

## College of Ophthalmologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

### Annual Report 2019 - 2020

1. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College was held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at 5.00 pm at Pinnacle 4, Connexion Conference & Event Centre - The Vertical, Jalan Kerinchi, Bangsar South, 59200 Kuala Lumpur.

Twenty-eight members of the College attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr Hajjah Nor Fariza Ngah              | 15. Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar      |
| 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah     | 16. Assoc. Prof. Dr Norshamsiah Md Din   |
| 3. Dr Elias Hussein                       | 17. Assoc. Prof. Dr Norlina Ramli        |
| 4. Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu         | 18. Dr Fang Seng Kheong                  |
| 5. Dr Pall Singh                          | 19. Dr Jelinar Mohd Noor                 |
| 6. Assoc. Prof. Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon | 20. Prof. Dr Jenny Parameshvara Deva     |
| 7. Dr Anusiah Selvathurai                 | 21. Dr Maung Maung Win @ Mohd Hassan     |
| 8. Assoc. Prof. Dr Nurliza Khaliddin      | 22. Dr Fadzliana A. Rahman               |
| 9. Prof. Dr Mimiwati Zahari               | 23. Dr Coomaraswamy Umapathy Thiageswari |
| 10. Dato' Dr Linda Teoh Oon Cheng         | 24. Dr Shamala Retnasabapathy            |
| 11. Prof. Dr Mohtar Ibrahim               | 25. Dr Lee Mun Toong                     |
| 12. Dr Kamala Devi a/p S D Lingam         | 26. Prof. Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman        |
| 13. Dato' Dr Baljit Kor a/p Teja Singh    | 27. Dr Chan Jan Bond                     |
| 14. Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin          | 28. Dr Puneet Agrawal                    |

## 2. Election of Council Members:

There were four vacancies from the previous Council and four new seats after amendments to the composition of the Council were passed at the last AGM. Thus, there were a total of eight vacancies to be filled. After the closing date, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, there were a total of 12 nominations received. As the number of nominations exceeded the numbers of vacancies, an election was carried out by postal ballot.

Assoc. Prof Dr Jemaima (Chairperson), Dr Nor Fariza and Dr Anusiah were appointed as Election Officers to conduct the election and carry out the vote count on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The eight elected members with the highest number of votes (in no particular order) were announced by Assoc. Prof Dr Jemaima as follows:

1. Dr Elias Hussein
2. Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin
3. Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion
4. Assoc. Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari
5. Dr Mohd Aziz Husni
6. Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim

7. Assoc. Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin
8. Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandaragasu

### 3. Amendment of the By-Laws

There were no amendments to the By-Laws and no Resolutions had been received. However, Puan Aliza had formulated, organized and compiled the updated Constitution and By-Laws of the College into a neat and handy booklet for the benefit of all members.

### 4. Update on Current Membership

Total number of members: 162

Fellows: 16

Life members: 64

### 5. Appointment of Honorary Auditors

Dr Kamala Devi S D Lingam and Dato' Dr Linda Teoh Oon Cheng were appointed as Honorary Auditors for the year 2019 - 2020.

### 6. Council Meetings

Four council meetings were held during the term 2019 - 2020. At the first council meeting it was proposed that there be no change of office bearers in the Council. This was unanimously supported by all council members. The attendance of the council members at the Council Meetings for the current term was as follows:

Dr Hajjah Nor Fariza Binti Ngah	President	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah	Vice President	(4/4)
Dr Elias Hussein	Hon Secretary	(4/4)
Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu	Hon Treasurer	(4/4)
Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion	Council member	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoo	Council member	(2/4)
Dr Anusiah K Selvathurai	Council member	(3/4)
Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim	Council member	(3/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin	Council member	(4/4)
Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari	Council member	(3/4)
Dr Mohd Aziz Husni	Council member	(2/4)
Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin	Council member	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli	Coopted member-UM	(2/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md. Din	Coopted member-UKM	(3/4)
Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail	Coopted member-USM	(2/4)
Dr Fang Seng Kheong	Coopted member-MSO	(1/4)
Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar	Coopted member-MOH	(3/4)

### 7. Evaluation and Training Committee

The Malaysian Medical Council has determined that there would be two committees to be formed to divide the role of the previous Specialty Sub-Committee for Ophthalmology. These would be the Evaluation Committee (directly under the NSR

with a membership of 5 members: 1-Private, 2-University and 2-MOH) and the Education Committee which would have 6 members (1-Private, 1-University, 3-MOH, 2-Academy/College).

The Evaluation Committee members of the NSR have been confirmed as follows:

1. Dr Nor Fariza Ngah
2. Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar
3. Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim
4. Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah
5. Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon

The Education Committee, members have been confirmed as follows:

1. Dr Shamala Retnasabapathy
2. Dr Elias Hussein
3. Dr Jamalia Rahmat
4. Dr Mohd Aziz Husni
5. Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin
6. Dr Choong Yean Yaw

## **8. Chapters of the College**

The College has initiated steps towards the formation of Chapters within the College. There were to date six Chapters which had been approved and the pro-term chairpersons for each chapter are as follows:

1. Retina - Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion
2. Cataract and Refraction - Assoc Prof Dr Khairidzan Mohd Kamal
3. Glaucoma - Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu
4. Cornea - Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim
5. Oculoplasty - Dr Kamala Devi S D Lingam
6. Paediatric Ophthalmology - Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin

For other sub-specialties such as Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Neuro-Ophthalmology and Public Health Ophthalmology, it was suggested that they may choose to join any of the above Chapters but they must be members of the College. The members may also wish to consider joining more than two chapters if their special interests were more diversified.

The College members that would like to apply to be in these chapters must complete the required form and submit it together with the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Latest APC
- NSR certificate
- Evidence of training (e.g. Sub-specialty certificate, etc)

## **9. Establishment of Sub-committees**

The following members of these five Sub-committees for the current term was decided by the Council during the First Council Meeting (2019/2020) on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 as follows:

- i. Community Engagement
  - Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah (Chairperson)
  - Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (member)
  - Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari (member)
  
- ii. Ethics and Professionalism
  - Dr Anusia Selvathurai (Chairperson)
  - Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah (Member)
  - Dr Elias Hussein (Member)
  
- iii. Continuous Medical (Professional) Development (Education) (CPD)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin (Chairperson)
  - Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (member)
  - Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah (Member)
  - Dr Anusiah Selvathurai (Member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)
  - Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu (Member)
  - Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin (Member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon (Member)
  - Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar (Member)
  
- iv. Fund Raising / Finance
  - Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon (Chairman)
  - Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu (Member)
  - Dr Elias Hussein (Member)
  - Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah (Member)
  
- v. Research and Publication
  - Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim (Chairman)
  - Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin (Member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon (Member)
  - Prof Dr Sushil (Member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)
  - Assoc Prof Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (Member)

## **10. Activities of the various Sub-Committees**

A summary of the activities of the various Sub-committees for 2019/2020 is as follows:

i. **Community Engagement**

- The World Sight Day 2019 National Celebrations and Forum in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology together with Hospital Putrajaya as the coordinator was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Perbadanan Putrajaya. It was launched by the then Deputy Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Binti Dato' Dr. Wan Ismail. The then Minister of Health, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, and the President of the College, Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah, was also present in her capacity both as President and National Head of Ophthalmology Services. Representation from the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) was there together with other high-ranking officials from the Ministry.
- Planning is in progress to publish articles and provide interview sessions under the College in the Berita Harian, Star, BFM radio, etc. Each Chapter will be producing articles in it area for public consumption.

ii. **Ethics and Professionalism**

- Discussed various ethical issues during committee meetings and planned responses to media issues. There were no major issues which came up during the term of the committee

iii. **Continuous Professional Development (CPD)**

This Committee remained very active and had 2 main roles which were to:

- 1) Maintain the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) website and to continue to inform members of CPD activities/developments via email on a regular basis.
  - The CPD point system as per the MMC-CPD grading system is actively running. Members were kept informed of activities offering CPD points according to guidelines set out by the MMC. The CPD Subcommittee of the College became involved actively in accrediting ophthalmology events and in disseminating the information to all ophthalmologists in the country.
  - There are now several new features in the AMM CPD system. These included:
    - a) For an unlisted event, the specialists/event organizer will first
      - check if the event has been previously submitted (to avoid duplication)
      - the programme can then be uploaded online
      - once the programme is submitted after all the mandatory fields are entered, an email will automatically be generated to the specialty review CME committee

- b) For local events, there would be a link developed for attendance via the MMA mobile apps to NSR-CPD system
- There were additional guidelines for the organizers to apply the CPD points which were agreed as follows:
  - a) in order to get points under the core point category (A1-A3), the organizer should meet the following criteria:
    - only the Company name/ logo and College of Ophthalmologists' logo should be in the flyer and programme with no advertising material allowed.
    - Participation should be open to Ophthalmologists
    - The topic should be at an academic level in Ophthalmology practice

Additionally, for drug and medical device related events, the organizer should:

- take out the sponsorship material or product launch/advertising
- must have the talk with the topic related at an academic level in Ophthalmology practice
- the speaker/s is/are an Ophthalmologist/s

Events failing to meet the above criteria will not receive any Core CPD points and instead be categorized as a CME with Non-Core points (A4 category) which will be based on the number of hours for the session.

- b) The organizer should provide the certificate of attendance to the participant so that it can be uploaded into NSR point system.
- c) The additional administrative fee (**RM250 flat rate**) has applied to the companies who apply for points in NSR point system and MMA point system.

- Latest information/updates are sent to members via email.

2) Organising CPD activities for members and the ophthalmology community at large (**Refer No. 11 - College CPD activities/events**)

#### vi. **Fund Raising/Finance**

- Fundraising was initiated with selling the College lapel pins introduced at the last AGM. A total of 124 pieces had successfully been sold (worth RM1,860). The balance of lapel pins remaining was 376 pieces.
- Committee is in the process of planning other various fundraising activities

## vii. **Research and Publication**

- **The Malaysian Journal of Ophthalmology (MyJO)**
  - the official journal was launched at the 10<sup>th</sup> MSO Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
  - the launch of The Malaysian Journal of Ophthalmology (MyJO) as the official journal for the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology (MSO), College of Ophthalmologists, AMM and Malaysian Universities Conjoint Committee in Ophthalmology (MUCCO) - comprising the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, and Universiti Sains Malaysia, as well as the Ministry of Health.
  
- **College of Ophthalmologists Excellence Award for Ophthalmology Research and Publication**
  - The announcement of the award opening date will be done officially by the President of the College of Ophthalmologists on 1<sup>st</sup> June every year.
  - The submission period is from 1<sup>st</sup> June of the opening year till 31<sup>st</sup> January the following year and will be repeated every year.
  - It will start in 2020. The flyer and an application form will be uploaded on the website and announced to College members.
  - It may not be awarded every year because the judgement would be made depending on the quality of the research that had been submitted.
  - The research and publication that won would be expected to be published within 3 years if selected.

## **11. College overview of activities/events 2019-2020**

### **i. Phacoemulsification workshop**

- Co-Organized with UKM a successful Phacoemulsification Workshop in conjunction with the National Cataract Surgery Symposium 2019 held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Coordinator: Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md Din and the UKM team.

Topics covered:

- Keynote lecture - Prof Dr Akahoshi
- Pre-chop technique
- Live surgery - Prof Dr Akahoshi
- Basic Phaco Lectures
- Kitaro Wet Lab Workshop

The attendance was very good.

- The Wet Lab was attended by 40 delegates
- The Symposium was attended by 177 delegates.

## ii. **Transforming a Cataract Surgeon to a Refractive Surgeon**

- Organized a successful workshop/talk in conjunction with 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Ophthalmologists, AMM. There were 40 participants.

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Venue: Pinnacle 4, Connexion Conference & Event Centre, Jalan Kerinchi, Bangsar South, 59200 Kuala Lumpur

Topics covered:

- Biometry (*Assoc. Prof Dr Khairidzan Mohd Kamal*)
- Premium IOL (*Dr Chan Jan Bond*)
- Lasik / Relex SMILE (*Dr Chuah Kay Leong*)

## iii. **Participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Conjoint Ophthalmology Congress**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Venue: Hotel Perdana, Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

Theme: 'Current Controversies in Ophthalmology'

Objective: Aimed to encourage evidence-based debates and discussions amongst session moderators, speakers and the audience, with particular focus on controversial ophthalmological issues raised during the course of 2018 and 2019.

Topics include the treatment of common retinal diseases such as:

- diabetic macular edema
- the current management of corneal diseases with recent technology,
- advances in ophthalmic imaging as well as unique medical
- surgical glaucoma issues.

## iv. **Collaborative activities:**

### a) **Collaboration with MOH:**

- **Training of Trainers "Micro-invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) Workshop"** was held at Hospital Kuala Lumpur from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. There were 22 participants.
- **World Sight Day 2019**  
Organized successfully by Ministry of Health from the Klang Valley.
  - **World Sight Day Forum** held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Perbadanan Putrajaya. Coordinator: Hospital Putrajaya team. The event had an attendance of over 300 participants. It was launched by the then Deputy Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Binti Dato' Dr. Wan Ismail.



- **World Sight Day Fun Run** held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Hospital Shah Alam. Coordinator: Hospital Shah Alam team. There were 80 participants attended.
  - **World Sight Day Dinner** held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Aloft Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Coordinator: Hospital Kuala Lumpur team. It also called as “Dinner with Ophthalmologists - World Sight Day Charity Dinner”.
- **National Retina Symposium 2019**  
Organized successfully by Ministry of Health and Bayer Company at G Hotel Gurney, Penang from 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The event had an attendance of 241 participants.
  - **COVID-19 PANDEMIC: GUIDELINES FOR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS (May 2020)**  
The College of Ophthalmologists, AMM, the Ministry of Health Malaysia, and the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology prepared detailed guidelines for the management of patients during the pandemic and implementation of the Movement Control Order as well as post Movement Control Order (MCO) when resumption of elective surgeries may commence.
- b) **Events in Collaboration with companies:**
- Novartis Corporation Malaysia Sdn Bhd
    - “NOVA III” was held at Aloft Hotel from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. There were 41 participants.

## 12. College’s Webpage

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

Complied Jointly by The President, Honorary Secretary and Executive Secretary of the College of Ophthalmologists.

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