

Dear Trainers,

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. It has been a year and a half since our very last 'normal' ICOE course was organised physically since the pandemic. Since then ICOE has been adapting to the new way of life and evolving to continue education and knowledge in obstetric emergencies. Here are some updates to what activities are being planned for the next few months.

ICOE ACTIVITIES 2021

The ICOE has been active throughout 2021 and the detailed list of activities can be found in the annual report (<https://ogsm.org.my/docs/58th-OGSM-Annual-General-Report-2021.pdf>) and the website (<https://icoe.org.my/>). There are some activities that are in the schedule and this update brings to speed on the developments.

Please promote the activities among your colleagues, midwives and the department. We also require volunteers for the activities and feel free to message any of the steering committee privately.

FIGO ASIA EVENING October 23rd 2021 at 12 noon featuring ICOE LAOS

The Laos team will present the ICOE training in Vientiane focussing on PPH. The steering committee had been giving input and guidance on their presentation. This is an important development for ICOE at FIGO. The session is over 3 hours and it comprises:

- Team management including PPH box and checklist
- Balloon Tamponade
- NASG
- Compression sutures
- Feedback from the trainers on the impact of ICOE
- An account from a patient who survived massive PPH

CTG COURSE FOR MIDWIVES October 30th 2021

The steering committee has designed one day course on episiotomy covering comprehensively the various topics on CTG. It is tailored to cater to the requirements of the midwives with extensive real life examples and interaction.

EPISIOTOMY COURSE November 28th 2021

The steering committee has designed an online modular course on episiotomy. The course will be conducted three times a year and each module will last one month. The course is aimed at midwives, house officers and junior medical officers. The topics covered are anatomy, prerequisites for procedure, technique, complications and risk assessment. We have also produced series of teaching videos that complement the resources. In addition, we have also acquired 3 new episiotomy training equipment.

Upon passing an online knowledge assessment, the registrants will attend an onsite skills training of which they will then be awarded a certificate.

ICOE MODULAR COURSE – SECOND COURSE November 1st 2021

The first certification ICOE Modular course was completed in May but the onsite skills tests had to be postponed for obvious reasons. The onsite test will now be conducted on October 23rd 2021. The first course had 33 participants from all over Malaysia and some of them are eligible to sit for the onsite skills test. They will be the first batch to receive certificates.

The second course will follow the same format and registration opens from today for the November intake.

INTRAPARTUM ULTRASOUND COURSE (Date TBC)

A new module is being developed on the new area of intrapartum ultrasound and focussing on second stage emergencies. Hands-on skills training will be an important aspect of the course

VIRTUAL ICOE CHINA DECEMBER 2021

The first ICOE conducted locally by the Chinese trainers was in May and it was a success. The Malaysian trainers provided full virtual supervision for each breakout which was a first for us. They are encouraged by this and the next course will be in December. The handbook is available in Mandarin as a resourced for them. This activity was captured in the September issue of FIGO newsletter.

SOUTH ASIAN FEDERATION OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGIST (SAFOG)

The SAFOG have requested for a collaboration with ICOE and discussions are ongoing to develop the most appropriate ICOE course for these countries. This will likely follow a certification course focussing on operative deliveries.

ICOE MIDWIVERY CONFERENCE Feb

A Conference catering for midwives is planned for Jan/Feb 2022, which focusses on the current topics relevant to midwives and the industry. This will be a first and we require your input on the topics and volunteer as faculty.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- i.) A Poster presentation for RCOG Virtual Conference, 9-12 June 2021 entitled “Effectiveness of Virtual versus On-site Teaching of Non-surgical Skills in Post-partum Hemorrhage”.
- ii.) Online BJOG Supplementary Journal publication entitled “Effectiveness of Virtual versus On-site Teaching of Non-surgical Skills in Post-partum Hemorrhage”.
- iii.) Oral presentation for RCOG Virtual Conference, 9-12 June 2021 entitled “Outcomes of a Simulation Based Obstetric Skills Training – A 5-year Review”.
- iv.) A Poster presentation for RCOG Virtual Conference, 9-12 June 2021 entitled “Incorporating Non-technical Skills into the Intensive Course in Obstetrics Emergencies (ICOE)”.
- v.) FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, October 2021 entitled “Simulation Training in Postpartum Hemorrhage Management”.
- vi.) FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, October 2021 entitled “Effectiveness of Simulation Based Training in Teaching the Surgical Techniques of Complicated Caesarean Section”.
- vii.) FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, October 2021 entitled “Integrated Professional Skills Testing and Training in Shoulder Dystocia in Asia Oceania Countries – A 5-year Experience”.

We hope that you continue to support these activities as well as if any one of you are interested to volunteer to help out for any of the activities above please kindly contact anyone of the Steering Committee members.

ICOE STEERING COMMITTEE

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