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**ACTIVITIES OF OGSB**
The Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh has been involved with training programs, seminars & organizing different workshops.

**Seminar on Mother support during Breast Feeding**
On the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week -2008 OGSB & Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation (BBF) have jointly organized a seminar on Mothers support during Breast Feeding on August 02, 2008 at BIRDEM Auditorium, Dhaka. Ninety one (91) participants have attended the seminar.

**Workshop on Analysis of Unsafe Abortion in Bangladesh**
International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO), has requested to OGSB to undertake a situation analysis on unsafe abortion, to develop an action plan and act accordingly to prevent/ treat death and disabilities from unsafe abortion. On this issue a workshop was held on August 18, 2008 on 1:30 PM at Marie Courie Conference Room, Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Dhanmondi Dhaka. Two key note paper presented on (1)Situation of unsafe abortion in Bangladesh and (2) Proposed Action pale. There are also group work & Group discussion. Fifty participants have attended the workshop.

**Training Workshop on Laparoscopy:**
A training workshop on Gynaecological Laparoscopy was held in HFRCMCH on 25th January 2009. The resource person was Prof. Laila Arjumand Banu, Vice President-OGSB. Seventeen participants for hand on & 12 participants for plenary were registered. There was an inaugural session from 09:00 to 10:00am followed by practical demonstration in the theatre which was relayed in the auditorium. Six operations were done. Varieties of operations like Laparoscopic hysterectomy, Cystectomy and diagnostic laparoscopy was done. The workshop continued upto 5:00pm. It was a very successful workshop and was appreciated by participants.

**7th SAFOG Conference-2009**
The Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) & South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (SAFOG) Conference-2009 jointly organized 7th SAFOG Conference 2009 on March 6-8, 2009 which was held at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh. About 630 National & 70 International delegates participated from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, U.S.A, UK and Canada. There were CME Program, Pre & Post Congress workshops, plenary session, invited lecture, memorial lecture, symposium, controversies in obs/gynae debate, video & poster presentations. There was simultaneous presentations on different topics in 5 halls. The presenter in the plenary were speakers who are an authority in their own country and respective clinical/ programmatic area.

The inaugural session began at 7:00 pm on 6th March, 2009. Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Finance Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith graced the opening session as Chief Guest. Prof. Dorothy Shaw, President-International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) and Dr. Anthony Falconer, Vice President-Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists UK were present as Guest of honour. It was a very gorgeous event.

There was a policy session on different important issues of SAFOG region which was chaired by Secretary Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and discussants were representatives from Directorate General of Health Services & Directorate General of Family Planning and all past and present Presidents of SAFOG. The SAFOG declaration has been also presented in this session which was approved later in SAFOG executive committee meeting (copy attached). In the policy session Secretary Ministry of Health & Family welfare assured all support to the professional bodies and asked for technical inputs in achieving MDG 4 and 5.

On 6th & 7th Evening there were wonderful cultural program and refreshment.

At the end of the conference new council of SAFOG was formed Prof. A.B Bhuiyan from Bangladesh is the new President of SAFOG and Prof. Shyam Desai of India is the present Secretary General.

Closing session was held on 8th March at 6:30 pm, which was presided by President-SAFOG, President and Secretary General of OGSB, Secretary –
Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee of 7th SAFOG Conference and many other organizers & delegates were present there.

It was very successful program with active participation from home & abroad.

**AOCOG 2009**

The XXst Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics & Gynaecology was held in Auckland, New Zealand from 26-30th March, 2009. Twelve participants from Bangladesh attended the Conference. The symposium were on important topics in Gynaecology & Obstetrics. The topics which covered in all gynaecological topics ranged for Polycystic ovary syndrome, Contraception, Gynaecological Oncology, Endoscopy, Cervical cancer, ART, Adolescent Gynaecology etc.

The topics in Obstetrics were Controversies in the Obstetrics management, Hypertension during in pregnancy, Fetal therapy, Preterm birth, Maternal Fetal medicine etc.

Three members of OGSB have been awarded with the Young Gynaecologist Award. Dr. Maruf Siddiqui, Dr. Muna Shalima Jahan and Dr. Naznen Begum. About 900 participants attend the conference. The concluding session was equally good.

**Workshop on Research Methodology**

Workshop on Research Methodology was held from 27th to 29th April 2009 in OGSB office. 13 participants registered. The resource persons were the members of OGSB.

**Observation of Safe Motherhood Day**

Safe Motherhood Day has been observed with due dignity & honour on 28th May, 2009. The rally in the morning was successful. The members specially the senior members consulted a large number of patients. Branches outside Dhaka have also observed the Safe Motherhood Day. On this occasion IPHN donated 36000 iron tablet for distribute among the pregnant women.

**Training course on Life Saving Skills-Emergency Obstetrics Care and Neonatal Care**

Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) and Royal College of Gynaecology (RCOG, UK) jointly organized a demonstration course on Life Saving Skills-Emergency Obstetrics Care and Neonatal Care from June 8-11, 2009 at Class room of RTMC (Research and monitoring cell), BCPS, Mohakhali at 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. This training program is meant to effectively reduce the maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in developing country. Eleven resource persons from UK were trainer. Thirty three participants were registered. There was an inaugural session from 09:00 to 10:00am. It was a very successful workshop and was appreciated by participants. At the end of the training RCOG donated instruments of this training which value about 23 lacs taka.

**Monthly Seminar**

Monthly Scientific Seminar of the OGSB was held on the last working day of the week every month.

**Project on Maternal Heath with GOB, UNFPA, UNICEF**

Presently OGSB is jointly implementing a number of project

1. OGSB work to improve maternal and neonatal health in different projects
2. Community based SBA Training program funded by UNFPA
3. Community based SBA Training program funded by IDB
4. Community based PNC Study in Bangladesh
5. Technical support to GOB on Reproductive Health - EmOC Program
6. Operationalization of AMTSL
7. Technical support from OGSB on Comprehensive RH Care centres run by MSCS