

College of Ophthalmologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia

Annual Report 2021 - 2022

1. 8th Annual General Meeting

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the College was held on 10th July 2021, 4.00 pm via virtual (Cisco Webex Platform).

Thirty-five members of the College attended the meeting:

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Datuk Dr Hajjah Nor Fariza Ngah | 19. Prof. Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman |
| 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah | 20. Dr Chan Jan Bond |
| 3. Dr Elias Hussein | 21. Assoc. Prof. Dr Azhany Yaakub |
| 4. Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu | 22. Prof. Dr Mae-Lynn Catherin Bastion |
| 5. Dr Pall Singh | 23. Dr Barkeh Hanim binti Jumaat |
| 6. Assoc. Prof. Dr Andrew Tan Khian Khoon | 24. Dr Shamala Retnasabapathy |
| 7. Dr Anusiah Selvathurai | 25. Prof. Dr Choo May May |
| 8. Assoc. Prof. Dr Nurliza Khaliddin | 26. Dr. Mohd Aziz Husni |
| 9. Prof. Dr Mimiwati Zahari | 27. Dr. Mahadhir Alhady Sulaiman |
| 10. Prof. Dr Shatriah Ismail | 28. Dr. Yeong Choo Mee |
| 11. Prof. Dr Mohtar Ibrahim | 29. Dr. Ng Hong Kee |
| 12. Dr Kamala Devi a/p S D Lingam | 30. Prof. Datin Dr Zunaina Embong |
| 13. Dato' Dr Baljit Kor a/p Teja Singh | 31. Dr. Ong Poh Yan |
| 14. Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin | 32. Dr. Wilson Wong Jun Jie |
| 15. Dr Jelinar Mohd Noor | 33. Dr. Christina Gellknight |
| 16. Assoc. Prof. Dr Norshamsiah Md Din | 34. Dr. Cheong Fook Meng |
| 17. Assoc. Prof. Dr Tengku Ain Fathlun
Tengku Kamalden | 35. Dr Surinderjit Singh Gill A/L Pritam
Singh Gill |
| 18. Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Norlina Ramli | |

2. Election of Council Members:

There were four vacancies from the previous Council. After the closing date on 12th March 2021, there were a total of 2 nominations received. All nominees were automatically elected as new council members.

1. Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub
2. Assoc Prof Dr Adil Hussein

There were two more vacancies from the previous Council. Therefore, the President, Datuk Dr Nor Fariza open to all college members to nominate. The 2 nominees were purpose to be elected as new council members.

1. Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin (purpose by Dr Elias Hussein; Seconder by Dr Mahadhir Alhady Sulaiman)
2. Datin Dr Thayaniti Sandragasu (purpose by Dr Elias Hussein; Seconder by Dr Anusiah Selvathurai)

Both nominations were accepted by the House. The floor gave a round of applause to the winners.

3. Amendment of the By-Laws

There were no amendments to the By-Laws and no Resolutions had been received by the Council Secretariat for the 8th AGM of the College.

4. Update on Current Membership

Total number of members: 181 (an addition of 10 members from last year)

Fellows: 22 (from 21)

Life members: 82 (from 70)

5. Appointment of Honorary Auditors

Dr Kamala Devi S D Lingam and Dr Pall Singh were appointed as Honorary Auditors for the year 2021 – 2022 at the previous AGM in 2021.

6. Council Meetings

Four council meetings were held during the term 2021 - 2022. At the first council meeting for this term the post of President, Vice President, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer was elected unanimously by the council with no objections recorded. The attendance of the council members at the Council Meetings for the current term was as follows:

Datuk Dr Hajjah Nor Fariza Binti Ngah	President	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah	Vice President	(2/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub	Hon Secretary	(4/4)
Datin Dr Thayanithi d/o Sandragasu	Hon Treasurer	(4/4)
Dr Anusiah a/p Selvathurai	Council member	(4/4)
Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim	Council member	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Binti Khaliddin	Council member	(4/4)
Prof Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman	Council member	(0/4)

Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari	Council member	(3/4)
Dr Mohd Aziz Husni	Council member	(3/4)
Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin	Council member	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Adil Hussein	Council member	(1/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md. Din	Coopted member (UKM)	(4/4)
Assoc Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli	Coopted member (UM)	(3/4)
Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail	Coopted member (USM)	(4/4)
Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar	Coopted member (MOH)	(3/4)
Dr Chan Jan Bond	Coopted member (MSO)	(3/4)

7. Chapters of the College

The College has six Chapters headed by the respective Chairs 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

Prof Dr Mae-Lynn has been appointed by the Council to lead and coordinate the various Chapters with the pro-term chairpersons.

The formation of Chapters is still in process to recruit more members in each Chapters. There were about 45 applications with multiple choice of Chapters has been received by the secretariat which as follows:

- Retina (medical & surgical) - 14
- Cataract and Refraction Surgery - 8
- Cornea - 2
- Glaucoma - 12
- Oculoplastics & Orbit - 4
- Paediatric Ophthalmology - 8
- Neuro-Ophthalmology - 2

The pro-term chairperson of each chapter would need to identify and recruit more qualified individuals to formally apply for membership in the various Chapters to be formed. These Chapters would then need to submit their members and office bearers' names to the Academy for approval.

8. Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) (Ophthalmology)

CCST is the exit certification for parallel pathway training program in Malaysia, with which candidates can apply for NSR. This program was established to fulfil the nations need for competent ophthalmologist. Every year MOH received more than 150 applications for postgraduate ophthalmology training but the local university is able to offer 60 post graduate ophthalmology training post. There is a need to increase the number of competent ophthalmologists via the parallel pathway.

The Exit Certification (CCST) assessment would be carried out as follows:

- Chief examiner for the CCST would be under the responsibility of the MUCCO chairperson. It was determined that for 2021/2022 this would be Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail.
- The panel/committee of examiners would consist of Council members of the College, non-council members of the College and representations from the university. The committee members (for the term 2021/2022) as follows:
 - i. Dr Mohd Aziz Husni
 - ii. Prof Datin Dr Zunaina Embong
 - iii. Dr Zalifa Zakiah Asnir
 - iv. Dr Tengku Norina Tuan Jaafar
 - v. Dr Nor Anita Che Omar
- Once candidates had fulfilled all the prerequisite criteria, they can apply for CCST by filling up the CCST application form with associated supporting document and submit to the College secretariat.
- The examination fee for the candidate would be RM 3,000. This would be used to cover the examination expenses.
- The Format of the exam would be geared towards the Part III Master's exam and would be run as a Viva which have 3 components.

Room	Component	
1	A	Logbook and Cataract Audit
	B	Cataract Video
2	C	Research Presentation
3	D	Clinical Viva

The first exam has successfully held on the 6th December 2021 at Academy of Medicine of Malaysia office. There were 2 candidates from parallel pathway trainees sit for this exam.

The College will hold a graduation ceremony for the CCST (Ophthalmology) during the College of Ophthalmologists, AMM Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The CCST Certificate will sign by the:

- i. Master of Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Prof Dr Rosmawati
- ii. President of College of Ophthalmologists, AMM
- iii. Chief Examiner of CCST examination

The College have buy 2 graduation robes for the passed candidates to wear during the graduation ceremony.

9. Activities of the various Sub-Committees

A summary of the activities of the various Sub-committees for 2021/2022 is as follows:

i. Community Engagement

Members:

- Datuk Dr Hj Nor Fariza Ngah (Chairperson)
- Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (member)
- Assoc Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (member)
- Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari (member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub (member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Adil Hussein (member)

World Sight Day Forum 2021

The official World Sight Day 2021 is celebrated globally on Thursday 14th October 2021, but instead of celebrating for one day only, our college has decided to extend it over a whole month. One part of the activity is to conduct several webinars highlighting important and relevant issues regarding eye health in both Bahasa Malaysia and English. It is hoped that these hour-long sessions held over lunch time will be able to benefit the general public. The theme for this year is #LoveYourEyes.

The College of Ophthalmologists, AMM was successfully conducted the 7 forums, each with a team consisting of 2 speakers, a moderator and a coordinator. The forums also broadcast live via the Zoom platform and on the college's Facebook page.

Date/Time	Title & Speaker	Moderator	Coordinator
21 October 2021 (Thursday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Makanan Untuk Kesihatan Mata Speaker 1: Dr Nor Anita Che Omar (KKM) Speaker 2: Pn Rugayyah Muhd (Hospital USM)	Dr Mohd Ilham Ismail (KKM)	Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah (KKM)
28 October 2021 (Thursday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Kecederaan Mata Speaker 1: Assoc Prof Dr Tengku Ain Fathlun Tengku Kamalden (UM) Speaker 2: Dr Shuaibah Ab Ghani (UMS)	Dr Fazliana Ismail (UM)	Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub (USM)
30 October 2021 (Saturday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Food For Eyes Speaker 1: Profesor Mimiwati Zahari (UM) Speaker 2: Mrs Goo Chui Hoong	Dr Wendy See Yen Nee (KKM)	Dr Nor Fariza Ngah (KKM)
11 November 2021 (Thursday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Diabetes dan Mata Speaker 1: Dr Teh Wee Min Speaker 2: Assoc Prof Dr Wan Izani Wan Mohamed (USM)	Dr Shahidatul Adha Mohamad (USM)	Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub (USM)
13 November 2021 (Saturday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Diabetes and Eyes Speaker 1: Dr Hazlita Dato' Mohd Isa Speaker 2: Datuk Dr Zanariah Hussein (KKM)	Dr Nor Azimah Abd Aziz (UiTM)	Prof Dr Mimiwati Zahari (UM)
25 November 2021 (Thursday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Penyakit Mata Dikalangan Kanak- Kanak Speaker 1: Prof Dr Shatriah (USM) Speaker 2: Dr Sangeetha a/p Tharmathurai (KKM)	Dr Ayesha Mohd Zain (UKM)	Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail (USM)
27 November 2021 (Saturday) 1.00 - 2.00 pm	Eye Diseases in Children Speaker 1: Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin (UM) Speaker 2: Dr Safinaz Mohd Khialdin (UKM)	Dr Mohd Syafi Abd Bari (IIUM)	Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Hamzah (UKM)

To make more interactive session, the College also organized the World Sight Day Tiktok competition which open to the medical student (IPTA/IPTS). The participants will send the Tiktok video on a weekly basis according to a given theme. The winner of the TikTok competition has been announce according the theme during the forum talk. The winner has received the prize and certificate. The prize for each theme as follows:

- 1st Prize - RM300
- 2nd Prize - RM250
- 3rd Prize - RM200

Community Awareness for Diabetes and Retinal Blindness

The Council has embarked on a project to develop community Awareness for Diabetes and Retinal Blindness. This is to be a collaborative effort among the universities. The College will financially support this project. The topic and the estimate cost that has been agreed as follows:

- Diabetic Macula Edema - RM20,000
- Age Macular Degeneration - RM20,000
- Vein Occlusion - RM15,000

The awareness videos are still in making process. Once completed it'll be blasts in the relevant Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

E-module for training of Diabetic Screening

The College is presently running an E-Module for training for diabetic screening. The target is to empower primary care providers in the community to be able to effectively assess fundus images for community screening. The participants include Medical officers (trainee/non trainee), Family Medicine Specialist, Paramedics, Nursing Staff and Optometrists.

ii. Ethics and Professionalism

Members:

- Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail (Chairperson)
- Dr Anusiah Selvathurai (Member)
- Dr Elias Hussein (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md Din (Member)

The Academy Ethics and Professionalism committee has organized the webinar regarding the patient rights towards the treatment after this COVID-19 pandemic. In future, there will be more upcoming activities under the Academy ethics and professionalism committee so that the doctors can get legal advices regarding any issue pertaining to this current practice.

iii. Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Members:

- Assoc Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin (Chairperson)
- Datuk Dr Hjh Nor Fariza Ngah (Member)
- Dr Anusiah Selvathurai (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)

- Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin (Member)
- Dato' Dr Raja Norliza Raja Omar (Member)

CPD points

The CPD subcommittee had actively reviewed the CPD point application by the industry/drug companies.

The 50% discount on the CPD points application has ended. The nominal fee has back to normal for both virtual and physical events which are as follows:

- Half-day activity - RM1,000
- 1-day activity - RM2,000
- More than 1-day activity - RM3,000

In addition to the above an administrative fee may apply which is RM250.

NSR credit point system

The Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) has appointed the following three CPD Administrators to oversee and implement the CPD system for Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) in Malaysia;

- i. Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM Medical Specialist CPD system)
- ii. Malaysian Medical Association (MMA CPD system)
- iii. myCPD of Ministry of Health Malaysia (MyCPD system),

The MMC is linked individually to each of the CPD Administrators through the MeRITS system. Therefore, on application of the Annual Practicing Certificate (APC), the CPD points that have been verified and approved by each CPD Administrator will be projected into the MeRITS system in real time.

The specialists may choose to use any one of the CPD Administrators to capture all their CPD activities. At the moment, the three systems are not linked yet and discussions are still ongoing to solve this matter.

CPD for Competency

The CPD for assessment of competency in Ophthalmology guidelines are still in discussion at the MMC level. Challenges were in ensuring a sufficiently comprehensive system.

The renewal of NSR will not implement anymore. It will be lifetime certificate. However, to certified the specialist is competent, the APC guideline needs more

straighten and strict. This matter will be discussed more in the academy main council.

Evaluation and Education Committee

The members of these committee (for the Term 2021-2022) are as follows:

Evaluation Committee:

1. Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah
2. Dr Chieng Lee Ling
3. Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail
4. Dr Nor Anita Omar
5. Assoc Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli.
6. Dr Tara Mary George

Training and Education Committee:

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

Issues which these committees are looking at include Malaysian Standards for Medical Specialist Training. The guideline for Malaysian Standards for Medical Specialist Training is in the MMC level approval.

It was agreed that the private training center would need to follow the established parallel pathway training structure program which need to complete the 4 years training, inclusive of 2 years rotational posting (subspeciality posting) prior to sitting for the CCST exam. 2 years post CCST is required to enable the candidates to be NSR certified.

iv. **Fund Raising/Finance**

Members

- Prof Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman (Chairman)
- Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu (Member)
- Dr Elias Hussein (Member)
- Dr Mohd Aziz Husni (Member)
- Dr Chan Jan Bond (Member)

The College has received a contribution of RM200,000 from the Prime Minister's Department for the purchase of fundus cameras for diabetic retinopathy screening for patients in the state of Selangor. The College will purchase 2 units of fundus camera and it will be located at MOH Health Clinic which are Simpang Lima, Sabak Bernam and Soeharto, Hulu Selangor.

The committee will start to raise the money from a donation drive targeting College members initially for the purpose of purchasing the office space in the Academy of Medicine Building in Putrajaya. It was suggested that members giving donations of RM3,000 and above would have their names engraved on a large plaque to be displayed permanently in the premises of the College.

The Malaysian Universities Conjoint Committee of Ophthalmology (MUCCO) has agreed to contribute a total of RM100,000 for jointly share the office space in the new Academy Building with the College. The memorandum is still in process of paperwork with lawyer.

v. **Research and Publication**

Members

- Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim (Chairman)
- Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (Member)
- Dr Mohamad Aziz Salowi (Member)

College of Ophthalmologists, Excellence Award for Ophthalmology Research and Publication 2021/2022

The College received 16 applications for the “College of Ophthalmologists, Excellence Award for Ophthalmology Research and Publication 2021/2022”. The dateline of applications was extended to 1st May 2022. The panels and judges of the applications are as follows:

Panels for shortlisted of top 5 publications:

- Prof Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman (Chairman)
- Dr Anusiah K Selvathurai
- Dr Mohd Aziz husni
- Dr Maizan Yaakub
- Assoc Prof Dr Bakiah Shaharuddin

Judges for presentation:

- Dr Mohamad Aziz Salowi

- Dr Azura Ramlee
- Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail
- Mr Chew Chun Keat

The Malaysian Journal of Ophthalmology (MyJO)

Malaysian Journal of Ophthalmology (MyJO) an official journal to Malaysia Society of Ophthalmology, College of Ophthalmologists (Malaysia) and Malaysian Universities Conjoint Committee in Ophthalmology (MUCCO) was established in 2019. MyJO. MyJO is an online journal with frequency of 4 issues per year.

MyJO is already in the 3rd year of running and going stronger. In 2021, MyJO included younger blood to the editorial board, to strengthen the journal. A new section on artificial intelligence and innovation in ophthalmology was also introduced to keep abreast with the latest development in ophthalmology. Eye-quiz is another new section aims to provide platform for discussion of interesting images. A total 38 articles were published (including editorial comments and eye quiz) in 2021. To appreciate the hard work of our reviewers in improving the quality of manuscripts, special certificate was awarded to the best reviewers. MyJO also selected best original article and case report based on the scientific value, number of downloads and citations. These awards are to encourage higher quality of submission in the future.

Our first supplementary issue which contained the compilation of submitted abstracts for 10th Conjoint Ophthalmology Scientific Conference (COSC). MyJO is planning for indexation in 2022 for both Scopus and Pubmed.

10. List of College participation in Events / Talks / Workshops / Seminars / Webinars / Scientific Meeting in 2021-2022

a) Workshops

- i. 10th Conjoint Ophthalmology Scientific Conference (COSC)
Date: 18-19 September 2021
Venue: Virtual Platform
- ii. Phacoemulsification Workshop
Date: 17-18 February 2022
Venue: Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya
- iii. NCBM Awareness Program on Visual Impairment & Community Rehabilitation
Date: 11th April 2022
Venue: NCBM, Unit 13-8, 13th Floor, Menara Sentral Vista, No. 150, Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad, Brickfields, 50470, Kuala Lumpur.

b) Webinars (Virtual platform)

- i. Masterclass Neuro-Ophthalmology
Date: 17th July 2021
- ii. See More with the Next Generation Monofocal IOL
Date: 23rd July 2021
- iii. eNOVA nAMD updates and experience
Date: 28th July 2021
- iv. Masterclass Glaucoma
Date: 13th August 2021
- v. Global Retinal Network Program Australia and Asia-Pacific 2021
Date: 24th & 26th August 2021
- vi. Masterclass Introduction to Ophthalmic Tumours
Date: 28th August 2021
- vii. Expand the Possibility of Wettability
Date: 4th September 2021
- viii. Masterclass Vitreoretina
Date: 25th September 2021
- ix. Masterclass A Glance Back at Keratoconus
Date: 15th October 2021
- x. Dry Eye Framework INitiation Meeting (DEFINE)
Date: 16th October 2021
- xi. SNEC preceptorship 2021
 - AMD on 19th October 2021
 - DR/DME on 26th October 2021
- xii. Difficult features of wet-AMD
Date: 10th November 2021
- xiii. Retina Forum 2021 "Sembang Santai with Experts: How would you treat this case?"
Date: 4th December 2021
- xiv. E-nova: Approach to Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)
Date: 11th December 2021

- xv. Masterclass Management of Thyroid Eye Disease (TED): What's new?
Date: 31st December 2021
- xvi. Masterclass Medical Retina and Uveitis
Date: 29th January 2022
- xvii. Eye-deal Vision in DME
Date: 26th February 2022
- xviii. Northern Retina Talk: Unlocking the potential of Q16 dosing for your patient
Date: 19th March 2022
- xix. APAC T&E and Disease Educational Material Launch Webinar
Date: 25th March 2022
- xx. The patient in focus: Proactive, individualised T&E in nAMD and PCV
Date: 29th March 2022

11. College Webpage

The College website at <http://www.coamm.org.my/index.htm> has seen a number of updates and additions over 2021-2022.

- The College Facebook page event have been added.
- Creating a new header for membership and archive. The YouTube videos such as world sight day forum, Ophthalmology Care for Sabah and etc have been linked into the archive.
- MedEx exam information and registration link have been added.
- A larger number of useful links have been added to the webpage for members convenience

Complied Jointly by The President, Honorary Secretary, Chief Editor of MyJo, Council Members and the Executive Secretary of the College of Ophthalmologists.

Reported by:
Associate Professor Dr Azhany Yaakub
Honorary Secretary
College of Ophthalmologists
Academy of Medicine of Malaysia
May 2022