

Dear Colleagues,

At the end of the last newsletter I said I had barely mentioned COVID-19. Unfortunately, the last month has seen devastating waves of infection in India and other countries like Uruguay that, up to this point, had somehow seemed to escape the worst of the pandemic. Incredibly, by the beginning of May, almost 1.2 billion doses of vaccine had been given to over 570 million people. However, this translates to only 7% to 8% of the world's population receiving at least one dose and, to date, by far the majority of vaccine doses have been given in just half a dozen countries. We need over 75% of the world to be vaccinated for this pandemic to be controlled.

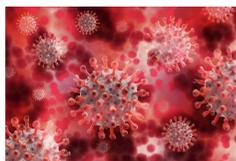
Moving on to a more positive subject, the ISUOG International Symposium (IS) on the 17th and 18th April was a great success with 880 delegates attending...[\[Read the full letter here\]](#)



ISUOG President
Prof. Tom Bourne

COVID-19 resources and guidance

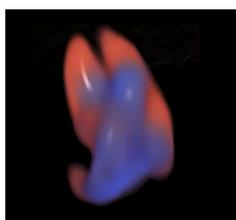
Supporting our community



Last year has been a difficult year for our community, and, as some of us are starting to come out of this, many are still in the midst of a grim and challenging battle. We would like to take this time to acknowledge the strength and passion of our community to continue to provide the best care to women and their families. We would also like to remind you that you can find [resources on COVID-19](#), including [journal articles](#), [video lectures](#) and [patient information leaflets](#), on our website, with [translations](#) available in 11 languages.

[Access the resources](#)

UOG Journal
View the May highlights



The May issue of Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology includes a [State-of-the-Art Review on the management of SARS-CoV-2 infection in pregnancy](#), a ['How To' article on screening for vasa previa](#), a [RCT on pelvic floor physiotherapy in women with deep infiltrating endometriosis and superficial dyspareunia](#), a [study on the relationship between ophthalmic artery Doppler and maternal cardiovascular function](#), and a [study on the predictive value of fetal cardiac parameters for urgent neonatal balloon atrial septostomy in simple transposition of the great arteries](#).

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Highlighting the practical aspect of ISUOG Basic Training

New online course with practical training



We are pleased to announce our next [Basic Training course highlighting the practical aspect of ISUOG's Basic Training program](#) (Saturday 12 June - Sunday 13 June). The two day online course is our first to offer participants a practical simulation experience at home with Opus simulation.

With both theoretical and practical training, the course will cover the essentials of the Obstetric and Gynecological ultrasound, and is suitable for those new to ultrasound in Ob/Gyn who want to build on their knowledge and practise it under the guidance of international experts.

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ISUOG Virtual World Congress 2021

Submit your abstract today



To support our community in what continues to be quite challenging times, we have changed the dates of our [Virtual World Congress](#) to **Friday 15 – Sunday 17 October 2021**. We hope the new dates will provide more people in our community the opportunity to meet, present, learn and support each other, both professionally and personally.

Our [abstract submission deadline](#) has also been extended to 15 June 2021. Find out more about the [topics](#) and the [guideline for submission](#) and start preparing to share your research with our international ob/gyn community. We look forward to hosting you this October.

[Find out more about ISUOG2021](#)

Congenital Infections education course

15 May 2021

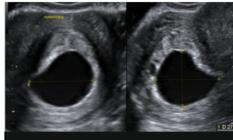


Join [16 leading experts](#) for a comprehensive look at the [diagnosis and management of congenital infections](#). This advanced education course will be held online this Saturday (15 May) from 9am to 5pm BST. The [program](#) includes demonstrations with Opus Simulation, in-depth lectures and panel discussions with world class experts. Delegates will receive [6 CME points](#) and can also take a post course assessment and apply for [ISUOG Certificate](#). [Registration](#) starts at £25, with discounts available for members, trainees, sonographers and those in middle income and low resource countries. Don't miss out! See you on Saturday.

[Register now](#)

The Miscarriage Matters report

Need for comprehensive reform of miscarriage care



The Miscarriage Matters report published on 27th April found that existing care for sporadic or recurrent miscarriage is inconsistent and poorly organised worldwide, and a new system is needed to ensure miscarriages are given a high priority and women are given the physical and mental healthcare they need.

New estimates confirm that miscarriage occurs in 15% of all pregnancies, with one in five women experiencing a miscarriage in their lifetime. The data come from a new three-paper Miscarriage Matters report published by The Lancet with studies from Tommy's National Centre for Miscarriage Research. Visit our website to read more about the report and the response of our President, Prof. Tom Bourne.

[Find out more](#)

May 15: Marathon for Solidarity



Join world-class obstetricians and gynecologists as they come together for an intellectual Marathon of Solidarity during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. This virtual Marathon, branch of Antonia Testa and Luca Savelli and supported by ISUOG, is unique, because in addition to being marked by dialogue and the sharing of cutting-edge knowledge, it will be an act of solidarity. The event will help support Shanti Ashram, a Gandhian center of development, learning and collaboration in India. In the midst of the Pandemic, this concrete support will help sustain Shanti Ashram's public health services and vital developmental outreach for vulnerable families, children, young people and elders across its service villages. [Find out more](#) and join us to stand in solidarity!

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