

## ***Society News***

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The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh is working in a wide network throughout the country together with more than fourteen hundred members. Spectrum of activities include improvement of services in relation to maternal death, human resource development and research work.

### **FIGO-SAFOG-SLCOG 2014 Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

FIGO-SAFOG-SLCOG Conference 2014 was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from October 30-2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014. Eighty participants along with accompanying persons from Bangladesh attended the Congress under the leadership of Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum, President-OGSB. The Conference started on 30<sup>th</sup> November in the evening with Inaugural session, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka was present as Chief guest. It was a very gorgeous event. About 600 participants from different countries took part. There were a large number of excellent and standard papers which were presented by different speakers from all over the world. There were a number of renowned speakers whose presentation enriched the sessions. The Banquet of the Conference was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Symposium on Tobacco Control in Bangladesh**

Symposium on Tobacco Control was arranged in OGSB Hospital & IRCH on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The program was chaired by Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum. Prof. Farhana Dewan shared the objectives of the program. About 30 participants interchanged their views in that program. Four presenters presented on all aspects of the Tobacco Control in Bangladesh. After the presentation there was a lively question answer session which was moderated by the Chairperson.

### **Seminar on Prevention of Unsafe Abortion & FIGO Initiative**

A seminar on "Prevention of Unsafe Abortion & FIGO Initiative" was organized by OGSB & FIGO on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 12:00 pm in the auditorium of OGSB hospital & IRCH. It was organized on the occasion of the monitoring visit of the regional coordinator of FIGO initiative of reducing the burden of unsafe abortion, Dr. Shahida Zaidi. The meeting was presided by Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum, President-OGSB; the Chief Guest was Prof. AKM Anowar ul Azim Chairperson

PAC subcommittee of OGSB. There were four presentations. Dr. Shahida Zaidi Presented a paper on the "FIGO Initiative of reducing the burden of Unsafe Abortion; Prof. Ferdousi Begum (Vice President-OGSB) spoke about Menstrual Regulation with Medication (MRM); Prof. Farhana Dewan (Secretary General-OGSB) presented on the Long Acting & Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) and Dr. Yeasmin Jahan, DMP, Hospital Services, DGHS spoke on the role the GOB is playing in providing Post Abortion Care (PAC) services including Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) & Post Abortion Family planning. About 150 obstetricians & Gynaecologist & Midwifery students attended the seminar.

The recommendation of this seminar were to

- Provide safe MRM services where ever possible
- Encourage the clients to use Long Acting Method of Contraception

### **Opening of Reproductive Health (RH) & Family Planning (FP) Training Center on LARC/PM Services**

Opening of the Reproductive Health and Family Planning Training Centre on LARC,PM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at OGSB hospital. The initiative is supported by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and USAID/Bangladesh through Engender health The program was chaired by Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum.

Dr. Abu Jamil Faisal, Country Representative- Engender Health Bangladesh briefed about OGSB reproductive Health & Family Planning Training Centre. Chief Guest was National Prof. Shahla Khatun. Ms. Melissa Jones, Director of Population Health, Nutrition and Education, USAID Bangladesh, Director General Prof. Dr. Deen Md. Nurul Haque, Directorate General of Family Planning were Special Guest. About 80 participants interchanged their views in that program.

### **Myanmar Conference-2015**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynaecological Conference of Myanmar Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society was held on 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at Yangon, Myanmar. Forty participants from Bangladesh attended the Congress. The inauguration of the congress was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February. There were separate SAFOG & AFOG session & there was a

session for OGSB. During the session, the delegates from Bangladesh highlighted the importance of 21st February, the International language day. The conference was very organized and the Organizers were very cordial. There was good interaction among the Delegates during the sessions.

### **National Planning and Advocacy Workshop on Long Acting Reversible Family Planning Methods: OGSB**

In order to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity and for the development, importance of Long Active Methods of Contraception and Permanent methods (LARC/PM) of contraceptives are to be recognized. A National Planning and Advocacy Workshop on Long Acting Reversible Family Planning Methods was organized by Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) & Social Marketing Company (SMC) March 15, 2015 (Sunday), Venue: OGSB Hospital. The session was chaired by Prof. T. A. Chowdhury & Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum. The special guests were Mr. Ashfaq Rahman & MD, SMC; Dr. Abu Jamil Faisal, CR, EngenderHealth; Brenda Doe, FP Advisor, USAID Dr. Md. Moinuddin Ahmed, LD, CCSDP, DGFP.

The paper presented were: "Background information & Overview of SMC and its LARC program": by Toslim Uddin Khan, General Manager, Programs, SMC; 'Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) in Bangladesh: Role of OB/GYN & Way Forward' by Prof. Farhana Dewan, Secretary General OGSB and 'Current Status LARC Program of SMC' by Salah Uddin Ahmed, Head-Training & Service Delivery, SMC.

In Bangladesh the country wide LARC/PM FP program includes Injectables, Implants (1 & 2 rods), Cu IUCD, tubal ligation and Non Scalpel Vasectomy, which is delivered at all levels of health care delivery system free of cost through providers of DGFP. Recently these are also provided by the centers under DGHS in a limited way to ensure post partum and post abortion contraception.

But, in spite of this, there is still an unmet need for these family planning methods. Social Marketing Company is providing the long acting reversible methods with injectables, implants and IUCDS through private practitioners. In this meeting a new agenda has been chalked out where SMC will now work with OGSB and supply their commodities to the OGSB members all over the country through the branches of OGSB.

### **A Briefing session on PPH management through Tampostat**

A Briefing session on PPH management through Tampostat was organized by Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) & ICDDR, Dhaka. Prof. Farhana Dewan, Secretary, OGSB started & moderated the briefing session. The session was chaired by Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum and Prof. TA Chowdhury. The briefing session started with the presentation on overview of the study by Dr. Aminur Rahman and followed by Prof. Fatema Ashraf's presentation on clinical use of the Tampostat. After their presentation all experts were asked to share their opinion or queries regarding Tampostat.

Following recommendations were made during the discussion session:

1. Catheter will be used to evacuate the bladder in every case as per existing PPH management protocol.
2. Uterotonic drugs will be administered as per standard PPH management protocol.
3. During the study period it would be better to keep the device in situ for 24 hrs.
4. It would be easier to introduce the device if forceps are used to hold the cervical lips

### **Dissemination of Regional Meeting on WHO Clinical Practice Handbook for Safe Abortion & Meeting on Medical Abortion, 2015**

Dissemination of Regional Meeting on WHO Clinical Practice Handbook for Safe Abortion, 2014 was held on 14th March 2015 at 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at BIRDEM Auditorium, Total participants were about 115. The meeting was about updates on Regional Scenario of Abortion Services and information about WHO clinical Practice Handbook for Safe Abortion, 2014. The meeting was chaired by Prof. TA Chowdhury & Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum. Chief Guest was Prof. AKM Anwar-ul-Azim, Special Guests was Dr. Tapash Ranjan Das. Prof. Farhana Dewan delivered her presentation on Regional Scenario of Abortion Services and presented a comparative overview of the country situations in notable South East Asian countries. Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum presented updates on Medical Abortion and MRM activities in Bangladesh. Prof. Ferdousi Islam presented the country scenario of abortion and MR in Bangladesh. Dr. Tapash Ranjan Das presented on the present situation of rules of abortion law in Bangladesh. Dr. S. M. Shahidullah presented a brief update on IPAS Bangladesh's activities. There was very interactive discussion

specially on the issue of weeks of gestation upto which MVA has been permitted in Bangladesh and its advantages & disadvantages

### **CME program on Placenta praevia**

The first Seminar organized by the CME sub-committee of the newly elected OGSB committee was held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015, at Shaheed Milon Hall of BSMMU. National Prof Shahla Khatun and Prof Rowshan Ara Begum, President, OGSB were in the chair. The seminar was on 'Placenta Praevia and its Updates'

Dr Nilufar Islam presented on 'Placenta Praevia-Introduction and Diagnosis', Dr Farzana Sharmin, Asst Professor delivered on Management and Updates of Placenta Praevia. Dr Dilip Kumar Bhowmik discussed on the Anesthetic management of Placenta Praevia. Prof Firoza Begum, Prof of Fetomaternal Medicine focused on overview management of Placenta Praevia. The presentation was followed by an interactive panel discussion. Prof TA Chowdhury was the moderator and some senior members were the panelist. The presentations on the subject were elaborate and informative. indicating that the topic was a well-chosen one, which generated lot of interest among the participants and audience. The session ended with a vote of thanks offered by Prof Ratu Rumana Binte Rahman, Member secretary of CME Committee.

### **10<sup>th</sup> SAFOG Conference-2015**

10<sup>th</sup> SAFOG Conference-2015 was held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 2-5 April, 2015. Eighty participants from Bangladesh attended the Congress. Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum, President; Prof. Farhana Dewan, Secretary General; Prof Laila Arjumand Banu, President Elect; Prof. Latifa Shamsuddin, Immediate Past President & Prof. Ferdousi Begum Vice President-OGSB, Prof. TA Chowdhury, Past President, SAFOG attended the Council Meeting. Prof. Ashma Rana was selected as the President, Prof. Ferdousi Begum selected as Vice President & Dr. Narendara Malhotra was selected as Secretary General of SAFOG.

### **CME program on Pre- eclampsia and Eclampsia**

A seminar under CME programme was organized by the OGSB at the River Research Institute of Faridpur, a central district located on the bank of the river Padma. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar arranged by the scientific sub-committee of the present OGSB committee, and the subject was Pre-eclampsia and Eclampsia. The session was chaired by Prof Rowshan Ara Begum, President, OGSB, and co-chaired by Prof. Dipti Rani Saha, President of the Faridpur unit of OGSB. Prof

ASM Jahangir Chowdhury, Principal, Faridpur Medical College and President of BMA, Faridpur was the Chief Guest. The seminar had Prevention of Pre-eclampsia as its 1<sup>st</sup> topic, and was presented by Prof Farhana Dewan, Head of the Dept of OBGYN, ShSMC. This was followed by Management and updates of Pre-eclampsia, which was delivered by Dr. Tabassum Parveen, Assoc Prof, OBGYN, BSMMU. The last topic was Management of Eclampsia, and it was presented by Prof Maliha Rashid. The presentation part was followed by a panel discussion, with Prof Firoza Begum, Head, Dept of Feto-maternal Medicine, BSMMU, as the moderator, and senior specialists of the subject of Obs and Gynae participated as panelists. Eighty nine participants attended the meeting from different area of Bangladesh including Dhaka, Faridpur, Khulna, Shariatpur, Barishal, Madaripur, Magura, Rajbari, Gopalganj & Jhenaidah

The participants took active part in the seminar. They asked questions to speakers and panel of experts. The speakers, moderator, panel of experts and participants made the seminar a very fruitful one. The senior doctors from Faridpur including the President BMA were present throughout the program. The discussion was very interactive & lively.

The organizers thanked the central OGSB for giving them the opportunity to hold the seminar in Faridpur and expressed their hope that this sort of seminar will again be held in the future in Faridpur.

### **AOCOG 2015**

The XXIV Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology was held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from 3-6 June, 2015. Sixty participants & accompanying persons from Bangladesh attended the Conference. The Inaugural session began at 6:00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It was very gorgeous event. About 1000 participants from different countries took part the session. The Inaugural session was followed by welcome reception. There was a large number of interesting papers presented by different speakers including papers from Bangladesh

Three members of OGSB have been awarded with the Young Gynaecologist Award. Dr. Arifa Akter Zahan, Dr. Mosammat Shahina Begum & Dr. Fahmida Rashid. They have also been awarded by AOCOG 2015 community Fellowship Program. They presented their paper in the poster session. The Concluding session was equally good.

**Secretary General**  
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