

GeNeEvent - FetalMed2016



FetalMed 2016, the Annual Congress of the Society of Fetal Medicine, was held at Kolkata from 9th-11th September, 2016. The event was attended by delegates from all over India and from many countries across the globe including the USA, UK, France, Thailand, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Australia. The event was co-hosted by the Bengal Obstetrics and Gynecological Society. It included one day of workshops and two days of conventional symposia. The workshops were crafted to encourage audience participation and specifically address queries raised by delegates. The event included live and video case-based workshops on Diagnostic & Therapeutic Procedures in Fetal Medicine, Techniques and Protocols in Anomalies Scans, Doppler in Obstetrics and Optimal Evaluation of Common Genetic Disorders. There was also a 3D/4D Hands-on simulator workshop in Fetal Cardiac Evaluation. The workshops were well received and the relatively small size of each workshop was greatly appreciated by the delegates. The second Video Workshop and Certificate Course of the Nuchal Translucency Quality Control Program was

also held during the event. The content in the main symposium was based on the Conference theme "Fetal Healthcare: From Research to Protocols" and included What is New in Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment, Fetal Cardiology, Fetal Neurology, Fetal Urology, Fetal Face and Palate, Growth Restriction, Placental Dysfunction, Perinatal Autopsy and Clinical Sonoembryology. Extensive case based Panel Discussions were greatly appreciated by the attendees. The event saw continuing efforts of the Society to enhance the audiovisual learning experience including tiny pixel LED projection screens. The conference also brought to light the fact that the interest in genetic disorders and genetic testing is being increasingly felt by the fetal medicine specialists. The scientific program included stress on genetics knowledge and genetic disorders and the talks by medical geneticists were well appreciated by the participants. Such academic meetings which help to create closer collaborations between clinical geneticists and fetal medicine specialists are likely to greatly improve the quality of patient care.

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