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We present to you the **inaugural newsletter** of the AOSBI.
It is an effort to represent the collaboration of the Asian-Oceanian region, reforming breast imaging practices across nations. This issue highlights the foundational ethos of the AOSBI and outlines its future goals.

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MISSION

AOSBI aims to unite breast imaging professionals across the Asia-Oceania region, fostering excellence through education, collaboration, and innovation. It is committed to advancing high standards in breast imaging, improving equitable access to quality care, and empowering patients and women through education and awareness—ultimately enhancing early detection and patient outcomes.

VISION

To be the leading regional platform advancing excellence in breast imaging across Asia and Oceania, improving early detection, diagnosis, and breast health outcomes through education, collaboration, research, and regionally relevant clinical guidance.

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Bangladesh ***Egypt*** ***India***

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nearly a decade ago, after completing my breast imaging fellowship in Canada, I returned to Asia with a clear realisation: our region needed greater access to specialised breast imaging education and training. Although breast cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among women in Asia, opportunities for structured subspecialty training remain limited in many countries.

Through my travels and educational activities across Asia, I witnessed both the remarkable dedication of healthcare professionals and the wide variations in breast imaging practice and access to care. These experiences strengthened my belief that education, collaboration, and knowledge sharing are essential to improving patient outcomes.

Inspired by this need, I began working with colleagues across the region through workshops, courses, and educational initiatives. Along the way, I met many passionate breast imagers who shared the same vision—to create a platform that could connect professionals, foster research, promote mentorship, and strengthen breast imaging within Asia and Oceania.

That shared vision led to the birth of the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI). Today, AOSBI is a growing community dedicated to advancing breast imaging through education, collaboration, research, and professional networking, with the common goal of improving breast care throughout our region.

This is only the beginning. The success of AOSBI depends on the collective commitment of its members. I warmly invite radiologists, trainees, and all breast imaging professionals to join us in shaping the future of breast imaging in Asia and Oceania. Together, we can learn, collaborate, inspire one another, and work towards ensuring that every woman in our region has access to the highest standard of breast care.



Dr Niketa Chotai
Founding President
AOSBI

A GLIMPSE OF THE INAUGURAL CONGRESS

The Inaugural AOSBI Congress received an extraordinary response, drawing more than 421 participants from across the Asian-Oceanian region, as well as more than 100 regional and international faculty. It marked a historic milestone — the first-ever gathering of dedicated breast radiologists at scale in this part of the world, united by a shared purpose: to impart and exchange knowledge, experience, and ideas in breast imaging and interventional techniques with one another, and collectively advance the field of breast imaging in our region.

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GLOBAL RECOGNITION OF AOSBI

CSBI President's message

The Canadian Society of Breast Imaging (CSBI) extends its warmest congratulations to the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) on its formal establishment and the announcement of its Inaugural Congress to be held in Delhi, India, from 31st July to 2nd August.

The formation of AOSBI represents an important and timely milestone for breast imaging in the Asia–Oceania region. CSBI commends AOSBI's strong academic vision and its commitment to advancing breast imaging education, research, and clinical practice across diverse healthcare environments, including low- and middle-income countries.

CSBI is pleased to express its support for AOSBI and its inaugural congress. We strongly believe that collaboration between international breast imaging societies is essential to fostering knowledge exchange, mentorship, and the harmonization of best practices globally. We look forward to supporting AOSBI through academic collaboration, faculty engagement, and shared educational initiatives as opportunities arise.

We congratulate AOSBI's leadership and organizing committee on this significant achievement and wish the society every success in its inaugural congress and future endeavors. We are confident that AOSBI will play a pivotal role in strengthening breast imaging standards and collaboration across the Asian–Oceania region.

With best wishes for a successful inaugural meeting and a vibrant future ahead.

Dr Supriya Kulkarni
President, Canadian Society of Breast Imaging
Associate Professor
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EBI President's message

On behalf of the Emirates Breast Imaging (EBI), under the umbrella of the Radiology Society of Emirates (RSE), we are honored to express our full support for the mission and vision of the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) in advancing excellence in breast imaging and improving patient care across the Asian and Oceanian regions.

We recognize AOSBI as a distinguished professional platform that fosters collaboration, education, research and the exchange of best practices among breast imaging specialists. Its commitment to promoting innovation, strengthening regional expertise and advancing evidence-based practice plays a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of breast healthcare.

In the United Arab Emirates, breast imaging continues to evolve rapidly through the integration of advanced technologies, multidisciplinary collaboration and patient-centered approaches to care. As a dedicated subspecialty society, EBI remains committed to supporting these advancements through continuous medical education, scientific collaboration, professional development, and the promotion of internationally recognized standards and best practices.

We firmly believe that our collaboration with AOSBI will further strengthen regional partnerships, facilitate knowledge sharing, and contribute to improving early breast cancer detection, expanding access to high-quality breast imaging services, and ultimately enhancing patient outcomes. Together, we are committed to building a strong network of breast imaging professionals dedicated to delivering the highest standards of care for women throughout our region.

We look forward to continued collaboration with AOSBI and to supporting initiatives that advance the field of breast imaging for the benefit of patients, healthcare professionals, and the wider medical community.

Warm regards,

Dr. Nehad Kazim Albastaki
President
Emirates Breast Imaging (EBI)
Chair of Breast Imaging Annual Meeting

SBI President's message

The Society of Breast Imaging (SBI) is pleased to support the educational initiatives of the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI). We commend AOSBI's commitment to fostering excellence in breast imaging through education, collaboration, and professional development, and we share its dedication to improving patient care through the advancement of knowledge and best practices.

Ms Yasmeen J. Fields
CEO
Society of Breast Imaging (SBI)

MEMBER'S CORNER: THOUGHTS INTO ACTION!

Insights from Bangladesh

Bangladesh has made significant progress in breast imaging and breast cancer management over the past decade. However, challenges remain in ensuring equitable access to high-quality screening, early diagnosis, multidisciplinary care, and advanced image-guided interventions, particularly outside major cities. AOSBI has the potential to become a strong platform for education, research collaboration, guideline development, and capacity building across Asia. By facilitating knowledge exchange, fellowship opportunities, and standardized training, AOSBI can help bridge existing gaps and improve the quality of breast care in our region.

As a breast radiologist from Bangladesh, I am committed to contributing to AOSBI through education, clinical collaboration, and the promotion of evidence-based breast imaging practices. I look forward to participating in multicenter research, sharing our country's experiences, and mentoring the next generation of breast imaging professionals. Together, we can strengthen regional partnerships and achieve our shared vision of improving breast care for all women across Asia.

Dr Towhida Khan
Combined Military Hospital (CMH)
Dhaka

Insights from Egypt

AOSBI was founded on the belief that every country has valuable knowledge, experience, and innovation to contribute. Every country brings unique experiences, innovations, and perspectives that enrich our collective understanding and strengthen the fight against breast cancer. From high-resource to resource-limited settings, each healthcare system offers unique insights that enrich our collective understanding and help shape more equitable, evidence-based breast cancer care.

Together, we inspire new ideas, empower future leaders, and accelerate progress in prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship. United by a common purpose, we can transform knowledge into action with a lasting impact.

Together, we are building a worldwide community united by a shared commitment to improving outcomes, reducing disparities, and advancing the future of breast cancer care.

Dr Raksha Kamal
Cairo University and Baheya Hospital for Early Detection of Breast Cancer
Egypt

Insights from India

We, from India, are passionate breast radiologists and are delighted to be members of AOSBI. We perform breast imaging across diverse socio-economic infrastructure, from advanced tertiary centers with state-of-the-art equipments, to resource-constrained regions where only clinical examination may be available. This teaches us implementation of global best-practices to real-world settings. We envision AOSBI to bridge these gaps, helping us frame personalized screening and diagnostic protocols for patients, and creating structured platforms to empower training and mentorship for radiologists.

We anticipate, that our strengths and weaknesses, such as vast patient population, technological innovation, growing research and variable infrastructure; can contribute to regional guidelines focusing on earlier breast cancer detection and mortality reduction.

While India is a member of BIMSTEC collaboration across South and Southeast-Asia, AOSBI offers an exceptional opportunity to further widen this geographical collaboration and outreach. With AOSBI, we can build a unified, evidence-driven approach to breast cancer care across Asia-Oceania, improving outcomes for women of our region.

Prof. Dr. Palak Bhavesh Thakkar
Tata Memorial Hospital and Homi Bhabha University
Mumbai

Insights from Indonesia

Partnering Indonesia with AOSBI to Advance Breast Care
The Indonesian Women's Imaging Society welcomes AOSBI as a crucial platform for advancing breast care across Asia. As one of the region's largest and most diverse countries, Indonesia has a vibrant community of radiologists, increasing imaging capabilities, and a strong national commitment to enhancing early detection. We view AOSBI as a chance to share expertise, align reporting standards, and encourage collaborative research that benefits women throughout the region.

Our contribution includes active participation through education, mentorship, multidisciplinary teamwork, and sharing clinical experiences from a richly diverse population. We are dedicated to working together with our Asian colleagues to improve access, raise diagnostic standards, and promote innovation in breast imaging. Together, through AOSBI, we aim to advance our common goal of improving breast care for every woman in Asia.

Dr Lydia Widyastuti
Diponegoro University Semarang
Indonesia

Insights from Malaysia

The inauguration of the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) heralds a new era of regional partnership dedicated to advancing breast imaging excellence and improving the lives of women across Asia and Oceania. On behalf of the Breast Imaging Special Interest Group (SIG), Malaysian College of Radiology, I extend our warmest congratulations and unwavering commitment to this shared vision.

Malaysia firmly believes that AOSBI will serve as a catalyst for collaboration, bringing together the collective wisdom, experience, and innovation of breast imaging specialists across our diverse region. By working together, we can reduce disparities in breast cancer detection, promote equitable access to high-quality, evidence-based breast imaging, and establish regional standards that translate into better outcomes for every woman.

Our Breast Imaging Group SIG is honoured to contribute actively to this journey through collaborative education, multicentre research, consensus guideline development, fellowship and observer exchange programmes, and the open sharing of expertise. We envision AOSBI as a vibrant community that nurtures young leaders, inspires innovation, strengthens professional networks, and transforms knowledge into meaningful improvements in clinical practice.

As founding members of this remarkable initiative, we have both the privilege and the responsibility to shape the future of breast imaging in our region. Together, we shall transform collaboration into action, knowledge into innovation, and innovation into better breast care for every woman across Asia and Oceania.

Dr Kartini Rahmat
MCOR
Malaysia

Insights from the Philippines

AOSBI can positively influence by providing access to up-to-date guidelines and standards as well as a variety of medical educational activities and materials that are applicable to those with interest in breast imaging (undergrads, residents, trainees) as well as those already practicing in the field.

My contribution towards our joint goal in improving breast care is in mentoring young radiologists through medical education-related activities and helping foster a culture of collaboration.

Dr Theresa Ma Buenaflor
Healthway Cancer Care Hospital
Philippines

Insights from Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka College of Radiologists, extend warmest greetings and best wishes to the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) on the occasion of its inaugural Congress. This historic gathering marks the beginning of a shared journey founded on friendship, fellowship, and professional collaboration. Bringing together colleagues from across Asia and Oceania, AOSBI provides a valuable opportunity to exchange knowledge, learn from one another, and inspire continued excellence in breast imaging. We congratulate the leadership and organising committee on this remarkable achievement and wish AOSBI every success in the years ahead. We forward to supporting the Society's vision and being part of a vibrant regional breast imaging community.

Dr Udari Liyanage
University of Colombo
Srilanka

Insights from Singapore

In the pink of health: dynamic density from the little red dot

Breast imaging societies play a pivotal in elevating national breast care standards by promoting high standards in screening, diagnosis and image-guided intervention. The formation of our own breast imaging society- AOSBI, is especially timely as breast cancer continues to place a growing burden on healthcare systems in our part of the world. While countries in the region face shared challenges, there are myriad differences in screening programmes, access to breast imaging, available resources and specialist expertise.

AOSBI provides an important platform for breast care professionals to connect, exchange ideas and learn from one another. By supporting training, education, research and collaboration, it can address the unique needs of the Asian patient rather than relying solely on models developed elsewhere. These include differences in breast density, cancer biology and healthcare infrastructure.

Being a small country with an established national breast cancer screening programme and specialty practice, Singapore's breast radiologists are well-positioned to share insights on the diagnosis and treatment of breast disease, partnering with our counterparts in AOSBI to drive the society's broader mission.

Together, we can unite the Asian-Oceanic breast care medical community and foster multidirectional collaboration to improve early detection, increase diagnostic accuracy and provide equitable care for women across the region.

Dr. Teo Sze Yiun
KK Women's and Children's Hospital
Singapore

Insights from Taiwan

I am delighted to see the establishment of AOSBI, which brings together breast imaging professionals across Asia. Although we work in different healthcare systems, we share the same goal of improving breast care for women. I hope AOSBI will provide more opportunities for us to learn from one another, collaborate in education and research, and build strong professional connections across countries.

One idea I especially hope to see is an active member platform where we can ask questions, discuss challenging cases, share practical experience, and communicate with colleagues throughout the year, not only during the annual meeting. Such interaction will strengthen our professional community and ultimately improve patient care across Asia.

As a founding member of AOSBI, I am honored to contribute through education, research, and sharing Taiwan's experience in breast imaging, while working together with colleagues toward our common goal of improving breast care across Asia.

Dr Jane Wang
Taipei Veterans General Hospital
Taiwan

Insights from Thailand

The establishment of the Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) marks a vital milestone for our region. AOSBI serves as an invaluable platform for knowledge exchange through academic meetings, hands-on workshops, and joint research tailored to the Asian context.

As a breast radiologist representing Thailand, I am dedicated to bridging our local community with AOSBI, encouraging Thai specialists to join and become active members. Together, we will share clinical experiences, mentor the next generation, and foster region-specific guidelines. United, we will bridge existing gaps and achieve our shared vision of improving breast cancer detection, management, and patient outcomes across Asia.

Asst. Prof. Varanatjaa Pradaranon
Prince of Songkla University
Thailand

UPCOMING BREAST IMAGING CONFERENCES IN 2026

ABDA (Asian Breast Disease Association) annual meeting 2026 - 19th to 20th Sep, 2026 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

EUSOBI - 1st to 3rd Oct 2026 in Netherlands

BISICON Chennai - 23rd to 25th October, 2026 in Chennai

We eagerly await the grand 2nd Congress of AOSBI in 2027, hosted by Singapore.

JOIN AOSBI – MEMBERSHIP OPEN FOR RADIOLOGISTS ONLY

The Asian Oceanian Society of Breast Imaging (AOSBI) offers multiple membership categories tailored to professionals across different regions and career stages. Please review the applicable category and fee structure below before submitting your application.

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