

IGCS



INTERNATIONAL
GYNECOLOGIC
CANCER SOCIETY

Uniting the Globe in the Fight Against Gynecologic Cancer

www.igcs.org

Kathleen M. Schmeler, MD

Associate Professor

Department of Gynecologic Oncology

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Houston, Texas USA

**Training & Mentoring Committee Chair
International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS)**

IGCS

- **Society founded in 1985**
- **Mission: To enhance the care of women with gynecologic cancer worldwide through education, training, and public awareness**
- **~2,200 members from >80 countries**

IGCS

Leadership:

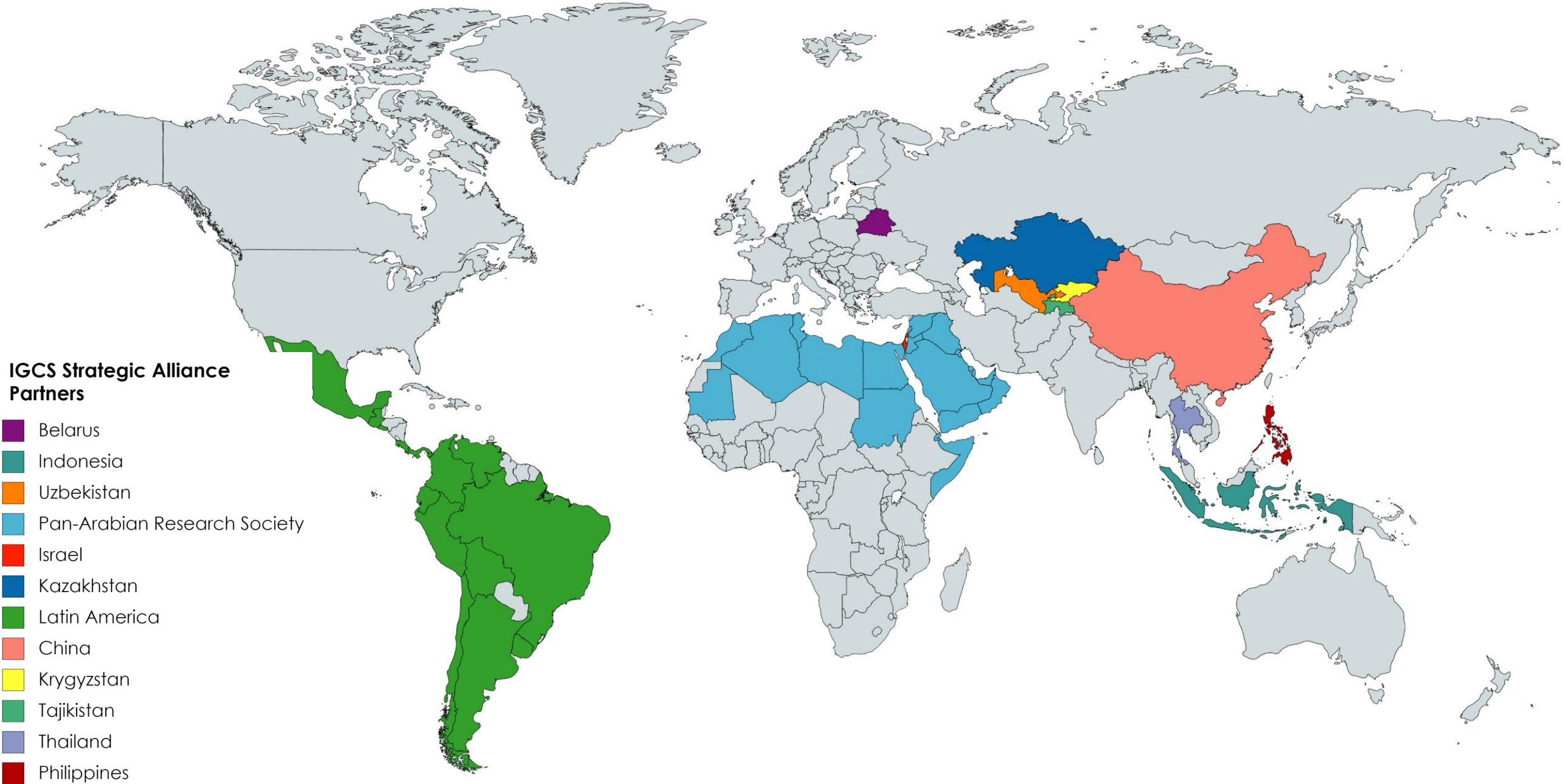
- **President - Dr. Michael Quinn (Australia)**
- **President elect – Dr. Roberto Angioli (Italy)**
- **CEO – Mary Eiken (USA)**
- **15 council members (different regions)**
- **Education Committee – Ritu Salani**
- **Training & Mentoring Committee – K. Schmeler**
 - **>30 members; >15 countries**



IGCS – Strategic Alliance

- **Started in March, 2017**
- **Formed alliances with Regional Societies and groups whose mission and objectives are aligned with the IGCS**
- **These partnerships bring together the leaders and members of related organizations allowing for better collaboration to address Gynecologic Oncology challenges globally**
 - **Regional Societies/Groups (Belarus, Kazakhstan, Latin America, Thailand, Israel, China, Thailand, Philippines)**
 - **PARSGO**
 - **ISGyP (Pathology) and ISSTD (Trophoblastic Disease)**

IGCS – Strategic Alliance Members



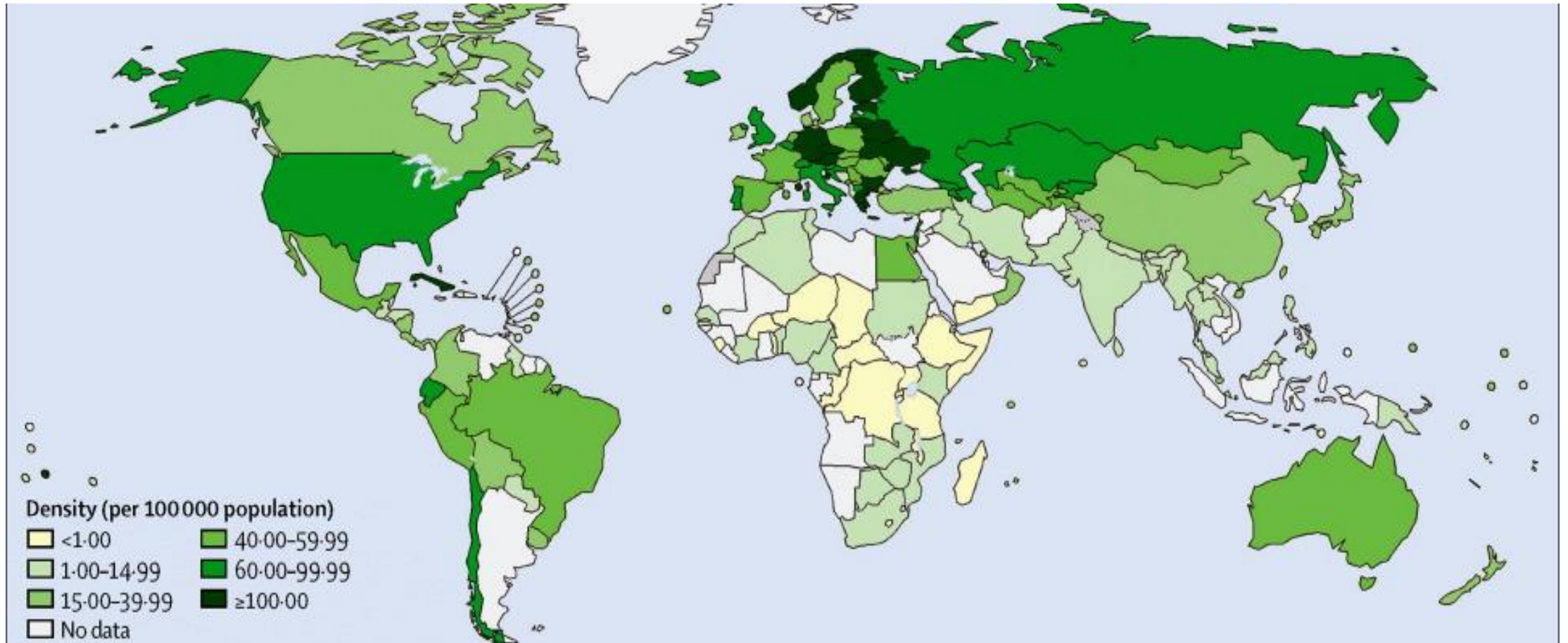
IGCS Initiatives

- **Gynecologic Oncology and Global Curriculum**
- **Project ECHO Virtual Global Tumor Boards**

IGCS

- **There is a significant shortage of health care providers in regions of the world with high cervical cancer rates**
- **Many regions do not have specialty training in gynecologic oncology**
- **Critical need to train and educate local physicians to address the epidemic of rising rates of cancer globally, particularly in LMICs**

Global Distribution of Surgeons, OB-Gyns & Anesthesiologists



Gynecologic Oncology Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program



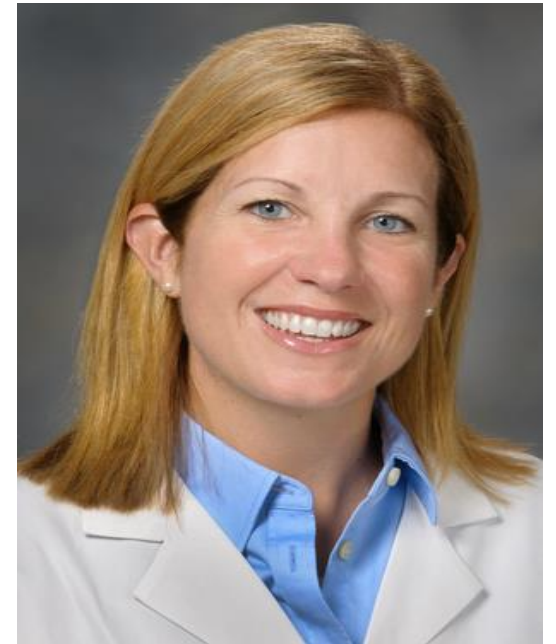
**Linus
Chuang**



**Tom
Randall**



**Joseph
Ng**



**Kathleen
Schmeler**

Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- A two-year Gynecologic Oncology training and education program for regions without formal training:
 - Web-based curriculum that can be modified by sites
 - Match institutions and individuals from programs in regions with formal Gynecologic Oncology training with partners in regions without (twinning)
 - Goal: train 1 to 2 fellows per year
 - In collaboration with local hospital, University and MOH

Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

- **Local mentor**
- **International mentor(s)**
- **Monthly meetings between fellow(s) and mentors**
 - Review of curriculum (donated textbooks), Multiple Choice Questions
- **Monthly tumor board (Project ECHO)**
- **International mentor(s) visits site minimum ≥ 2 x/year**
- **Fellow spends 1-3 months at international mentoring site**
- **Final exam (written, oral and practical)**
- **Certificate (not certification)**

Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program

2017 Pilot Sites:

- 1. Da Nang Oncology Hospital, Vietnam**
 - USA (T. Dinh) & Singapore (J. Ng)
- 2. Hospital Central de Maputo, Mozambique**
 - Brazil (G. Fontes, R. Moretti, M. Salcedo) & USA (K. Schmeler)
- 3. St. Paul's Hospital & Black Lion Hospital, Ethiopia**
 - USA (C. Johnston, R. Ghebre) & Germany (T. Kuhn)
- 4. Moi University, Kenya**
 - Canada (B. Rosen, A. Covens)

Hands-on Teaching/Training - Vietnam



Hands-on Teaching/Training - Mozambique

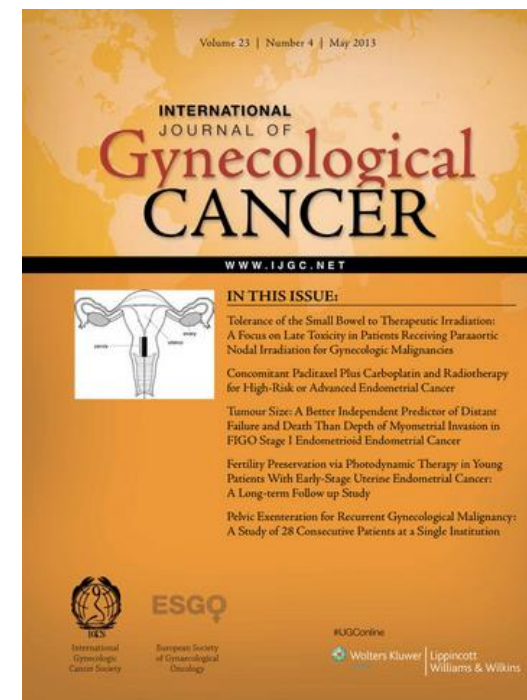


One to Three Month Observership

- **Fellow visits the international mentoring site**
 - **Supported by the IGCS**
- **Opportunity to gain additional exposure to:**
 - **Radiation Oncology**
 - **Pathology**
 - **Multi-disciplinary care**
 - **Minimally invasive surgery**
 - **Research/Clinical Trials**

Research

- Not required but encouraged
- Our future goal is to have fellows presenting abstracts at meetings and publishing in peer-reviewed journals



Next Steps – Global Curriculum

2018 Sites:

1. Liberia/USA (A. Bedoe)
2. Guatemala/Colombia (R. Pareja, J. Lau)
3. Uganda/USA (P. Lee and S. Ueda)
4. Fiji/New Zealand (A. Ling Tan)
5. Zambia/USA (G. Parham)
6. Caribbean/Ireland (C. Rattey, I. Harley, D. De Petrillo)



Project ECHO Virtual Global Tumor Boards



Virtual Tumor Board

- Occur monthly
- Last one hour:
 - 45 minutes of case presentations
 - 15 minute didactic lecture
- Local providers present de-identified patient cases and receive feedback from international experts (includes Pathology & Rad Onc)

Project ECHO Virtual Global Tumor Boards



Monthly Tumor Boards – Project ECHO

Global Curriculum & Mentorship Program:

- Mozambique (Portuguese)
- Vietnam
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Caribbean

IGCS Strategic Partnership regions:

- Belarus
- Kazakhstan (English/Russian)
- Latin America (Spanish)

PARSGO/IGCS Collaboration



PARSGO/IGCS Collaboration

Possible Areas of Collaboration:

- **Global Curriculum and Mentoring Program**
 - Twinning programs in the region between PARSGO members
- **Regional Project ECHO Tumor Boards**
 - Could be held in English, Arabic and/or French
- **Enhanced Participation in the IGCS Annual Meeting via new scientific committee structure**
- **Continued regional meeting support**
- **Research and Publications**



Thank You

Email:

igcs@igcs.org
kschmele@mdanderson.org

Website:

www.igcs.org

Uniting the Globe in the Fight Against Gynecologic Cancer

IGCS



INTERNATIONAL
GYNECOLOGIC
CANCER SOCIETY