

Dear colleagues and friends,

A new era in the life of Organization Gestosis is now upon us. In honoring Dr. E. T. Rippmann's memory, we have to uphold his legacy and to ensure the continuation of Organisation Gestosis. This is an exciting time, and at the last OG Conference in Pune, India, this past August, we have watched many internationally prominent speakers and a record number of participants coming together in an event of remarkable scientific level.

During the conference, a meeting of the OG Steering Committee was convened to address several administrative issues, including the future leadership of the organization. Professor Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran, president of FIGO and president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was kind enough to serve in an advisory capacity at the meeting. Dr Sanjay Gupte was proposed as the new Secretary General of the OG. Dr. Gupte is the president of FOGSI and Honorary Professor at the B J Medical College, Pune, India. The members of the Steering Committee present at the meeting cast their secret ballot, supporting in unanimity the proposal. Dr. Gupte has been actively involved with the OG for more than a decade and demonstrated outstanding commitment and a genuine interest to set a new foundation for OG as it continues to evolve as a prestigious professional forum and an enabling tool for international scientific collaboration and friendship.

It is important however that the entire steering committee be involved in this process and we would like to offer those members not present in Pune the opportunity to cast their ballot in the election of the new Secretary General by simply replying to this e-mail with a YES or NO vote. If you have particular recommendations, please send them to me. I would greatly appreciate your active cooperation and advice. Your e-mail reply will also indicate your kind acceptance to continue to serve on the OG Steering Committee. It is once again our honor and pleasure to invite you to be part of this committee and to ensure its success.

Over the next few months, the main activity for the Steering Committee will include:

- the formal nomination of the Secretary General of OG,
- the establishment of new functional and operative guidelines for the Steering Committee,
- the update of the OG website, working together with Professor Prince Avtandil Chkheidze and Professor Lorella Battini, whose key contributions and achievements in this enterprise are of paramount importance,
- focus on the preparation of the next OG World Congress to be held in Istanbul, Turkey. We are fortunate to have Professor **Ayse Kafkasli**, the President of the Turkish Association of Perinatal Medicine as the new President Elect of Organization Gestosis and the principal organizer of next year's 43rd World Congress on Pathophysiology of Pregnancy. Her leadership is greatly appreciated, and I hope you will inform your colleagues about this upcoming congress of great clinical interest.

With this message we are committing to necessary changes in Organization Gestosis. Kindly reply to this e-mail within 3 weeks and I look forward to your valuable input. As the new provisions are laid down and become reality, our renewed Organization Gestosis will be filled with life and will consolidate itself.

With warm personal regards,

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