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Message from the President

Dr. Dereje Negussie, President, ESOG

Esteemed members of ESOG and honorable partners,

It was indeed a pleasure meeting you all in Jimma during this year's annual conference. Though the turnout was not huge when compared with the number of our fulltime members, it was a successful annual conference by every standard. The annual meeting was started by including a half a day CME on "*Abortion Care and FP*" to get maximum number of participants from all parts of the country so as to enable members to accumulate credits for the renewal of their professional license.

There was a timely and wonderful panel discussion on '*Meeting the Needs of Post-MDG MNH Issues in Ethiopia: The Role of Scaling up Quality Obstetrics and Gynecology Trainings*" where three distinguished panelists presented followed by a lively discussion. . (Cont'd on Page 2)

CME Conducted in Jimma

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There were also 13 scientific presentations on important and timely topics. The conference was accompanied by special activities such as a visit to the new Specialized Referral Hospital of Jimma University, which added its own flavor to the event.

Testimonials given of the conference, Jimma focal chapter office and that of the University proved nothing but the success of the event.

I feel that it is important to conduct our annual conferences once in a while in regions so as to empower focal chapters and give members a chance to visit historical and tourist attraction sites and develop and maintain our partnership with Universities.

And finally, as I advance into my year of service as your president, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities the future will bring for us to advance the agenda of improving RH care in Ethiopia.

Enjoy reading your newsletter.

ESOG STAFF: At the time of establishment ESOG had three staff. After 23 years of long walk, now it has 32 staff; 7 administration, 15 project and 10 regional office staff. ESOG now is engaged in five projects. Members of ESOG also involve in consultancy and other project activities.

ESOG Held 23rd Annual Conference

Participants of the Conference

The 23rd annual conference of ESOG was held from February 9-10, 2015 in Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. The theme of the conference was '*Meeting the needs of Post-MDG MNH Issues in Ethiopia: The Role of Scaling up Quality Obstetrics and Gynecology Trainings*.'

Member Donating Blood

More than 150 members and partners participated in the conference.

The conference was officially opened by Dr. Wondimagegn Embiale, directorate director, Human Resource Development and Management at the Federal Ministry of Health. Dr. Dereje Negussie, president of ESOG made the presidential address and welcomed the participants.

Keynote addresses were made by representatives of Jimma University, CDC Ethiopia, UNICEF, AFOG and Center for International Reproductive Health training. This year's conference was also accompanied by blood donation by ESOG members and…

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Supporting Target Facilities in PMTCT

Supportive Supervisions Conducted from January through March

Basic PMTCT Training in progress

Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (ESOG) under its project "Expansion and Strengthening of the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) Services in Private Health Facilities in Ethiopia" is currently supporting 67 target facilities in seven regions of the country.

The project site support teams have conducted mentoring of all target facilities visiting each facility once in 1-1 ½ months to support onsite implementation of the services. Moreover, joint supportive supervision (with the regional health bureau) was conducted at Jigjiga, Harar, Dire Dawa and Addis Ababa.

To strengthen the site level documentation and reporting, sixty supported facilities were provided with computers to support implementation of the national electronic HMIS (e-HMIS) system. In addition; all our supported facilities are using the new mother baby cohort register for data capturing and follow up of all HIV+ mothers and their babies.

During the reporting period a newly prepared follow up and tracing log book for HIV positive mothers and HIV exposed infants was distributed to all supported facilities.

Two rounds of basic PMTCT trainings were conducted to a total of 52 participants from different private health facilities.

The project is implemented with funding from the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS), Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in accordance with the ESOG-CDC Cooperative Agreement.

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Jimma University Visit

a visit to Jimma Specialized Referral Hospital, Jimma Museum and Jimma Abba Jiffar's Palace as facilitated by ESOG itself along with Jimma University.

"I feel that it is important to conduct our annual conferences once in a while in regions so as to empower focal chapters and give members a chance to visit historical and tourist attraction sites and develop and maintain our partnership with Universities," said Dr. Dereje in his latest address to Society's Newsletter.

CME Conducted in Jimma

CME in progress

Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG) organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) on family planning and abortion care at Jimma University main campus senate hall on February 8, 2015. About 100 members have participated in the (CME). After Dr. Dereje Negussie, President of ESOG welcomed the participants, presentations on revised abortion guidelines, new developments of contraceptive technology, PPIUCD-Clinical aspects and Long Acting Methods of Family Planning were made by Dr. Yirgu G/Hiwot, Dr. Birhanu Sendek, Dr. Dereje Negussie and Judith Seline Simms-Cedan, respectively.

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Training Conducted *on Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence*

Training on *Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence* was conducted from March 25-27, 2015 in Addis Ababa. Attendees were 27 health care providers: nurses, midwives, general practitioners, emergency surgical officers and obstetricians and gynecologists from 23 public hospitals.

The Sexual Assault Clinical Outreach Project is funded by the Royal Netherlands Embassy through UNFPA. It is in the last year of the second phase of the project.

Training in Progress