



## Members Newsletter

June 2024

Dear Members,

It's been another busy period for FIGO HQ. At the end of May, I attended the World Health Assembly alongside FIGO President Kihara Anne-Beatrice and Treasurer Shantha Kumari. It was an intense and busy week, and a really worthwhile one. We took a very focussed approach to our participation this year, honing our relationships with WHO and global partners as we reflect on our partnerships and seek new ways to collaborate as champions of the health and rights of women, girls and newborns.

As a Non-State Actor in official relations with WHO, FIGO is permitted to engage in the formal proceedings of the Assembly by submitting statements on agenda items, either individually or as part of wider collaborative groups (referred to in WHA as constituencies). This year we worked with constituency groups to add our voice to strong collaborative statements on a range of health-related topics including climate change and pandemic preparedness. These collaborative statements were reinforced by the group advocacy each constituency engages in before the Assembly.

Our largest effort went to working with partners before and during the event to support the adoption of the crucial [resolution to reduce maternal, newborn and child mortality](#). This vital agreement will drive WHO and member state policy in this area over the coming years. Its passage through the Assembly was not guaranteed, so we shared the relief of WHO colleagues and our partner organisations when it was finally confirmed on 1st June.

[Learn more](#) about our FIGO's involvement in this year's World Health Assembly.

**Frances Longley**  
FIGO CEO

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## Members survey – initial outcomes

We are pleased to share an initial snapshot of the results for the members survey, launched earlier this year, and the next steps for our membership review. Our analysis of survey responses helped us to identify some emerging trends and patterns that we are keen to explore further. We will be in touch again soon to delve into key areas including peer learning, knowledge sharing, formal education and membership services.



[Read more](#)

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## Helping Mothers and Babies Survive – resource library

Laerdal Global Health has launched an updated resource library for Helping Mothers and Babies Survive, the online home of training programmes focused on maternal and newborn health. These include maternal programmes led by Jhpiego – in collaboration with FIGO and partners – aimed at reducing the impact of PPH in under-resourced settings. The updated library makes it easier to find, view and download resources for high-quality support in managing births in English, French and Spanish.



[Visit the library](#)

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## FIGO position statement on the prohibition of induction of fetal asystole for legal abortions in Brazil

FIGO has published a position statement in response to the recent resolution issued by the Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine that prohibits the induction of fetal asystole for legally induced abortions in Brazil.



[Read the statement](#)

## New IJGO supplement on increasing cervical cancer screening

The International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics (IJGO) has published guidance from ACCESS Consensus Group on increasing cervical cancer screening among women who are underscreened for high-income countries with organized cervical cancer screening programs.



[Read the supplement](#)