

# **College of Ophthalmologists, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia**

## **Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

### **1. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College was held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 4.00 pm at Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara, No. 6 – Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara 50490 Kuala Lumpur

Twenty-four (24) members of the College attended the meeting:

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| 1. Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah           | 13. Assoc. Prof. Dr Norshamsiah Md Din  |
| 2. Assoc. Prof. Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah | 14. Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Norlina Ramli |
| 3. Assoc. Prof. Dr Azhany Yaakub      | 15. Dr Mushawiahti Mustapha             |
| 4. Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu     | 16. Dr Chan Jan Bond                    |
| 5. Dr Pall Singh                      | 17. Dr Shamala Retnasabapathy           |
| 6. Dr Elias Hussein                   | 18. Dr Mohd Aziz Husni                  |
| 7. Dr Anusiah Selvathurai             | 19. Dr Azura Ramlee                     |
| 8. Assoc. Prof. Dr Nurliza Khaliddin  | 20. Dr Mohamad Aziz Salowi              |
| 9. Prof. Dr Mimiwati Zahari           | 21. Dr Maung Maung Win                  |
| 10. Prof. Dr Shatriah Ismail          | 22. Dr Norazlina Bachik                 |
| 11. Prof. Dr Mohtar Ibrahim           | 23. Dr Zalifa Zakiah Asnir              |
| 12. Dr Fazilawati A. Qamaruddin       | 24. Dato' Dr Linda Teoh Oon Cheng       |

### **2. Election of Council Members:**

There were four (4) vacancies from the previous Council. After the closing date on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, there were a total of four (4) nominations received. Therefore, no secret ballot was needed for this election because the number of nominations did not exceed the numbers of vacancies. All nominees were automatically elected as new council members.

1. Dr Fazilawati A. Qamaruddin
2. Dr Mohd Aziz Husni
3. Dr Mushawiahti Mustapha
4. Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md Din

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> AGM of the College.

#### 4. Update on Current Membership

Total number of members: 199 (an addition of 18 members from last year)

Fellows: 22

Life members: 104 (from 82)

#### 5. Appointment of Honorary Auditors

Dr Kamala Devi S D Lingam and Dr Pall Singh were appointed as Honorary Auditors for the year 2022 – 2023 at the previous AGM in 2022.

#### 6. Council Meetings

Four council meetings were held during the term 2022 - 2023. 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	(3/4)
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	(3/4)
Prof Dr Nurliza Binti Khaliddin	Council member	(4/4)
Dr Mohd Aziz Husni	Council member	(4/4)
Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin	Council member	(3/4)
Dr Adil Hussein	Council member	(1/4)
Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md. Din	Council member	(4/4)
Dr Mushawiahti Mustapha	Council member	(4/4)
Dr Othmaliza Othman	Coopted member (UKM)	(3/4)
Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli	Coopted member (UM)	(3/4)
Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail	Coopted member (USM)	(4/4)
Dr Zalifa Zakiah Asnir	Coopted member (MOH)	(4/4)
Dr Chan Jan Bond	Coopted member (MSO)	(2/4)

Prof Dr Abdul Mutalib Othman have resigned from the council, he is on retirement from compulsory services and would like to focus his time with family. As for this term, he failed to attend council meeting in three consecutive set ups.

In accordance with Article X (9) of the Constitution of the College, any members of the Council who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council shall automatically cease to be a member of the Council unless the failure to attend is due to physical disability or absence from Malaysia at the time of the meeting. Upon this

disqualification, such a member shall only become eligible to serve again if elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

## **7. Chapters of the College**

The College has six Chapters headed by the respective Chairs as follows:

1. Retina (Medical Retina and Vitreoretinal) - Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion
2. Cataract and Refractive Surgery - Assoc Prof Dato' Dr Khairidzan Mohd Kamal
3. Glaucoma - Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu
4. Cornea - Prof Dr Mohtar Ibrahim
5. Oculoplastic & Orbit - Dr Kamala Devi S D Lingam
6. Paediatric Ophthalmology - Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin

There were about 53 applications with multiple choice of Chapters has been received (latest update: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023) by the secretariat which as follows:

- Retina (Medical Retina and Vitreoretinal) - 17
- Cataract and Refractive Surgery - 8
- Cornea - 3
- Glaucoma - 12
- Oculoplastic & Orbit - 4
- Paediatric Ophthalmology - 7
- Neuro-Ophthalmology - 2

The following 15 college members who are in good standing as of this year has been accepted by the council to be members of the Retina (MR & VR) Chapter. This list also has submitted to the Master of Academy of Medicine of Malaysia, Prof Dr Rosmawati Mohamed for the final process of forming the Chapter.

1. Professor Dr. Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (Pro-term Chairperson of Retina Chapter)
2. Dr. Hazlita Binti Mohd Isa
3. Dr. Ho Hao Chi
4. Associate Professor Dr. Lim Keat Eu Andrew
5. Prof Dr. Lim Lik Thai
6. Dr. Ling Kiet Phang
7. Toh Puan Dr. Maizan Binti Yaakub
8. Dr. Manoharan Shunmugam

9. Dr. Mushawiahti Binti Mustapha
10. Datuk Dr. Nor Fariza Binti Ngah
11. Dr. Pall Singh
12. Dr. Rajasudha Sawri Rajan
13. Dr. Rosiah Binti Muda
14. Dr. Soong Kwong Weng Terrence
15. Prof Datin Dr. Zunaina Binti Embong

The other Chapters are still need to identify and recruit more qualified individuals to formally apply for membership in the various Chapters to be formed.

## **8. Parallel Pathway Training Programme**

Parallel Pathway Specialty Training was first established in 2018 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 only able to offer 60 post graduate ophthalmology training posts. Therefore, there is a need to increase the number of competent ophthalmologists via the parallel pathway.

Due to the demand of the training, the MOH is able to offer 20 post graduate ophthalmology training posts via the Parallel Pathway Specialty Training. The trainees will take the FRCOphth UK examinations, while clinical training will be totally in Malaysia.

Starting 2023, under the Parallel Pathway Specialty Training, permanent medical officers will be awarded the HLP (*Hadiah Latihan Persekutuan*) whereas the contract medical officers will be given scholarship. Applicants can only choose one post ophthalmology training either the Masters Programme or the Parallel Pathway Specialty Training.

MOH has plans to award Academy of Medicine Malaysia as the secretariat of the Parallel Pathway Specialty Training. The fee for this training will be paid into the Academy account.

Hiring of a staff to help as the secretariat for both Ophthalmology and ENT Parallel Pathway Specialty Training is still under discussion. Salary would be paid by the Academy.

## **9. Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) (Ophthalmology)**

CCST is the exit certification for Ophthalmology Parallel Pathway Specialty Training in Malaysia, with which candidates can apply for NSR. Once candidates had fulfilled all the prerequisite criteria, they can apply for CCST by filling up the CCST application form with associated supporting documents and submit to the College secretariat.

The Chief examiner for term 2023/2024 is Professor Dr Shatriah Ismail.

The committee members (for the term 2023/2024) 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

The panel of examiners would consist of Council members of the College, non-council members of the College and representations from the university.

The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) exam was successfully held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Academy of Medicine of Malaysia office. There were 2 candidates of the Ophthalmology Parallel Pathway Specialty Training who sat for CCST, Dr Wai Yong Zheng and Dr Chow Kit May. Both candidates have passed the examination and will be attending the graduation ceremony for the CCST (Ophthalmology) during the College of Ophthalmologists, AMM Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The College have bought a total of 5 robes for graduation / induction ceremony.

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

A summary of the activities of the various Sub-committees for 2022/2023 is as follows:

### **i. Community Engagement**

Members:

- Datuk Dr Nor Fariza Ngah (Chairperson)
- Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub (member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Adil Hussein (member)
- Dr Zalifa Zakiah Asnir (member)
- Dr Fazilawati A. Qamaruddin (member)
- Dr Mushawiahti Mustapha (member)

#### Cataract Camp Community Service 2022

The cataract camp community service conjunction with world sight day 2022 has successfully held on 25-26 November 2022 (pre-clerking) and 16-18 December 2022 (surgery). It was collaboration between the College, JKN Sabah, UMS and Rotary club.

Due to the unavailability of operating rooms at Kudat Hospital, the venue was changed to Kota Marudu Hospital. All patients in Kudat will undergo surgery in Kota Marudu. The target is 60 patients, 45 patients from Kudat and 15 patients from Kota Marudu. A total of 40 cataract patients have successfully undergone surgery (IOL- is from the contribution of Rotary Club-KK), and 11 pterygiums have also been successfully performed. All patients were given a food basket.

The team involved consists of ophthalmologists, medical officers and paramedics from UMS, HQE, HWKKS and the College of Ophthalmologists (USM, UM, UKM and MOH). A total of 10 ophthalmologists performed surgery with the help of 8 paramedics.

Thanks to the generosity of college members, non-members, the Ophthalmic Fraternity and the associated Ophthalmic Industry a grand total of RM 22,000 cash was collected for this project. These exclude direct donations of value in material items (IOL, disposable items and post-op medications, saliva kit, extra viscoelastics, 3 cataract sets, one phaco machine unit and one microscope).

A total of RM 19,112.01 was utilized. The balance will be used for the next community service (cataract camp) which planned on December 2023 at Hospital Kudat, Sabah.

## **ii. Ethics and Professionalism**

Members:

- Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail (Chairperson)
- Dr Anusiah Selvathurai (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Norshamsiah Md Din (Member)
- Dr Mohd Aziz Husni (Member)

The sub-committee has planned to organize the webinar of ethic and professionalism course under college in July/August 2023. The target group would be trainees/medical officers.

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

Members:

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

- Dr Fazilawati A. Qamarruddin (Member)

#### CPD points

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

#### NSR credit point system

There is no current update on the NSR credit point system.

#### iv. **Fund Raising/Finance**

##### Members

- Dr Chan Jan Bond (Chairman)
- Datin Dr Thayanithi Sandragasu (Member)
- Dr Mohd Aziz Husni (Member)
- Assoc Prof Dr Adil Hussein (member)
- Dr Othmaliza Othman (member)
- Dr Mushawiahti Mustapha (member)

The College has received several donations/contributions throughout year of 2022-2023, namely:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (RM)</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Several donors, members and companies	RM22,000	Donation drive for Cataract camp community service at Hospital Kota Marudu, Sabah
Johnson & Johnson Sdn Bhd	RM8,888	Sponsored the COSC 2022 registration fee for 12 trainees who are presented their oral/poster
	RM15,000	Sponsored the APAO 2023 registration fee for 7 trainees/ ophthalmologists.
Dr Norazlina Bachik	RM15,000	i. Purchased the cataract micro instrument sets to be placed at Hospital Batu Pahat, Hospital Kluang, & Hospital Segamat. ii. Repaired & workmanship of 1 unit of S&L and purchase DSC Gen3-CCD camera for Hospital Ampang

	RM28,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Purchased screen for Bio attachment (Smart Uhd TV 43inch) to be placed at Hospital Wanita Kanak2 Likas.</li> <li>ii. Purchased of 1 set A-scan ultrasound biometry to be placed at Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II.</li> </ul>
	RM25,000	<p>Purchased 10 units of the Retinoscope to be placed at MOH hospital namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar</li> <li>• Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh</li> <li>• Hospital Ampang</li> <li>• Hospital Serdang</li> <li>• Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar, Seremban</li> <li>• Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II</li> <li>• Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Johor Bharu</li> <li>• Hospital Sultanah Nora Ismail, Batu Pahat</li> <li>• Hospital Umum Sarawak</li> <li>• Hospital Bintulu</li> </ul>
Malaysian Universities Conjoint Committee of Ophthalmology (MUCCO)	RM100,000	Donation drive for purchased office space in the new Academy building for college at Putrajaya.

**v. Research and Publication**

**Members**

- Prof Datin Dr Norlina Mohd Ramli (Chairperson)
- Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah (Member)
- Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail (Member)
- Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin (Member)
- Dr Mohamad Aziz Salowi (Member)

College of Ophthalmologists, Excellence Award for Ophthalmology Research and Publication 2022/2023



The College received 15 applications for the “College of Ophthalmologists, Excellence Award for Ophthalmology Research and Publication 2022/2023” after the closing date ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The panels and judges of the applications are as follows:

Panels for shortlisted of top 5 publications:

- Prof Dr Nurliza Khaliddin (Chairperson)
- Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajuddin
- Assoc Prof Dr Tajunisah Begam Mohd Iqbal
- Assoc Prof Dr Azhany Yaakub
- Dr Ahmad Nurfahmi Akhtar Ali

Judges for presentation:

- Prof Dr Shatriah Ismail
- Assoc Prof Dr Jemaima Che Hamzah
- Dr Mohd Aziz Husni
- Dr Elias Hussein
- Dr Low Ee Vien

#### The Malaysian Journal of Ophthalmology (MyJO)

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

MyJO is already in the 4th year of running. We have appointed a new editorial board in 2021 and introduced a new format for 2022. Each issue is comprised of original articles, case series, case reports and eye quizzes. To ensure this new format and guideline is strictly followed by the authors, we appointed a technical reviewer and introduced another screening procedure in the process. We have published only two issues this year due to many issues. The first special issue on ophthalmic trauma is supposed to be published in the September issue but was delayed. Thus, so far, we have published 11 original articles, 1 case series, 6 case reports and 2 eye quizzes.

We have published two supplementary issues for MOH annual glaucoma symposium (MAG) 2022 and 11th Conjoint Ophthalmology Scientific Conference (COSC) Universiti Malaya- Asia Pacific Ophthalmic Trauma Society Conference 2022. We certainly hope to catch up with the remaining issues in 2023.

#### **11. List of College participation in Events / Talks / Workshops / Seminars / Webinars / Scientific Meeting in 2022-2023**

a) **Workshops / Scientific Meeting**

- i. NCBM Awareness Program on Visual Impairment & Community Rehabilitation

Venue: NCBM, Unit 13-8, 13th Floor, Menara Sentral Vista, No. 150, Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad, Brickfields, 50470, Kuala Lumpur.

Date:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022
- 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

- ii. Basic Ophthalmic Imaging in Medical Retina & Uveitis

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Venue: Aloft Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

- iii. Medical Retina Masterclass

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Venue: The Everly Hotel, Putrajaya

- iv. 11<sup>th</sup> Conjoint Ophthalmology Scientific Conference (COSC) UM-APOTS Ophthalmic Trauma Meeting 2022

Date: 17-18 September 2022

Venue: Connexion Conference & Event Centre, Kuala Lumpur

- v. Uveitis Masterclass

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Via hybrid format (on site and online-Kuala Lumpur)

- vi. Pre-APAO MSO-MUCCO-OF Training of Trainers Workshop: Leaders in Education Course

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Venue: KLCC

b) **Webinars (Virtual platform)**

- i. Southern Retina Talk: Unlocking the potential of Q16 dosing for your patient with aflibercept

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

- ii. Vision Summit 2022

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

- iii. Malaysian Omidenepag Experience- Adboard Meeting II (MOE-ABM II)

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

- iv. PED and CSCR – A Revisit and Current Updates  
Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022
- v. Shaping the future of patient care - Emerging clinical evidence for proactive care  
Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- vi. Best Practice for maximizing patient outcomes  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- vii. MUCCO and RANZCO: Innovations in Ophthalmology Assessments and Examinations  
Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- viii. Synergy, Truly Multifocal?  
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- ix. SNEC Preceptorship 2022  
Date: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022
- x. Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop: Case based Discussion (CbD)  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- vii. 7th Ophthalmology Basic Science Examination (MedEx) Preparatory Course 2023  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## 12. College Webpage

The College website at <http://www.coamm.org.my/index.htm> has seen a number of updates and additions over 2022-2023.

- The 2023 events have been added.
- The count number for people who are viewing the website have been added.

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