WATOG was founded on the 7th October 2012 by 51 trainee representatives of 73 countries including ENTOG member countries in Europe. The collaboration with ENTOG has been reinforced in 2016 when WATOG Officers participated at the annual ENTOG Council meeting in Turin, Italy and started to work on an official MoU between the two Associations. Magalie Barbier and Amélie Lourtie represented WATOG at this year’s ENTOG meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

WATOG SURVEYS

WATOG and ENTOG conducted their first collaborative survey in 2016 on the status of ultrasound training of OB/GYN trainees across Europe. The survey was distributed to 31 national trainee societies and the response rate was 87% (n=27). We found a tendency towards a linear correlation between the number of expected ultrasound skills and the trainee satisfaction. Additionally, there was a trend towards a reverse correlation between the number of difficulties and the satisfaction. Our results suggest that trainees are more satisfied when requirements are higher and they have easy access to well-organized ultrasound training.

This survey pointed out that the quality of training in ultrasound during postgraduate training is inadequate in many European countries. Satisfaction surveys reveal trainees’ opinion and provide useful feed-back for specialist societies or ministries of health who organize postgraduate training and define its curriculum. Results of this survey were presented to FIGO and ISUOG Officers and a short article has been submitted to the UOG Journal in May 2017.

**This year WATOG launches a worldwide satisfaction survey on the OB/GYN ultrasound training. It takes approx. 10 minutes to complete.**

www.watog.org/survey.php

2017 WORLD SURVEY ON ULTRASOUND TRAINING

The more trainees reply the more reliable the statistics will be. We encourage you to disseminate the new survey among your trainee colleagues so as to increase the sensibility. If you wish to translate the survey to your language we can send you an editable link and then post the translated version on our website.

If you need help to disseminate the survey, because of lack of time, don’t hesitate to ask the help of our assistants at executive@watog.org. If you provide them with a mailing list of trainees they can regularly relaunch the call.

Please, note that the survey closes the **31st of July** and a first presentation on the global results will be held at the ISUOG World Congress in Vienna in September 2017.

WATOG-FMF

WATOG has started a dialogue about future collaboration with Professor Nicolaides and the Fetal Medecine Foundation in May 2017. The FMF has introduced a process of comprehensive training, support and audit for the proper implementation of many aspects of Ultrasound and Fetal Medicine across the world.

WATOG proposes to act as intermediary between the FMF and WATOG Member Countries on national and regional level to more widely promote FMF projects, campaigns and educational tools.
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WATOG- ISUOG

The International Society of Ultrasound in OB/GYN (ISUOG) members are currently working on a global trainee curriculum for ultrasound training. WATOG and ISUOG collaboration started in September 2016 when the results of the first survey were presented to ISUOG Board members. The collaboration has been officialised by a MoU April 2017 and includes the following areas:

2 YEARS LONG FREE TRAINEE ISUOG MEMBERSHIP

ISUOG member benefits include access to the journal UOG, reduced fees to ISUOG Courses and Congress, and online educational material (400+ online learning lectures, comprehensive learning modules, and Congress presentations on ISUOG On Demand). It also includes access to ISUOG’s Basic Learning tutorial which is a free ultrasound training program.

Although most of its members are OB/GYN specialists who are interested and involved in OB/GYN ultrasound, ISUOG proposes membership for trainees, as well. The special trainee membership is free of charge for 2 years and it is accessible for a reduced price for the 3rd trainee year. ISUOG cannot accept individual applications for the trainee membership, candidates must apply through ISUOG’s partners listed on their website. In April 2017 ISUOG agreed to accept applications from National Trainee Societies via WATOG. If your society is interested in setting up the application process you can contact us at: executive@watog.org

ISUOG WORLD CONGRESS, 2017 SEPTEMBER, VIENNA

WATOG will be present at the ISUOG World Congress:

- **ORAL PRESENTATION** of the 2017 worldwide survey on postgraduate ultrasound training
- **WORKSHOP** on the 16th September
- **2 CONGRESS HUBS** (short presentations by trainees about ultrasound training across the world and doctor-patient relation during ultrasound).

We are looking for volunteers who are planning to attend the congress and would like to participate at organizing these events. If you are interested you can contact us at: executive@watog.org

FIGO NUTRITION WORKING GROUP

WATOG has started collaboration with the FIGO Adolescent, Pre-conceptional and Maternal Nutrition (APMN) [http://figo.org/working-group-adolescent-pre-conception-and-maternal-nutrition](http://figo.org/working-group-adolescent-pre-conception-and-maternal-nutrition). More and more scientific evidences show the link between maternal health and long-term outcomes of the offspring. Obesity, diabetes, deficiencies in macro and micronutrients and consumption of toxins not only influence the pregnancy itself and the short-term neonatal period but they are also responsible for the growing prevalence of non-communicable diseases in adulthood. The main objective of the APMN working group is to raise awareness among OB/GYNs and their patients and to take measures to ensure the improvement of nutritional state of women worldwide. **The working group is looking forward to involving trainees and young OB/GYNs in its project.** If you are interested, you can contact us at: executive@watog.org

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