

## **Society News**

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

### **XIX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics**

XIX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics was held in Cape Town, South Africa from 4-9<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. Fifty seven participants along with accompanying persons from Bangladesh attended the Congress. The participants registered themselves at 2:00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The inaugural began at 6:00pm in the evening on 4<sup>th</sup> October. It was a very gorgeous event. About 8000 participants from different countries took part. The inaugural session was followed by a welcome reception. Many of the participants presented paper in the conference in plenary, free paper and poster session. The closing session held on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### **“FIGO Awards in Recognition of Women Obstetricians/Gynaecologists**

It is our pleasure to inform that Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum has been awarded the, “FIGO Awards in Recognition of Women Obstetricians/Gynaecologists” by FIGO (International Federation of Gynaecology & Obstetrics) for 2009, for her outstanding contribution to Obstetrics & Gynae Services in the Hospital & Community Service for poor/rural people, women & children.

### **Seminar on Thalassaemia in Pregnancy**

A scientific seminar “Thalassaemia in Pregnancy” organized by OGSB was held at Milon Hall, BSMMU, Shahbag, Dhaka on November 17, 2009. Prof. Firoza Begum of Fetomaternal Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, BSMMU presented the topic in details to provide the recent knowledge on it. Prof. T.A Chowdhury was Chairman and Prof. Rowshan Ara Begum was Co-chairman in the seminar.

Thalassaemia minor cases need special care during pregnancy to avoid complications. Thalassaemia major is a severe, transfusion-dependent anemia-also causes infertility due to iron deposition to endocrine organs after over transfusion. Pregnancies are reported among such patients after modern modalities of treatment. The complications in pregnancy induced

cardiac failure, endocrine and hepatic dysfunction, postpartum viral infections, terms and preterm deliveries, and many others.

Prof. Afiquil Islam from Department of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology also presented on recent development regarding management and prevention of thalassaemia.

Two hundred participants including senior and junior doctors and postgraduate students attended the seminar.

### **Seminar on Jaundice in Pregnancy**

A seminar on “Jaundice in Pregnancy” organized by OGSB was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at Surgery Seminar Room of Sir Salimullah Medical College & Mitford Hospital in Dhaka. Dr. Sayeeda Pervin, Dr. Jannat Ara Ferdous & Dr. Fariza Rahman, three Registrars of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Sir Salimullah Medical College & Mirford Hospital presented on aetiology, diagnosis management of pregnancy related jaundices. Jaundice in pregnancy can be caused by viral hepatitis, intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy, choledocholithiasis, HELLP syndrome (hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and a low platelet count), severe preeclampsia, and acute fatty liver of pregnancy. The jaundice may be an intercurrent one affecting the pregnant woman, such as viral hepatitis. Acute fatty liver of pregnancy occurs in approximately 1 in 13,000 pregnancies and Jaundice occurs in about one out of every 1500 gestations. At least 41% of all cases with Jaundice are due to viral hepatitis, and about 21% to intrahepatic cholestasis of pregnancy. More than 90% of patients with acute fatty liver of pregnancy have jaundice and disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (DIC). Before 1985 the associated maternal mortality was reported as 85%. Patients die with DIC, hemorrhage, severe hypoglycemia, and fulminant liver failure. Today early diagnosis of acute fatty liver of pregnancy and prompt delivery of the fetus is more commonplace. Rapid serologic testing for infectious hepatitis and DIC gives the modern clinician an edge in making the diagnosis.

The Director of the hospital, the Principal of the Medical college and teaching staff /doctors of different

departments and members of OGSB actively participated the seminar.

### **The 36<sup>th</sup> AGM and 18<sup>th</sup> National Scientific Conference**

The 36<sup>th</sup> AGM and 18<sup>th</sup> National Scientific Conference OGSB was held on 24 & 25 December 2009 in Auditorium of Sylhet M.A.G Osmani Medical College & Najimgar Resort at Sylhet.

The inaugural session began at 10:00 am on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Finance Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith graced the opening ceremony as Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. A.F.M Ruhul Haque, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Prof. Shahla Khatun, Past President-OGSB & Advocate Mesbahuddin Siraz-Organizing Secretary, Bangladesh Awami League were present as Special Guest. Prof. Sayeba Akhter President-OGSB & Prof. Md. Shah Alam, Secretary General-OGSB, Vice President-Central BMA, Principal-Sylhet M.A.G Osmani Medical College, Director- Sylhet M.A.G Osmani Medical College Hospital were guest of honour. It was a very gorgeous event.

The scientific session began at the end of inaugural session at 12:00 noon. Besides the local presentations there were two Gynaecologist from India Dr. Rohit Gutgutia and Dr. Suresh Kattera, who presented two very interesting paper.

Annual General Meeting began at 5:00 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December with Prof. Sayeba Akhter in the chair Prof. Kohinoor Begum-President Elect, Prof. Md. Shah Alam, Secretary General-OGSB, Prof. Farhana Dewan, Traeasuer-OGSB & Dr. Mst. Rashida Begum-Assistant Editor of BJOG were present on the dias.

The AGM was followed by a very colourful cultural function and dinner.

On 25<sup>th</sup> December 2009, there was a day long tour to Malinichora Tea Estate & Jaflong. Many of the members with their family enjoyed the tour.

### **Monthly Seminar**

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

Project on Maternal Health 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
8. Developing a workshop manual for District MNH Committee and stakeholders at local level to increase its capacity and awareness on achieving MDG 4 & 5 and conducting 2 days long workshop under GoB-UN MNH initiative at four districts; Jamalpur, Moulvibazar, Narail & Takurgaon"