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Candidates for elected positions in the Society are recommended by the Nominating Committee, which is composed of the Past President, President, President-Elect, two members of Council and three elected members at-large, one from each of the three global regions. The Committee met on March 13, 2010. Photos, biographical information, and candidate statements will be found below.

Officers

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Lynette A. Denny

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: South Africa



Present Position: Professor and Head, Department Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Cape Town/Groote Schuur Hospital; Full Member, Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, University of Cape Town; Co-Chair, FIGO Oncology Committee and appointed Chair from 2012; Secretary Treasurer, AORTIC 2003 to present; Chair, Task Force for UICC World Cancer Day, February 4, 2010 and Editor of Campaign Report

IGCS Activities: Member, Scientific Program Committee, 2000-present; presenter at all Biennial Meetings since 1995; Member, Education Committee 2004-2008; assisted in organizing two IGCS endorsed meetings in Sudan; host of three IGCS-funded Traveling Fellows

Comments: If I were elected to this position I would bring a developing country perspective to the early detection, treatment and management of gynaecological malignancies. I would consider increasing access for health care practitioners in developing countries to up-to-date technology, information and skills, a priority. I believe that developing countries also have a lot to share with industrialized countries and that promoting cross-fertilization of ideas and vision would be mutually beneficial.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Vesna Kesic

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Serbia



Present Position: Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, University of Belgrade; Institute of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade; Member of Council, ESGO; Chair, Education Committee, ESGO; Member, Serbian Academy for Medical Sciences; Serbian Ministry of Health Advisor for Cervical Cancer Prevention; President, Serbian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (2003-2007)

IGCS Activities: Member since 1991; Member of Council, 2006-2010; Member Education Committee, 2004-2006; Chair, Membership Committee, 2006-2008; Chair, Workshop and Endorsed Meetings Subcommittee, 2007-2010

Comments: It is a great honor to be considered a candidate for a President-Elect of IGCS. In this highly important mission, the leaders of the Society in the past have done so much, that continuing such a trend would be extremely difficult. Thinking about the contribution I might make, I see it as an approach that will target the developing regions of the world where the majority of cancer patients are suffering.

The current challenge of gynecologic oncology is not only in developing new technology and science to treat cancer. Our challenge as an international society should be to work out different strategies for the countries where fewer resources and

different cultural backgrounds are present. In many countries where women have poor access to health services or inadequate care, help in optimizing therapy while minimizing costs would be an ultimate goal of our Society.

The future of gynecologic oncology is based on international collaboration. We need to strengthen international relationships, share the latest clinical technological and scientific achievements, enhance inter-group collaboration for clinical trials and translational research, and provide education and training for developing regions.

Along with maintaining high standards of professional care and increasing public awareness of gynecologic cancer, it is essential to increase awareness among medical professionals and decision making politicians about the role of gynecologic oncology as a sub-specialized, organized service; this should be an important part of IGCS activities in the future.



VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Zeyi Cao

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: China



Present Position: President of Chinese Society of Gynecologic Oncology; Professor and Vice Dean of Tsinghua University; Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology Center, Second Hospital, Tsinghua University

IGCS Activities: Member for over 20 years; invited speaker, Biennial Meetings; organizer of Chinese delegation to Biennial Meetings, 2004-present; established close relationship with IGCS and IJGC, founded and edited the Chinese edition of IJGC in China, 2005; organized Beijing, Shanghai International Conferences of Gynecologic Oncology, inviting specialists from IGCS; as the president of CSGO, organized Chinese young doctors Society of Gynecologic Oncology in 2009; Council Member of Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology

Comments: As a renowned gynecologic oncologist and president of the Chinese Society of Gynecologic Oncology, I have the responsibility to serve gynecologic cancer patients in China. I also have the responsibility to improve the clinical and academic level of training of Chinese doctors. I am eager to share all resources, from both our patients and our doctors, with the IGCS in order to accomplish my duty on an international scale. If I become Vice President of the IGCS, I will recruit more members for the Society and encourage more doctors to participate IGCS meetings. I would also like to contribute to IGCS by supporting all activities in clinical trials and other research projects. I believe that with all our efforts and support, IGCS will become an even more well respected worldwide authority.

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Seija Grénman

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Present Position: Head of Gynecologic Oncology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Turku University Hospital, Turku; Professor and Head of the Department from July 2010; Chair, Finnish Cancer Foundation; Chair, Nordic Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Executive Board Member, FIGO

IGCS Activities: Member of IGCS since 1993; attendee and presenter at IGCS Biennial Meetings; representative of NSGO at IGCS working groups and Gynecologic Cancer Intergroup meetings

Comments: Due to the efforts of a number of devoted gynaecologic oncologists, the IGCS has grown to be a global organization for fruitful collaboration and improvement of the diagnosis and treatment of female cancer. IGCS provides an excellent platform for creating international networks between societies as well as between individuals – the people behind the common projects. The work of this Society has shown the strength of international collaboration and sharing common aims in conducting large randomized trials and providing excellent scientific meetings.

I would be honoured to serve as Vice President of the IGCS and believe that my experience in national and international organizations



would help me in that task. I hope that as a FIGO Executive Board member I can serve as one of the links between IGCS and FIGO.

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Karl C. Podratz

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA



Present Position: Joseph and Barbara Ashkins Professor of Surgery; Mayo Clinic College of Medicine; Rochester, MN

IGCS Activities: Member of Council (2006-2010); Member, Scientific Program Committees; presented and chaired sessions at several meetings

Comments: I consider having been nominated as a candidate to serve in the role of IGCS Vice President an honor, and if elected, recognize the accompanying responsibilities entailed in facilitating the mission of the Society. While the vision of globally improving the science and management of cancers unique to women is challenging, the opportunities to enhance the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these cancers as well as the educational processes available for patients and providers are likewise now more approachable.

SECRETARY-TREASURER-ELECT

Dr. Adriana Bermudez

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Argentina



Present Position: Chair, Gynecologic Oncology Unit, Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, Buenos Aires University Hospital, Argentina; Co-Director, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship, Buenos Aires University Hospital, Argentina; Associate Member, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, USA; Member, Editorial Board, Gynecologic Oncology; Associate Investigator to EORTC Gynecologic Cancer Group

IGCS Activities: Member since 1997; Recipient IGCS Travelling Scholarship, 1997; Member International Scientific Committee, IGCS Biennial Meetings, 2000 to date; Member, Education Committee, 2002-2008; Council Member, 2002-2006; Member, Nominating Committee, 2002-2004; Chair, Educational Subcommittee for South America, 2004-2006; Newsletter Editor, 2004-2008; Senior Editor, IJGC, 2004 to date; Vice President, 2006-2008; Member, FIGO Cancer Committee representing IGCS, 2007 to date; Chair, IGCS Satellite Symposium, El Salvador, April 2008; Chair, IGCS Satellite Symposium, Argentina, July 2008; Chair, IGCS Satellite Symposium, Guatemala, August 2008; Chair, Precongress Symposium for Junior Gynecologic Oncologists, IGCS 12th Biennial Meeting, Bangkok, October 2008; Co-Chair, Visiting Professors Program for Central America and the Caribbean, 2009 to date

Comments: I live and work in Latin America where a large number of women are underserved in terms of primary medical attention. I have taught all over the region for a long time and am keenly aware of the problems faced by colleagues, especially juniors, to attend international meetings. Over the years, I had

the chance to play different roles in IGCS. If elected Secretary Treasurer, it is my intention to work hard, especially on education and awareness programs sponsored by IGCS all over the world.

SECRETARY-TREASURER-ELECT

Dr. Keiichi Fujiwara

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Japan



Present Position: Department of Gynecologic Oncology, Saitama Medical University International Medical Center; Principle Investigator, GOG Japan; Member, Board of Directors, JGOG

IGCS Activities: Member since 1995; Member, Finance Committee, 2004-2008; Editorial Board, International Journal of Gynecologic Cancer, 2002-2006; Senior Editor, IJGC, 2009- Present

Comments: It is my deep honor to be nominated as Secretary-Treasurer Elect. I have been working with the IGCS for years and have witnessed the great advancement of the Society. The activity and quality of the Society is becoming greater and greater, based both on the contributions of the leaders of the IGCS and those of its members. Two important missions of the IGCS are the development and distribution of cutting-edge knowledge and technology and help for women with gynecologic cancer in low resource countries. I have been involved in the former field, but now, I have just started a project to educate young gynecologic oncologists in developing countries. If I am elected Secretary-Treasurer, I will work closely with the President-Elect and the Administrative office, so that we can better fight against women's cancer worldwide.

SECRETARY-TREASURER-ELECT

Dr. Christian Marth

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Austria



Present Position: Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Innsbruck Medical University

IGCS Activities: Member since inception of IGCS, attended almost all Biennial Meetings of the IGCS

Comments: I am honoured to have been nominated as a candidate for Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The future of gynecologic oncology is based on international collaboration. The IGCS is the most important international organization that facilitates research and improves the prognosis of women with gynecological cancer. Promotion of IGCS activities is very important to enable achievement of its mission. The IGCS should strive to disseminate the latest clinical and scientific developments that will help improve the lives of women suffering with gynaecologic cancer throughout the world.

My personal background has included 25 years of activity in translational research and clinical gynecologic oncology. I have worked in academic institutions in Austria and Norway, and I am now the head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Innsbruck, Medical University. It would be a privilege for me to invest energy and passion into IGCS.

Council

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AFRICA/EUROPE/ MIDDLE EAST

Dr. Rose Ihuoma Anorlu

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Nigeria

Present Position: Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, College of Medicine, University of Lagos

IGCS Activities: Member since 2004; Invited speaker/presenter at 10th, 11th and 12th IGCS Biennial Meetings; Member of the Scientific Committee of 12th Biennial Meeting; Awardee, IGCS Travel Grant, 2006; Reviewer, IJG; Speaker, IGCS Endorsed Meeting, Khartoum, Sudan, 2010

Comments: I am honored to be nominated as Council Member for Europe, Africa and the Middle East. At present, IGCS membership in Africa is low; if I am elected I will work to increase it. This will indirectly improve the care of patients with gynaecologic cancer in Africa. I am involved in sub-speciality training in gynecologic oncology; harmonizing gynecologic oncology training in Africa and bringing it into alignment with developed world settings would also be a priority. I will help in organizing IGCS workshops in countries in Africa and the Middle East. I will use the platform of IGCS to encourage governments, particularly those in Africa, to take an interest in the prevention and treatment of gynecologic cancer. I will also work toward collaboration between Africa, the Middle East and the developed world in the study of gynecologic cancer.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AFRICA/EUROPE/ MIDDLE EAST

Dr. Amr El-Shalakany

Specialty: Gynecological Oncology

Country: Egypt

Present Position: Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology with Subspecialty in Gynecological Oncology, Ain Shams University Hospitals, Cairo; Founding member & Treasurer of the Egyptian Gynecological Cancer Society (EGCS)

IGCS Activities: Member since 1999; attended all meetings since 1999; organizer of last four annual meetings of the EGCS in collaboration with the IGCS in Cairo

Comments: It is an honour to be nominated for Council of the IGCS. Coming from the north of Africa and the heart of the Middle East, I believe that although developing countries account for the big chunk of the global female genital cancer burden, they are markedly under-represented in either international organisations or scientific communities. It is no wonder that education, training, organised cancer services and research input from these countries is so modest, if not non-existent. If elected I wish to promote networking between this part of the world (Africa and Middle East) and the IGCS. Attracting participation from these regions with more IGCS educational, training and research involvement is sorely needed. Tailored clinical guidelines that suit low-resource settings are also highly needed.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AFRICA/EUROPE/ MIDDLE EAST

Dr. Jalid Sehoul

Specialty: Gyn Oncology

Country: Germany

Present Position: Department of Gynecology, Charité University Hospital, Campus Virchow, Berlin

IGCS Activities: Member since 2008; participated in Biennial Meetings

Comments: I am honoured to be nominated as Council member, Gynecologic Oncology (Europe, Africa, Middle-East). I am a certified Gynaecologic Oncologist and currently Head of the European Competence Center for Ovarian Cancer and Vice-Director of the Department of Gynaecology of the University Hospital Charité in Berlin. For many years my special focus has been the management of advanced gynaecological malignancies, including both the surgical and systemic aspects, on a basis of clinical and preclinical research.

As investigator of numerous, internationally published, multicenter phase I-III trials and member of various national and international societies such as GCI, ESGO and ASCO, NOGGO, AGO and ENGOT, my constant ambition is to optimize the treatment options of women with advanced malignancies and contribute to the amelioration of the overall outcome.

As an IGCS Council member, my efforts would concentrate on the globalization of therapeutic modalities, especially in developing countries, so that all women receive optimal treatment regardless of their origin. I would enhance the administration of international, multicenter trials and surveys with participants from Europe, Africa and Middle-East in order to promote international collaboration, mutual encouragement and respect. Furthermore, I would like to accelerate the activities of IGCS regarding training and education. For many years I have been responsible for such activities in Germany and I have initiated various similar activities in Moldova, Poland, China and Japan for young physicians and researchers. I would be very pleased if I am able to increase my engagement under the umbrella of the IGCS. I believe that by concentrating our efforts on more globally orientated treatment, we would optimize international collaboration and minimize large therapeutic gaps.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AMERICAS

Dr. Ronald D. Alvarez

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA

Present Position: Professor and Director, The Division of Gynecologic Oncology, The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB); Co-chair of the GOG Protocol Development Committee; President Elect II, The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists

IGCS Activities: Member since 2002; 2006-2007 International Scientific Committee; Presenter and Attendee at Biennial IGCS Meetings

Comments: It is an honor to be considered as a nominee for the IGCS Council representing the Americas. The issues with respect



to delivering gynecologic cancer care worldwide are complex and ever evolving, particularly in the Americas. We must continue to work collaboratively to address these issues in a manner that helps all nations reduce the morbidity and mortality related to these diseases. I would hopefully provide leadership to the IGCS, particularly in my position as President Elect of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, to improve professional training, enhance translational and clinical research, and most importantly, to improve the opportunity for all women at risk or affected by gynecologic cancers worldwide to get the best possible care.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AMERICAS

Dr. Robert L. Coleman

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA

Present Position: Professor & Director of Clinical Research, Department of Gynecologic Oncology, University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas; Examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Board Member of the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation; Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Fellow of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society

IGCS Activities: Member since 2002; Scientific Program Committee Member 2008 and 2010 Biennial Meeting; Scientific Program Committee Chair, 2012 Biennial Meeting; Reviewer, International Journal of Gynecologic Cancer

Comments: It takes no stretch of the imagination to realize the global gynecologic oncology community is a much smaller and more tightly interconnected domain than it has ever been. With this comes great opportunity, responsibility and a unique perspective of our common venture to eradicate, treat and prevent gynecologic malignancies. The IGCS is a unique organization, which has consistently and fervently reached out to this community, engaging educators, clinicians, health care professionals, investigators and scientists in an effort to align their interests to reach our objectives. It was the alignment of the IGCS mission directives and my personal interests in international medicine that initially drew me to the Society. Since, I have been honored to participate and present at the IGCS Biennial Meetings and to serve on its 2008 and 2010 Program Committees. The fruit of these facilitated interactions has enabled international research collaborations in both translational and clinical investigation, including partnering for clinical trials. I am humbled to serve as the 2012 Program Chair for our President-Elect, Shingo Fujii, whom I met through the IGCS over a decade ago. It would be a privilege to continue and expand these efforts as your representative on Council.

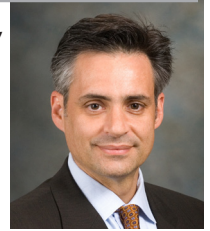
COUNCIL MEMBER, AMERICAS

Dr. Marie Plante

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Canada

Present Position: Associate Professor, Laval University, Quebec City; Head, Gynecologic Oncology Division, L'Hôtel-Dieu de



Québec; President, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC) (2008-2010); Co-Chair, Cervical Task Force, NCI (US)

IGCS Activities: Member since 1996; Reviewer, *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*; invited speaker, 11th Biennial IGCS Meeting, Santa Monica (2006); IGCS Traveling Scholarship Host

Comments: It is an honour to be nominated for a position on the IGCS Council. My main area of interest is in minimally invasive surgery and fertility-preservation in the management of early-stage cervical cancer. I am also involved in developing an international surgical trial looking at less radical surgery for very early-stage disease. IGCS would provide a unique platform to reach out to colleagues from emerging countries interested in those new surgical advances and in participating in international collaborative trials in cervical cancer. As President of GOC, I am closely involved with the preparation of the 2012 IGCS meeting in Vancouver, which will be a unique opportunity to strengthen the links between GOC and IGCS. Within GOC, I am involved in developing teaching programs and surgical modules to improve the care of women with cervical cancer in emerging countries. Those are areas where I can be useful as a member of Council.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, AMERICAS

Dr. Pedro T. Ramirez

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA

Present Position: University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

IGCS Activities: Member since 2004; IGCS Traveling Scholar Host

Comments: It is with great honor that I accept the nomination as Council Member. I intend to fully utilize the capacity of this position to further enhance the profile of the IGCS. As a leader in the field of gynecologic oncology and particularly minimally invasive surgery, I plan to continue to develop and solidify previously established ties with gynecologic oncologists from other regions of the world. This position will give me an opportunity to share details of innovative surgical approaches, novel therapeutics, and collaborative research that is ongoing in my own institution, regionally, and at the national level.

I have had the good fortune to work closely with a number of institutions in Asia, Europe, and South America. Through such interactions I have gained a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for the great potential we have as leaders in the treatment and research in women's cancer. The IGCS plays a vital role in engaging international leaders in collaborative efforts to improve the outcomes of women with gynecologic cancers. I am committed to devoting my time and energy to ensuring that we continue to expand the mission of the IGCS.

It is absolutely a pleasure to take on this responsibility and I look forward to working with the leadership of this society.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA, 2-YEAR TERM

Dr. Daisuke Aoki

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Japan

Present Position: Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine, Keio University, Tokyo; Executive Council Member of the Japan Society of Gynecologic Oncology; Council Member of the Japan Gynecologic Oncology Group (JGOG)

IGCS Activities: Member since 2000; Reviewer, *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*; Attended and presented at IGCS Biennial Meetings

Comments: It is a great honor to be nominated for a position on the Council of the IGCS. Through its Biennial Meeting and the Journal, the IGCS is in the most suitable position among worldwide organizations to improve global standards of care for patients with gynecologic cancer. Currently, I am an Executive Council Member of the Japan Society of Gynecologic Oncology and also a Council Member of the Japan Gynecologic Oncology Group. In these organizations, international collaboration is advocated and promoted to optimize management of women's cancers, and this has contributed to the improvement of standards of care, as seen in western countries. If elected, I would like to contribute to the harmonization of the activities of clinical and scientific research internationally and to promote educational exchange worldwide through the network that has been developed by the IGCS over the last two decades. I strongly believe that the IGCS is the organization most able to create a greater network covering the world over, and that it can contribute to a better quality of life for women suffering from gynecologic cancers.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA, 2-YEAR TERM

Dr. K. Uma Devi

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: India

Present Position: Professor, Division of Gynaecologic Oncology, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore; Hon. Secretary General, Association of Gynaecologic Oncologists of India (AGOI); Council Member, Asian Society of Gynaecologic Oncology (ASGO)

IGCS Activities: Active participant at almost all Biennial Meetings; reviewer and former Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*; Member, Scientific Program Committee, Bangkok 2008; invited speaker, Santa Monica 2006, Bangkok 2008 and Prague, 2010; Editor, *Atlas of Gynaecological Cancer Surgery* (dedicated to IGCS)

Comments: The IGCS has played a significant role in bringing together gynaecologic oncology organizations across the world. The IGCS has developed a programme of education, training, innovation in therapy and a multidisciplinary approach to the management of gynaecologic cancer. The IGCS Travel Grants awarded to members from developing countries to assist in their participation



in Biennial Meetings has helped many young oncologists to learn the practice of gynaecologic oncology from their mentors. These meetings are a great opportunity for young clinicians to meet informally with many of the recognized experts in the field and to seek advice on specific clinical and research issues. These trainees are using their clinical acumen in their countries to reduce the incidence of and mortality from cancer. Indeed, I have had the privilege to experience the camaraderie at IGCS meetings for more than a decade, and have on many occasions, collaborated with IGCS to organize seminars on "Development of Gynaecologic Oncology in Developing Countries."

To serve as an IGCS Council Member would undoubtedly be an honor. It is not simply a fascination, but a commitment towards a strategy for international collaboration in the promotion of education and training and research in gynaecologic oncology. I gratefully acknowledge the support of the IGCS Council in my nomination. I pledge to use the position to continue to foster the global goals of the IGCS and to improve the lives of women suffering from gynaecologic cancer.

COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY, ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA, 4-YEAR TERM

Dr. Joo-Hyun Nam

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Korea

Present Position: Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Asan Medical Center, Seoul

IGCS Activities: Member since 1995; Treasurer, 9th Biennial Meeting 2002 in Seoul; Member, Nominating Committee, 2008-2010; attended and presented papers at many Biennial Meetings since 1993

Comments: It is my great honor and privilege to be nominated as Council Member, Gynecologic Oncology Asia/Australia/Oceania, for a 4-year term. I have been a Member and strong supporter of IGCS for a long time and a Member of the Nominating Committee for the last 2 years. I was a Treasurer of the 9th Biennial Meeting of IGCS 2002 in Seoul and a Chair of Gynecologic Oncology Committee of Asia Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (AFOG). My experiences serving in various positions have provided me with the necessary background to accomplish my role in the IGCS.

The role of the IGCS as an international multidisciplinary organization is to improve standards of care for gynecologic cancer patients and to promote scientific education and international collaboration in clinical and basic research. The IGCS should contribute to developing new and better treatments and improving the quality of life for women with gynecologic cancers. In particular, it is important for the IGCS to be involved in educational programs for young gynecologists in developing countries to promote the prevention and early detection of gynecologic cancers. I know that the IGCS has tried to accomplish these missions so far; however, we need to continue to make more efforts in stimulating education and improving the quality of care, prevention and treatment resources for women in developing countries. I will contribute my passion and enthusiasm to the realization of the goals and missions of the IGCS.



**COUNCIL, GYN ONCOLOGY,
ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA,
4-YEAR TERM**

Dr. Andreas Obermair

Specialty: Gyn Oncology

Country: Australia



Present Position: Gynaecological Oncologist, Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer; Professor, Gynaecological Oncology, University of Queensland, Brisbane; dedicated researcher concentrating on innovative clinical trials and genetics; involved in research collaborations with national and international institutions

IGCS Activities: Member since 1996; Member, Nominating Committee 2006-2008; Member, Education Committee; Senior Editor, *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*, 2008-present

Comments: I am much honored to be nominated for the IGCS Council and would welcome the opportunity to represent Australasia to work for the goals of IGCS. Born European and living in Australia, I feel very much a global citizen. As Australasian resources and technologies expand, we are able to contribute to the advancement of research, prevention and treatment of gynaecological cancer worldwide. I'd be delighted to offer my experience and my international network to put research outcomes into local context for the benefit of women affected by gynaecological cancer.

**COUNCIL,
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY**

Dr. Jonathan Ledermann

Specialty: Medical Oncology

Country: UK



Present Position: Professor of Medical Oncology, UCL Cancer Institute, University College London; Consultant in medical oncology, UCL Hospitals; Director, Cancer Research UK and UCL Cancer Trials Centre, London; Member, Executive Board, GCIg

IGCS Activities: Member since 1995; participated and presented at Biennial Meetings; Reviewer, *International Journal of Gynecologic Cancer*

Comments: I specialize in the treatment of gynaecological cancers, working in a multidisciplinary oncology and surgical team within a large cancer centre. My key academic objectives are to promote all phases of clinical research, international trial collaboration and education. I have extensive experience in clinical trials, and as Director of one of the National Cancer Trials Centres in the UK, I also have knowledge of protocol development, trial conduct and clinical trial regulations. I am Chair of the National Cancer Research Institute's Gynaecological Cancer Studies Group in the UK, which has major responsibility for the development of clinical research in gynaecological cancers, and I have worked for many years in the GCIg, where I am a member of the Executive Board. If elected to Council I would work to extend access to clinical trials more widely through international groups, to promote education about systemic cancer therapies, and take on responsibilities within the IGCS to help achieve its goals.

**COUNCIL,
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY**

Dr. Claire F. Verschraegen

Specialty: Medical Oncology

Country: USA



Present Position: Professor of Medicine and Director of Translational Therapeutics, University of New Mexico Cancer Center, Albuquerque, NM; ASCO Scientific Committee, Gynecologic Track (2009 Track Leader), 2009 Oral Session Chair (2008-2010); NCI Cervical Cancer Task Force Member (SWOG and CCOP representative) 2007-present; SWOG Gynecological Cancer Working Group 2007-present; GOG Cervix Committee 2003-present; CTSU Advisory Panel Member 2007-2010; GOG Rare Tumor Committee 2007-2009;

IGCS Activities: Member since 1995; IGCS Education Committee 2002-2007; IGCS International Scientific Review Committee 2001-2002

Comments: The IGCS is a truly multidisciplinary society, where the goal of each member is to promote the health of women affected by dreadful cancers worldwide by raising gynecological management standards and educating physicians and health workers globally. It has been my privilege to serve the Society in the past and a great honor to have been nominated for the Council. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge of the management of rare gynecological cancers and to promoting new drug development and therapeutic strategies for ovarian, cervical and endometrial cancers. With my expertise, I am looking forward to participating in the development of the IGCS as a beacon of light that makes strides against the devastation brought by gynecological cancers. Over the last 15 years, I have had the pleasure of mentoring many international young gynecologists and physicians interested in women's health, who have now joined the Society. Being trained both in Europe and in the United States, I have a world perspective that will promote communication and cooperation among all parts of the gynecologic oncology world.

Standing Committees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Allan L. Covens

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Canada



Present Position: Professor of Ob/Gyn, University of Toronto; Head, Gyn Oncology, Sunnybrook Hospital; Director, Gyn Fellowship Program, University of Toronto; Chair, Gyn Oncology, Co-Chair, Gyn Oncology Exam Committee, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Co-Chair, Rare Tumour Committee, Member, GTN, Protocol Development and Operations Committees, GOG

IGCS Activities: Member for over 20 years, attended most Biennial Meetings; speaker at IGCS Endorsed Meeting in Jordan, 2008; Reviewer, IJGC

Comments: I have been practicing gynecologic oncology for over 20 years and have been a member of the IGCS since the early 1990's. I am familiar and well known to hundreds of physicians caring for gynecologic oncology patients, and have been involved in clinical trials, research, and practice guidelines in many differ-

ent formats. I have a good understanding of international issues, having trained many international fellows, and participated in meetings, talks, and surgeries on five continents.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Wui-Jin Koh

Specialty: Radiation Oncology

Country: United States



Present Position: Professor and Medical Director for Radiation Oncology, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; Co-chair, Cervix and Vulvar Cancer Committee, GOG; Co-chair, NCCN Cervical/Uterine Cancer Guidelines Panel

IGCS Activities: Member since 2003; attended and presented at various IGCS meetings since Fukuoka, 1997; invited speaker at IGCS sponsored symposia in Kyoto 2005 and Ankara 2008; IGCS Council Member, 2004-2008; Chair, Scientific Program Committee, IGCS-12, Bangkok, 2008

Comments: The IGCS is the premier global, multidisciplinary and voluntary organization dedicated to the education and training of health care providers involved in gynecologic cancer worldwide. The unique forum and opportunities it provides for the sharing of knowledge, technology and experience has inspired and motivated my involvement. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have participated in various IGCS activities over the years, and I fully intend to remain an active member and contributor to the mission of the Society.

Stewardship of the financial affairs of the IGCS is a critical responsibility, as the organization prioritizes its resources to best benefit its members and provide ongoing and new educational opportunities to regions of greatest need. It is an honor to have been nominated for this position, and I look forward to using my international perspective and collaborative experience in service on this committee.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
AFRICA/EUROPE/
MIDDLE EAST**

Dr. Frederic Kridelka

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Belgium



Present Position: Service de Gynécologie-Obstétrique, Gynécologie-Oncologique, CHU de Liège - Site Notre Dame des Bruyères

IGCS Activities: Member since 1995; participated in numerous Biennial Meetings

Comments: Since 1998, after a 3 year-training in gynecological oncology under the Australian College of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Gynecological Oncology Subdivision, I have been in charge of the multidisciplinary treatment of gynecological pelvic malignancies at the University of Liège in Belgium. Today, our Center is considered one of the leading Belgian units in gynecological oncology and participates in international translational research as well as clinical phase 1 to 3 research protocols. More recently, I completed a 3 year presidency of

the OncoGF Group (Oncologie Gynécologie Francophone). Through these activities, I worked, together with other Belgian colleagues, at establishing specific criteria for gynecological oncology as a subspecialty at a national level. The promotion of high quality training for future gynecological oncologists, in recognized centers dedicated to multidisciplinary clinical practice and research, was our priority. In parallel, I participate at a national and an international level at producing consensus guidelines for the treatment of pelvic malignancies to ensure harmonization of our practice.

Today, I wish to share this recent experience at an international level as a member of the IGCS Nominating Committee with the aim of promoting our international Society through quality of care for our patients and research in the field of gynecological oncology.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
AFRICA/EUROPE/
MIDDLE EAST**

Dr. Lukas Rob

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Czech Republic

Present Position: Head of Department Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Charles University Prague; 2nd Medical Faculty, Head of Oncogynecology Center, University Hospital Motol

IGCS Activities: Member since 2005; Member, Finance Committee, 2006-2010; Chair, Local Organizing Committee, 13th Biennial Meeting, Prague, 2010

Comments: The International Gynecologic Cancer Society is today the most important and prestigious organisation contributing to the advancement in prevention, therapy and study of gynaecological cancer. Personally, it is a great honour to work for the benefit of IGCS and to help in its further development. I hope that the congress to be held in Prague this autumn, which we have the honour of organising, will be another turning point in the advancement of IGCS. My nomination to the Nominating Committee is a great privilege, and if I succeed in the election and obtain the position, it will be my aspiration to work as well as possible and to support IGCS missions with the utmost correctness.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
AMERICAS**

Dr. Andrew Berchuck

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA

Present Position: Director, Duke University Division of Gynecologic Oncology, American Cancer Society Research Professor

IGCS Activities: IGCS member for 20 years; oral presentations at three IGCS Biennial Meetings; Reviewer, *International Journal of Gynecologic Cancer*

Comments: I am honored to be considered for a position on the IGCS Nominating Committee. Since finishing training at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, I have worked as a clinician-scientist at Duke University. I have held several leadership positions in the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO) that prepare me



well to serve on the IGCS Nominating Committee. I was President of SGO in 2008 and was head of the SGO Nominating Committee in 2009. During my tenure we began a process of reaching out to all colleagues who care for women with gynecologic cancers. One manifestation of this theme was the creation of a new membership category for international members, an action approved in 2010. This initiative reflects the growing realization that the vision and scope of our discipline will be increasingly global in the 21st Century.

The IGCS has the opportunity to increasingly be a worldwide leader in the field, but its success will be dependent on identifying energetic and effective leaders. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I would strive to insure that IGCS selects leaders from diverse backgrounds and regions of the world who are dedicated to advancing health care and research that will reduce mortality from women's cancers.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
AMERICAS**

Dr. Adnan Munkarah

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: USA

Present Position: Chairman, Department of Women's Health Henry Ford Health System; Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wayne State University

IGCS Activities: Member since 2005; Education Committee 2008; attendance at Biennial Meetings; speaker at IGCS Endorsed Meeting, Lebanon, 2008

Comments: I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. I strongly believe in the mission of IGCS and have worked in the past few years to serve that mission. I have coordinated educational programs on behalf of IGCS and served as a speaker in a number of scientific symposia in the Middle East. I have lobbied to increase membership and encouraged physicians interested in the field of gynecologic oncology from different countries to become active members of the Society. My experience on committees of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists has strengthened my belief in the importance of international collaboration. I am committed to working hard for the Society and the cause of our patients with gynecologic cancers.



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA**

Dr. Junzo Kigawa

Specialty: Gynecologic Oncology

Country: Japan

Present Position: Professor and Chairman, Tottori University Hospital Cancer Center Department of Gynecologic Oncology, Yonago

IGCS Activities: Member since 2005; Presentations at Biennial Meetings; Reviewer for IJGC

Comments: It is my honor to be nominated for the Nominating Committee, Asia/ Australia/ Oceania. The International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) is a very important organization

for patients with gynecologic cancer. The IGCS contributes to the prevention, treatment and study of gynecologic cancer, as well as improvement in the quality of life among women suffering from gynecologic cancer throughout the world. IGCS Committees provide new knowledge and resources to support the IGCS mission.

The Nominating Committee ensures that candidates provide the widest geographic and specialty representation as well as gender balance. The role of the Nominating Committee is very important. I think that global collaboration is necessary and that Asia/Australia/ Oceania should occupy an important position in the future. I have participated in GOG and GCIG as an active investigator. I would like to contribute to IGCS as a member of Nominating Committee.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE,
ASIA/AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA**

Dr. Hee-Sug Ryu

Specialty: Gynecologic oncology

Country: Korea

Present Position: Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ajou University School of Medicine, Suwon; Council member, Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology, Council member, Korean Cancer Association; Council Member, Korean Society of Gynecologic Oncology & Colposcopy; Vice President, Korean Gynecologic Oncology Group; Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Gynecologic Oncology*

IGCS Activities: Member since 1999; attended and presented at the Biennial IGCS Meetings since 1999; Program Committee Member, 9th Biennial Meeting Seoul 2002; invited speaker, 12th Biennial Meeting, Bangkok 2008

Comments: It is an honor to be nominated for a position on the Nominating Committee of the IGCS. I have practiced in the gynecologic oncology field for the last 25 years. Recently, I have served in our professional discipline not only in several domestic scientific posts in Korea, but also in some international posts such as an Editorial Board Member of Gynecologic Oncology and *Journal of Gynecologic Oncology* (Editor-in-Chief). I would like to expand my involvement and experience in the IGCS. I believe that it is time for new and creative ideas to manage the new challenges that our society is facing. I believe that we need a Nominating Committee Member who has experience with responsibility, especially representing the Asia/Australia/Oceania region. I hope to bring those facets to the Committee and, equally important, I am passionate about properly representing our members of this region. I hope you will support my candidacy.

