

FIGO Working Group on Pelvic Floor Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

On January 26-28, 2012 the members of the FIGO Working Group on Pelvic Floor Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery met in Rome. The Working Group was founded during the FIGO Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2006 with the acceptance of FIGO Executive Board.

At present there are more than 100 international and national societies and foundations that participate in the proposals of development of this multidisciplinary area of medicine. That is why the members of the FIGO Working Group are international opinion leaders independently of the society they belong to and whose fundamental objective is to offer FIGO proposals and opinions validated by the meta-analysis of international bibliography through the recommendation criteria that arise from the evidence to which the agreed experience of its participants is added.

From the beginning three initial subgroups were programmed:

Subgroup 1 – “Educational Program on Pelvic Floor Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery”

Subgroup 2 – Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Classification

Subgroup 3 – Pelvic Organ Prolapse Surgery in Women

These subgroups are in charge of designing proposals oriented towards physicians who are in postgraduate training (residences or other modalities). In second place, to give adequate information that would allow the obstetrician and gynecologist have access to necessary and updated knowledge of this area for their daily practice.

Finally, to emphasize on the educational objectives proposed by the devoted professionals in this area.

Upon these bases “The FIGO guidelines for training residents and fellows in Urogynecology, female urology, and female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery” were published in 2009 in the International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics” and an Action Plan was developed whose results were presented and agreed in the meeting that the FIGO Working Group had in January 26-28, 2012 in Rome at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Policlinico Universitario “Agostino Gemelli” thanks to the support given by Professor Giovanni Scambia and Professor Mauro Cervigni. In this last meeting the outcomes of the development of the different subgroups were defined and agreed. These outcomes will be presented in at the FIGO Congress that will be held in Rome on October 7 – 12, 2012.

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