

The Global Library of Women's Medicine presented at the World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics

At the *XIX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics*, held in Cape Town, South Africa, 4th–9th October 2009, *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* was exhibited and introduced to gynecologists from many different countries. The response was very positive and productive – and significant new areas for enhancement and development were suggested and proposed. As Editor-in-Chief, Professor John J. Sciarra, commented “*The Global Library of Women's Medicine* has been created to contribute to women's healthcare around the world – so it is particularly helpful and gratifying to be able to introduce it to medical professionals from so many different countries and also to learn from them how it can be further developed to meet their needs”.



The International Convention Centre at Cape Town where the FIGO Congress was held

As part of the presentation, *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* gave away free copies of the special textbook that it features – *A Textbook of Postpartum Hemorrhage* – to nearly 4,000 delegates. It was much sought after by delegates and seemed genuinely appreciated. Some, who were already familiar with the book, kindly made comments and suggestions about it which will be taken into account as a major new edition of it is planned next year. Indeed, it became apparent from many comments received that the incidence of postpartum hemorrhage may be even greater in some parts of the world than is generally assumed and that improved education and techniques for managing this condition can really help to save lives.



Professor John Sciarra presented *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* to many of the congress delegates

Overall, the extent and coverage of *The Global Library of Women's Medicine's* 442 expert chapters and their easy access and use seemed to be much appreciated. In addition some of the other new features – such as the atlases on ultrasound and laparoscopy drew considerable attention. And the new expert guidance to fistula surgery techniques attracted special interest from delegates in countries where the condition is notably prevalent.

During the Congress a special dinner was also held for the Editorial Board members and other key contributors, where many aspects of the whole editorial process were discussed. Professor Sciarra paid a special tribute to the editors and contributors – some 750 or so in total – all of whom had given their contributions to the program entirely free. “It is thanks to their generosity”, he emphasised “that *The Global Library of Women's Medicine* has become a reality”.



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