integrating Sustainability into Women's Health Practices." The session was chaired by Secretary-General Dr Rohana Haththotuwa.





Prof Ka-Yu Tse from Hong Kong (Oncology Committee Chair) started the session rolling by challenging the audiences' understanding on endometrial cancer staging. For decades, endometrial cancer staging relied almost exclusively on anatomical spread. However, anatomical extent alone often fails to predict clinical outcomes or guide tailored-adjuvant therapies. The 2023 FIGO update fundamentally shifted clinician's framework, from purely anatomical to integrated clinicopathological and molecular staging.

Dr Voon Hian Yan from Malaysia (Ultrasound Committee Chair) next explored the role of fetal echocardiography in predicting the risk of stillbirth in women with intrahepatic cholestasis. Umbilical artery doppler and computerized cardiotocography has not been shown to be useful prior to this. Mechanical PR interval, E/A ratio and Myocardial Performance Index (MPI) were amongst the parameters discussed.









Finally, Professor Budi Wiweko from Indonesia (REI Committee Chair) spoke on "Turning the Hourglass: Rejuvenation in Reproductive Medicine". This was a wide ranging presentation on a gamut of treatment options, from promising to controversial aspects of reproductive health. The Q&A session moderated by Dr Rohana was well-received and resulted in a lively engagement with the delegates.

AOFOG SYDNEY 2026



The Masterclass in O&G Ultrasound Precongress on the 12th October 2026 is now fully subscribed.

Thank you for your support and see you all in Sydney!

Prepared by,
Dr Voon HY
Chairperson, Ultrasound Committee

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Report of the Sexual & Reproductive Health Committee and Violence Against Women Working Group

1. AOFOG – POGI Workshops on CACs and LARCs

On 17 – 18 July 2026, the AOFOG SRH Committee co-hosted two workshops in collaboration with the Indonesian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (POGI). These workshops were held in Banten before the main POGI Scientific Meeting. Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn (Chair, SRH Committee) and Dr.John Teo (Advisor, SRH Committee) from AOFOG joined these events together with the Family Planning and Reproductive Health Working Group of the POGI which was leaded by Dr.Muhammad Nurhadi Rahman.

The scientific programme featured: **"MVA (Manual Vacuum Aspiration) Refreshment Workshop and Post-Pregnancy Contraception in the Management of Comprehensive Post-Abortion Care"**

- Holistic Post-Abortion Care by Prof. Dr.Detty Siti Nurdiati
- Counseling in Post-Abortion Care by Dr.Ayu Angelina Ronosulistyo
- Medical Management and Complications in Post-Abortion Care, Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception, Pain Management, and Prophylactic Antibiotics by Dr.John Teo Beng Ho
- Introduction to MVA Instruments and Instrument Processing in the Medical Management of Post-Abortion Care by Dr.Yosi Tamara
- Post-Abortion Contraception by Dr.Cepi Teguh Pramayadi
- Skill Practice : Post-abortion care with MVA on mannequins; MVA instrument processing; video session

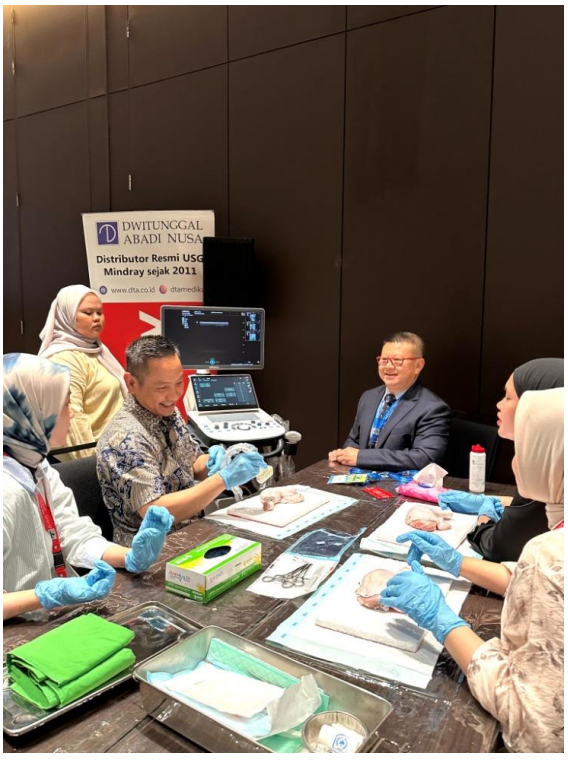
"Modern Contraception and LARC: From Personalized Counseling to Difficult Removals"

- The Future of Family Planning in Asia: Innovation, Equity, and Access by Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn
- Advancing Family Planning in Indonesia: Policies and Strategies by Dr.Eka Rusdianto Gunardi
- Modern Contraceptive Counseling: From Effective Communication to Shared Decision-Making by Dr.Marta Isyana Dewi and Dr.John Teo
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- Contraceptive Implants: Modern Solutions for Long-Acting Family Planning by Dr.Muhammad Dwi Priangga
- Mastering Contraceptive Implant Removal: Practical Strategies and Clinical Algorithms by Dr.Riyan Hari Kurniawan
- Management of Deeply Placed or Non-Palpable Contraceptive Implants: Best Practices for Safe Removal by Dr.Herbert Situmorang

- Hands-on Session (Parallel Stations)
  * Video Demonstration of Difficult IIUD and Implant Removal
  * Management of Translocated Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)
  * Localization and Removal of Palpable Contraceptive Implants
  * Localization and Removal of Non-Palpable Contraceptive Implants

The workshops attracted approximately 100 participants from across Indonesia.





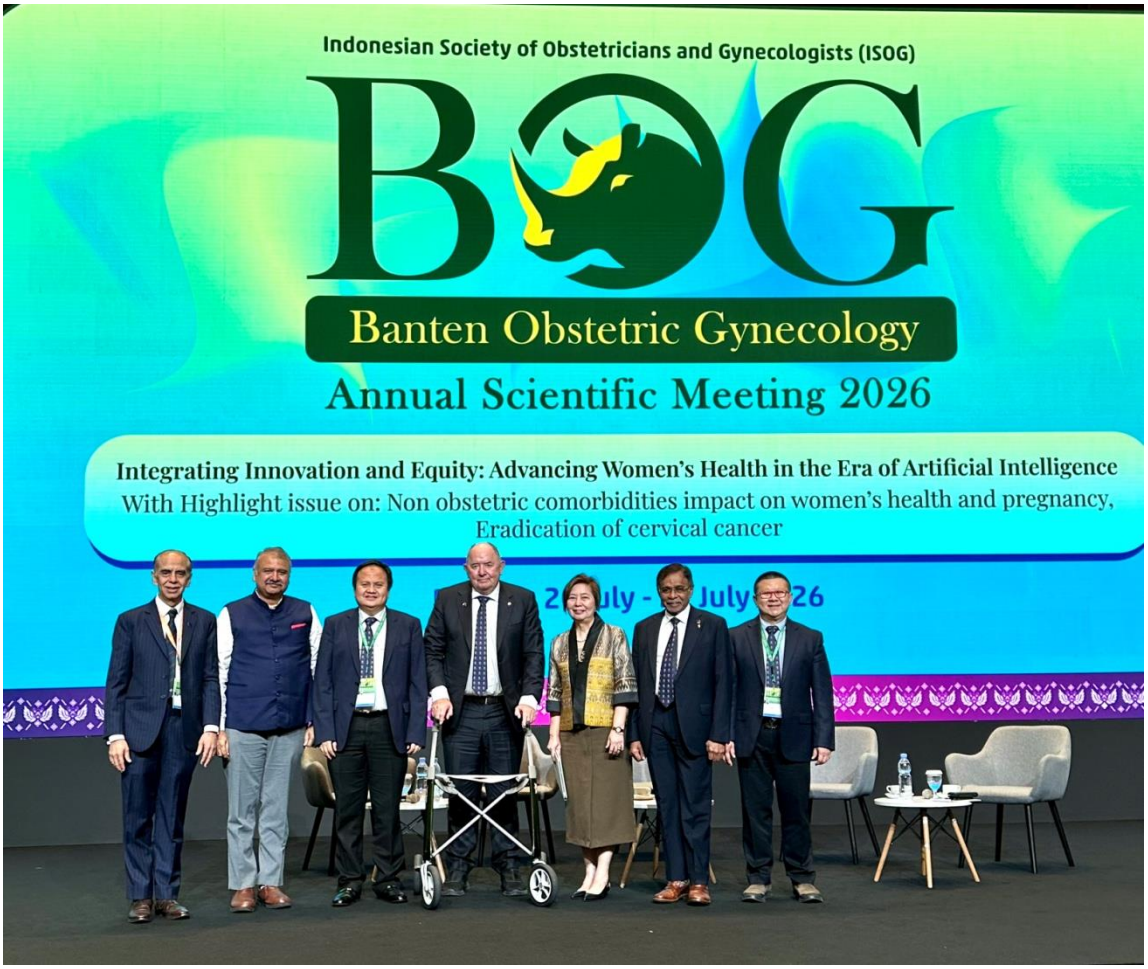


2. POGI 2026 Scientific Meeting

Professor Unnop Jaisamrarn, Chair of SRH Committee and Violence Against Women Working Group, AOFOG have been invited to speak at this meeting in Banten, Indonesia on 20 - 22 July 2026, in the following sessions :

- Meet The Expert Session "Clinical Implications of WHO New Contraception Guidelines"
- Controversies Session "Violence Against Women and Children: The Role of Health Providers in Identification and Care"
- Keynote Lecture "Evidence Based Micronutrient Strategies for Midlife Women"

This event attracted over 2,000 participants, including specialists in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, residents, trainees and general practitioners.





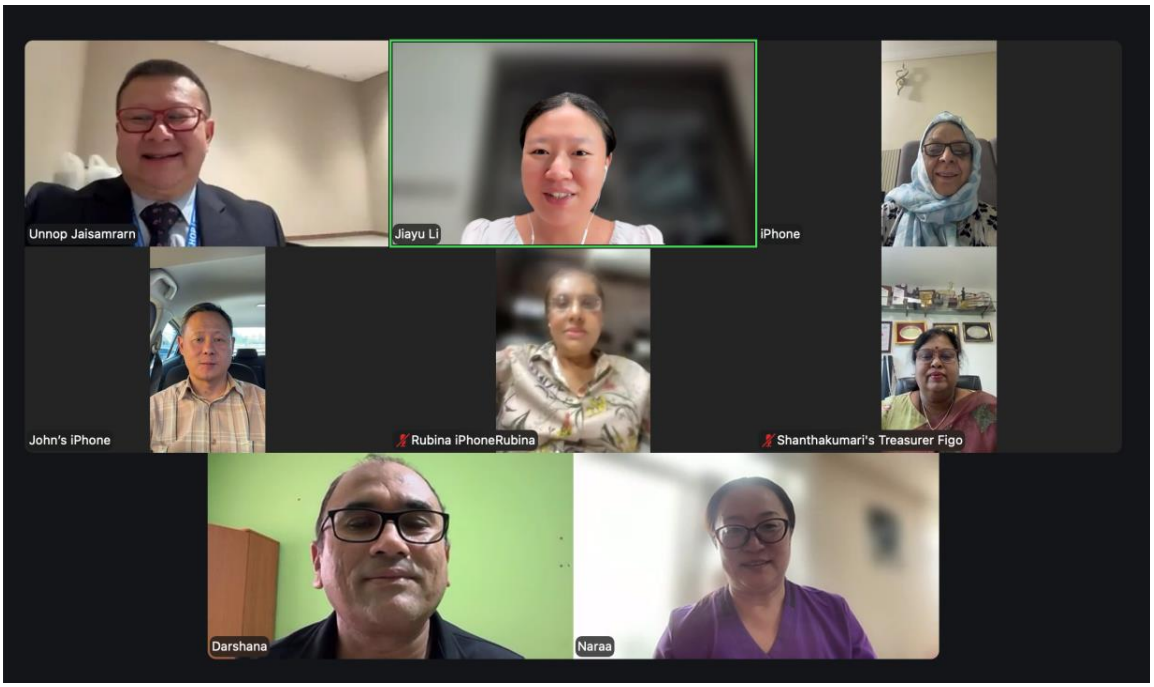


3. Regional survey – Violence Against Women (VAW) in Asia and Oceania region

The AOFOG VAW Working Group continues to conduct a multi-country survey on violence against women, focusing on two key populations: reproductive-aged women and healthcare personnel. This large-scale initiative aims to generate comprehensive data to better understand the prevalence, impact, and patterns of violence against women across diverse settings in the Asia–Oceania region. Data collection among reproductive-aged women and healthcare personnel in Thailand has been successfully completed, During the POGI 2026 Scientific Meeting, data collection among Indonesian healthcare personnel has been done with a great succes. In addition, data collection among healthcare personnel has also been completed in Nepal and India. Data collection in additional participating countries is now ongoing, to further expand the regional scope and impact of the survey. This important initiative is expected to support the development of evidence-based strategies and interventions to prevent violence against women and improve the health, safety, and well-being of women throughout the region.

4. AOFOG SRH Committee & VAW Working Group Meeting

On **20 July 2026**, the AOFOG SRH Committee and VAW Working Group convened an online meeting to review ongoing activities and future plans. The SRH Committee reported progress on the development of the upcoming AOFOG Practice Recommendations on Postpartum Contraception and on the Non-Contraceptive Use of Oral Contraceptives. Updates were shared regarding continuing medical education (CME) programmes and webinar collaborations with India, Mongolia, and Pakistan. Preparations for AOFOG scientific sessions in Sri Lanka were also discussed.



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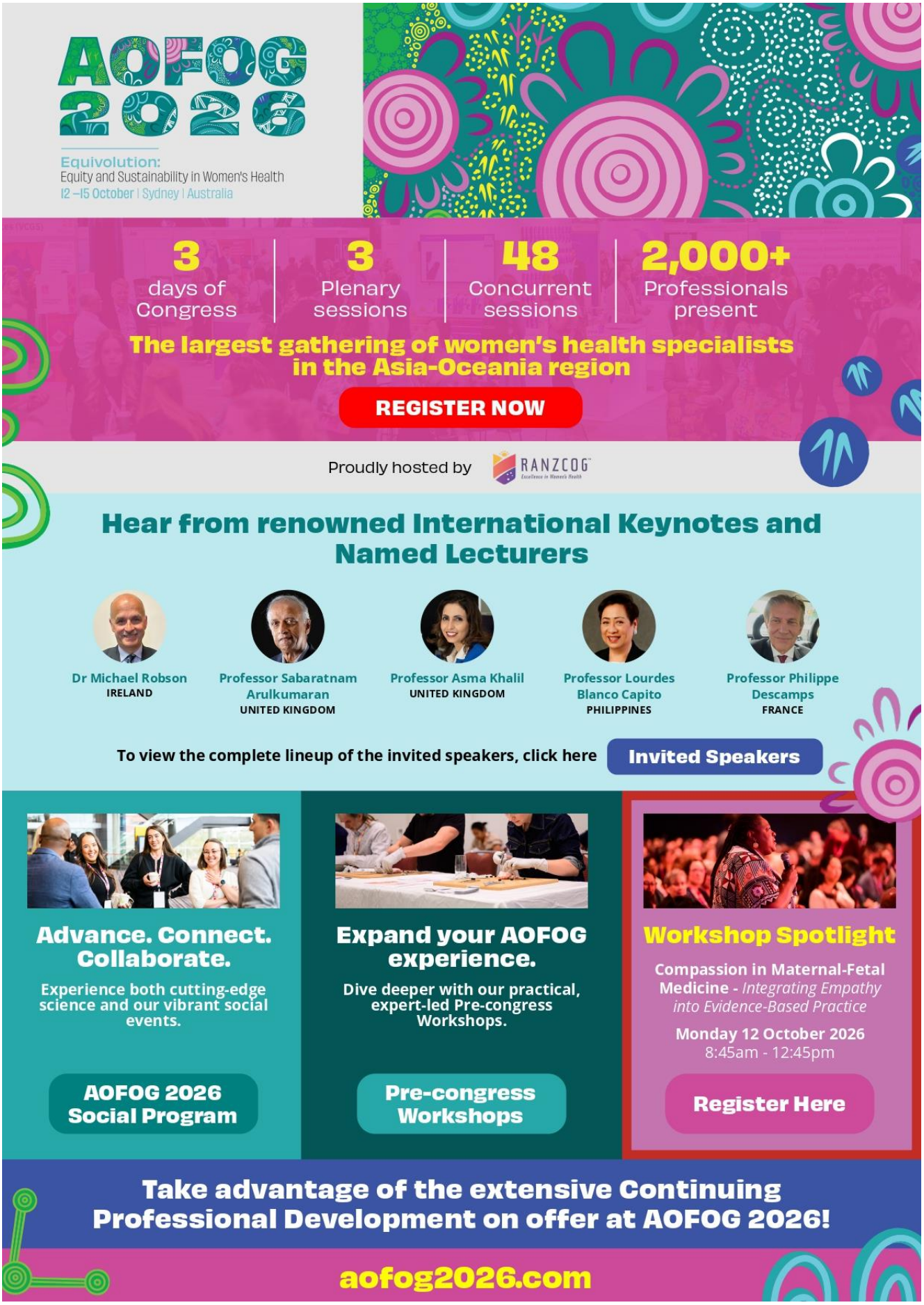


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