History of ASGO and International Collaboration

Kurume University, Kurume, Japan
Toshiharu Kamura, MD, PhD.
In 1997, the 6th IGCS was held in Japan, and in 2002, the 9th IGCS meeting was held in Seoul. Both meetings were very successful and that success created a sense of community between JSGO and KSGO at that time. Then at 9th IGCS meeting, the Japan-Korea Gynecologic Cancer Joint Meeting was launched, and this meeting has now been taken over by JGOG and KGOG.
In line with these events, and the atmosphere they have produced, many doctors have discussed the necessity of an Asian Society in the field of gynecologic oncology, because of Asia specific disease, prevailing patterns, similar culture, mentality, and so forth.
Under these circumstances, after the 7th Korea-Japan Gynecologic Cancer Joint meeting in Seoul in November 2008, the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology was inaugurated with the approval of representatives of gynecologic oncology in various countries and areas.
Council Members of ASGO
Successive Presidents of ASGO

The 1st President
Prof. Soon-Beom Kang
2009–2011

The 2nd President
Prof. Toshiharu Kamura
2011–2013

The 3rd President
Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam
2013–2015

The 4th President
Prof. Ikuo Konishi
2015–2017

The 5th President
Prof. Hee-Sug Ryu
2017–Present
The First Council Members

● President Soon-Beom Kang
● Secretary Treasurer Jae-Weon Kim
● President-Elect Toshiharu Kamura
● Scientific Program Committee
  Mohamed Farid Aziz, Zeyi Cao, Uma Devi, Efren Domingo, Noriyuki Inaba, Seung-Cheol Kim, Joo-Hyun Nam
  Hextan YS Ngan, Chia Yin Nin, Kazunori Ochiai, Hee-Sug Ryu, Kung-Liahng Wang, Yasuhiro Udagawa, Sarikapan Wilailak

Scientific Program Committee members were from Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, India, Philippines and Thailand.
In the first council meeting held in Seoul in 2009, the Bylaws was established and the General assembly was decided to be held biennially with an international workshop held in the year between general assemblies. And 1st Biennial Meeting was decided to be held at Tokyo in November 2009 in conjunction with JSGO meeting. Council meeting has been held at every biannual meeting and workshop and AOCOG.
Section 1.4: Composition and Representation
The ASGO consists of individual members with a major professional interest, either as a clinician or as a scientist, in the prevention, treatment and study of gynecologic cancer.
Article 2. Objects and Activities

Section 2.1: **Purpose**

ASGO intends to contribute to the development of gynecologic cancer science through research and exchange of information in the medical science and friendship among members.

Section 2.2: **Activities**

1. Holding domestic/international scientific meetings and unofficial academic meetings.
2. Issuing official scholastic journals and books.
3. Carrying out research and providing guide concerning gynecologic cancer science.
4. Taking care of international relationship of ASGO in the science.
5. Managing homepage of ASGO.
6. Other activities which are deemed to be necessary by ASGO.
10th Council Meeting of ASGO

10th council meeting in 2015 in Seoul
13th Council meeting in Tokyo
The Present Council Members-1

- President: Hee-Sug Ryu
- Secretary General: Suk Joon Chang
- Treasurer/JGO EIC: Jae-Weon Kim
- President-Elect: Daisuke Aoki
- Immed. Past President: Ikuo Konishi
- Nominating Committee:
  - Shingo Fujii
  - Soon-Beom Kang
  - Toshiharu Kamura
  - Joo-Hyun Nam
The present organization-2

Scientific Program Committee: 13

Andri Andrijono Indonesia
Duk-Soo Bae Korea
Chunling Chen China
Neerja Bhatlla India
Efren Doming Philippines
Seung Cheol Kim Korea
Suresh Kumarasamy Malaysia
Yuen Sheung Hexatan Ngan Hong Kong
David SP Tan Singapore
Nobuo Yaegashi Japan
Kung-Liahng Wang Taiwan
Sarikapan Wilailak Thailand
Rongyu Zang China

Observer
Dong Hoon Suh Korea
Ju Hyuk Son Korea
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2nd Biennial Meeting of ASGO

November 3-5, 2011, Seoul, Korea

President: Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam (Ulsan Univ.)
The 3rd Biennial Meeting
Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology

—New Era of Gynecologic Oncology in Asia—

December 13-15, 2013, in Kyoto, Japan

President: Toshiharu Kamura, MD, PhD
Past President: Soon Beom Kang, MD, PhD
Congress President: Ikuo Konishi, MD, PhD
President of ASGO

Hee-Sug Ryu, MD, PhD
Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Ajou University School of Medicine

Congress President of 2015 ASGO

Joo-Hyun Nam, MD, PhD
Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of Ulsan, College of Medicine

The 4th Biennial Meeting of Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology

November 12 (Thur) ~ 14 (Sat), 2015
Seoul, Korea
Fig. 3. A commemorative photo after Presidential Lecture (from upper left to right, Suk-Joon Chang, Secretary General of local organizing committee, Korea; Jae-Weon Kim, Treasurer, Korea; Daisuke Aoki, Congress President of the 2016 ASGO Int’l Workshop, Japan; Andri Andrijono, Indonesia; Junzo Kigawa, Japan; Takayuki Enomoto, Japan; Duk-Soo Bae, Korea; Kaznori Ochiai, Japan; Hidetaka Katabuchi, Japan; Sung-Eun Namkoong, Korea; Eric Pujade-Lauraine, France; Aiko Okamoto, Japan; Michael Bookman, USA; Gavin Stuart, Canada; Christian Marth, Austria; Warner Huh, USA; Suresh Kumarasamy, Malaysia; Yin-Nin Chia, Singapore; Mikio Mikami, Japan; Uma Devi, India; Karen Chan, Hong Kong; Sarikapan Wilailak, Thailand; Yasuhiro Udagawa, Japan: from lower left to right, Toru Sugiyama, Japan; Hyo-Pyo Lee, Korea; Shingo Fuji, Founder, Japan; Robert Coleman, USA; Soon-Beom Kang, Founding President, Korea; Joo-Hyun Nam, President, Korea; Toshiharu Kamura, Japan; Jonathan Ledermann, UK; Hee-Sug Ryu, President-Elect II, Korea; Ikuo Konishi, President-Elect, Japan; and Seung-Jo Kim, Korea).
The 5th Biennial Meeting of
Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology

Nov.30 (Thu.) - Dec.2 (Sat.), 2017
Venue: Otemachi Sankel Plaza (Tokyo)

http://asgo2017tokyo.umin.jp/

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Daisuke Aoki, M.D., Ph.D.

Organizing Secretary
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Professor
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The number of participating countries and areas has been constantly increasing, and at the last biennial meeting in Tokyo, participants came from 20 different countries and areas.
Both the number of participants, and the number of presentations have increased each time.
ASGO International Workshop

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ASGO International Workshop has been held in the year between the biennial meetings.
1st ASGO Workshop
July, 2010, Seoul, Korea
Chairperson: Prof. Soon-Beom Kang

2nd ASGO Workshop
September, 2012, Kyoto, Japan
Chairperson: Prof. Ikuo Konishi

1st International Workshop on Gynecologic Oncology
Supported by Seoul National University
Date: 31 July ~ 1 August 2010
Venue: Seoul National University Hospital, Seoul, Korea

Date: September 28 (Fri), 2012
Venue: Kyoto Tokyu Hotel, Kyoto, Japan

President of ASGO: Toshiharu Kamura (Japan)
President of the 2nd International Workshop:
Ikuo Konishi (Japan)

ASGO the 2nd International Workshop on Gynecologic Oncology

http://www.asiansgo.org
e-mail: office@asiansgo.org
3rd ASGO Workshop
August, 2014, Seoul, Korea
Chairperson: Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam

4th ASGO Workshop
November, 2016, Sendai, Japan
Chairperson: Prof. Nobuo Yaegashi
Official Journal
Thanks to the kind cooperation and support of KSGO, JGO has become the official Journal of ASGO. Professor Jae-Weon Kim has greatly contributed to the publishing of JGO, as an Editor in Chief for a long time, until now.
Many manuscripts have been submitted, not only from Asia, but from many other areas. Now JGO has become a world-wide journal.
The official impact factor of JGO has risen year by year. And, now JGO is more than 3. This score is higher than IJGC.
Global Relationship
ASGO has made an effort of building close ties with other global societies. Periodical business meetings have been held among sister-societies. Other than the business meeting, some time they provide special opportunities for ASGO.
IGCS2012 provided a special session where presidents of several global societies introduced their society.
In the third ASGO meeting, Presidents of IGCS, ESGO, and SGO were invited and discussed the agenda mentioned here.
Participation at 2\textsuperscript{nd} regional IGCS meeting in Bali (Apr 10-12, 2013)

ASGO supported 2\textsuperscript{nd} regional IGCS meeting in Bali, Indonesia, held by one of ASGO council, Dr. Mohamad Aziz.
Exhibition Booth of ASGO

IGCS2012, Vancouver, Canada

ESGO2013, Liverpool, UK

IGCS2014, Melbourne, Australia

Dear [Name],

On behalf of the organizing committee of Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO), I am very pleased and thank you for your kind support and interest to ASGO as always.

ASGO will participate in the 2014 IGCS as exhibitor, which will be held on 8-11 November, 2014 in MCEC (Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre), Melbourne, Australia. In the exhibition booth, we will promote ASGO membership and the 4th biennial meeting of ASGO. If you are planning to participate in 2014 IGCS, please visit our booth and get complimentary special items also more information of the 4th biennial meeting of ASGO and Seoul & Korea ASGO are waiting for you!
SOCIETY SESSION: ASIAN SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY (ASGO)

-ASIAN VIEWPOINTS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN GYNECOLOGIC CANCER
Chairs: T. Kamura (Japan); Chair: J.H. Nam (Korea)

PRO: Less aggressive surgery in early stage cervical cancer
   Speaker: S. Wilailak (Thailand)
CON: Less aggressive surgery in early stage cervical cancer
   Speaker: Jae Weon Kim (Korea)

PRO: Do we need lymphadenectomy in low-risk group endometrial cancer?
   Speaker: T.C. Chang (Taiwan)
CON: Do we need lymphadenectomy in low-risk group endometrial cancer?
   Speaker: N. Sakuragi (Japan)

In the ESGO 2013 meeting, President Nicoletta Colombo and the scientific committee of ESGO provided ASGO with a special session.
Supporting ASGO member societies
Malaysian Society of OB GYN
International Congress of OB-GYN
President:
Prof. Suresh Kumarasamy

Saturday, 1 June 2013   1100-1230

CS 7 Concurrent Symposia –
Gynaecological Oncology (ASGO)
Chairman: Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy
CS 7.1 Chemotherapy for Cervical Cancer
   Prof. Toshiharu Kamura
CS 7.2 A New Therapeutic Modality in Gynecologic Cancer: Oncothermia
   Prof. Seung-Cheol Kim
CS 7.3 Laparoscopic Surgery for Early Cervical Cancer
   Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam

Malaysian society of OBGYN provided ASGO with a special session in the 22nd Malaysian International Conference of OB-GYN in 2013. We sent three speakers to that conference. The President of the Malaysian Society is Professor Suresh Kumarasamy. He is a council member of ASGO.
Thai Gynecologic Cancer Society provided an ASGO session in the annual meeting.
Journal of Gynecologic Oncology (JGO) session

18 Nov 2017, Tainan, Taiwan

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In Taiwan, TAGO provide a special session for JGO last year.
ASGO Endorsed Symposium
International Symposium on Radical Hysterectomy was endorsed.
Future Plan

- To be financially strong
- To equip e-learning system in the website
- To assist member society to establish or improve an education system to train the next-generation of gynecologic oncologists and nurses, if requested
- To promote basic and clinical studies on gynecologic malignancies that are prevalent and ethnically specific in Asia
- To promote cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination
Future ASGO Meeting
Thai Gynecologic Cancer Society provided an ASGO session in the annual meeting.

5th ASGO Workshop
On Gynecologic Oncology

August 24th – 25th, 2018
Ajou University Hospital, Suwon, Korea
17th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society
In collaboration with the Japanese Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Uniting the Globe in the Fight Against Gynecologic Cancer

Kyoto, Japan
September 14-16, 2018
In conclusion

All the colleagues here, let’s make ASGO more powerful together.