

College of Ophthalmologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia Fourth Annual Report

- 1. The 4th Annual General Meeting of the College** was held on 8th June 2017 at 5.30 pm at Annex Room, 5th Floor, NIO Building, Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital (THONEH), Lot 2, Lorong Utara B, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. The original meeting scheduled on 14th May 2017 had been postponed due to lack of quorum.

13 members of the College attended the meeting:

1. Dr Pall Singh
2. Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon
3. Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu
4. Dr Elias bin Hussein
5. Dr Anusiah Selvathurai
6. Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion
7. Dato' Dr Baljit Kour
8. Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin
9. Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah
10. Dr George Thomas
11. Assoc Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari
12. Dr Fazilawati binti A Qamarruddin
13. Dato' Dr Linda Teoh Oon Cheng

2. Election of Council members:

There were 4 vacancies from the previous Council. After the closing date on 12th May 2017, 5 nominations had been received. Therefore, an election was carried out by secret ballot. Dr George Thomas and A/Prof Dr Jemaima were appointed as Election Officers to conduct the election of the office bearers. The elected nominations were announced by Dr George Thomas which were:

Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion
Dr Elias Hussein
Dr Pall Singh
Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu

3. Membership

Number of members: 147
Fellows: 14
Life members: 52

4. Appointment of Internal Auditors:

A/Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari and Dr Fazilawati A Qamaruddin were appointed as auditors for the year 2017-18.

5. Council Meetings:

Six council meetings were held during the term 2017 -18. The attendance of the council members is as follows:

Dr Pall Singh	President	(6/6)
Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon	Vice President	(6/6)
Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion	Hon Secretary	(5/6)
Datin Dr Thayanithi d/o Sandragasu	Hon Treasurer	(6/6)
Dr Anusia a/p Selvathurai	Council member	(3/6)
Dr George Thomas	Council member	(5/6)
Dr Elias Hussein	Council member	(5/6)
Dr Nor Fariza Binti Ngah	Council member	(4/6)
Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Binti Khaliddin	Coopted member (UM)	(4/6)
Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah	Coopted member (UKM)	(4/6)
Assoc Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim	Coopted member (USM)	(4/6)
Dr Muiz Mahyuddin	Coopted member (MSO)	(3/6)

During the 1st Council meeting on 8th June 2017, it was agreed that coopted representatives from key ophthalmology institutions such as the MSO and USM need not be the respective Heads of department but a member nominated by the Head/ Chairperson of the institution. Henceforth, Dr Muiz and A/Prof Dr Mohtar were welcomed into the Council as shown above to represent their institutions.

6. Establishment of Sub-committees

The following 5 sub-committees which were proposed at the 3rd AGM continued their activities throughout the year:

- i. Community Engagement
 - Dr Pall Singh (Chairman)
 - Assoc. Prof Dr Mohtar (Member)
 - Dr Elias (Member)
 - Dr Nor Fariza (Member)
- ii. Ethics and Professionalism
 - Dr Nor Fariza (Chairman)
 - Dr Pall Singh (Member)
 - Dr Anusia Selvathurai (Member)

- iii. Continuous Medical (Professional) Development (Education) (CPD)
 - Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (Chairman)
 - Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Binti Khaliddin (Member)
 - Dr Anusiah Selvathurai (Member)
 - Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)
 - Dr Pall Singh (Member)
- iv. Fund Raising / Finance
 - Dr George Thomas (Chairman)
 - Datin Dr Thayanithi d/o Sandragasu (Member)
 - Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon (Member)
 - Dr Elias Hussein (Member)
- v. Research and Publication
 - Assoc. Prof Dr Mohtar (Chairman)
 - Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin (Member)
 - Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon (Member)
 - Prof Dr Sushil Kumar Vasudevan (Member)
 - Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)

7. Activities of the various Sub-Committees

A summary of the activities of the various sub-committees for 2017/2018 is as follows:

- i. **Community Engagement**
 - World Sight Day activity for 2017 was planned - Aims to address various ophthalmology related issues in the news with a balanced view from College members
 - Have organized a President's lecture to commence with the AGM in 2018 in which a prominent ophthalmologist of international renown is nominated by the College President and delivers a keynote speech in conjunction with a Congress or AGM in which the college participates
- ii. **Ethics and Professionalism**
 - Discussed various ethical issues during committee meetings and planned responses to media issues

iii. Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

This committee remained very active and had 2 main roles this year:

- 1) Maintain the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) website and informed members of CPD activities/ developments via email on a regular basis
 - On 1 July 2017, CPD became law for all medical practitioners and the online system for MMC-CPD point accreditation became operational. This system could be accessed via the National Specialist Registry website.
 - The Academy of Medicine was appointed to be in charge of CPD activities for all specialist doctors by the Malaysian Medical Council. Therefore, the College of Ophthalmologists, AMM would be responsible for ophthalmology related CPD.
 - Therefore, the CPD subcommittee of the College became involved actively in accrediting ophthalmology events and in disseminating the information to all ophthalmologists in the country. Members were officially appointed to serve in this capacity by the AMM.
 - In order to update members and ophthalmologists, latest information was sent to members by email updates and a number of talks namely:
 - Talk entitled “MMC-CPD for Medical Specialists” at the MSO Meeting at Hatten Hotel, Malacca on 17 March 2018 given by the Chairperson of the CPD subcommittee
 - Same talk at the Part 2 Theory Conjoint examinations on 3rd April 2018 at Hospital USM and at the College of Ophthalmologists AGM 2018 by Prof Mae-Lynn
 - The committee was responsible for point allocation and would advise the AMM on core and non-core activities in relation to ophthalmology
 - The committee met on 12 January 2018 and 9 February 2018. Dr Hajjah Nor Fariza Ngah was coopted into the committee for her valuable experience and input.

2) Organising CPD activities for members and ophthalmology community at large

- Phacoemulsification workshop
 - Organised a successful Pre-Conjoint Congress Workshop on Phacoemulsification on 15th September 2017 with Prof Heng Wee Jin from Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore at PPUKM (Coordinator: A/Prof Dr Jemaima and the UKM team)
- 7th Conjoint Ophthalmology Congress
 - A successful meeting with the theme of “Angles and Curves - A New Perspective on Glaucoma Angles and Corneal Surgery” was held on 15th to 17th September 2017 at the Pullman Hotel, Bangsar with a good turnout both during the pre-congress workshop (200 persons) and main congress (500 persons) (Coordinator: A/Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin and the Universiti Malaya team)
- Members of the committee were also involved in the next Conjoint Congress being organized by UKM in 2018. This was scheduled for 14 to 16 September 2018 with the theme of Managing Complications in Ocular Surgery.
- Online CPD links to renowned and established online CME providers such as Healio, Medscape, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Review of Ophthalmology and Wills Eye Hospital were also uploaded to the College website for use by members

iv. Fund Raising/Finance

- Planned for fundraising via a Charity run in conjunction with World Sight Day 2017. However due to logistic reasons was cancelled.
- Committee is planning various other activities for fundraising

v. Research and Publication

- A/Prof Dr Mohtar informed that the committee was planning for a project to establish a local ophthalmology journal with the 3 main universities institutions (USM, UKM and UM). The proposal for this idea which will be under the College with support from the MSO was being prepared.

8. World Sight Day

Date: 28th October 2017

Time: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital

The objective of this Conference is to create public awareness of the importance of Eye-sight and the Prevention of Blindness.

Participant attended was 120 participants.

9. College's Webpage

The College's webpage is up and running. Members can surf the webpage at <http://www.coamm.org.my/index.htm> for college updates, list of activities and for online CME links.

10. Relocation of College Secretariate and the AMM

In May 2017, the AMM was forced to move from its premises in the Medical Academies building and was temporarily relocated in AMM Office, Unit 1.6, Level 1, Enterprise 3B, Technology Park Malaysia (TPM), Lebuhraya Puchong-Sg Besi, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur until a permanent venue could be obtained.

Reported by:

Professor Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion

Honorary Secretary

College of Ophthalmologists

Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

May 2018