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Dear MSO members,

Happy New Year 2022 and a Happy Lunar New Year! How has the start of the New Year been like for you? Hopefully the Year of the Tiger will be a robust one for all and sundry.

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19 situation (now into its latest Omicron variant), it seems likely that certain adaptations done during the earlier part of the pandemic are here to stay. While we all yearn for the opportunity to have face-to-face meetings and conferences, we must also accept the reality that these events are increasingly being held virtually or in the hybrid form (small physical presence with larger virtual audience).

The MSO, as well as the various Special Interest Groups (SIGs) under the Society, have embraced this new norm by organizing various webinars, conferences and public forums. We have also used the virtual platform for the majority of our committee meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year will be no different. We will be organising a series of webinars to cater to both our ordinary and associate members. We are grateful for the support by friends from the industry for this endeavor.

The AGM this year will also be held virtually, tentatively scheduled to be on March 12th, 2022. Please free up your afternoon (2pm – 6pm) to attend this important event, as we will also be having many ‘firsts’ events surrounding the AGM: the first Tripartite Glaucoma Webinar, the inaugural AGM of the Malaysian Glaucoma Society (MGS) and a new named lecture in honour of the late Prof Dato Dr Selvarajah Sivaguru. We are honoured to have Prof Dr Bernard Chang (President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, UK) as the first recipient of this award.

For our newsletter this time, we are featuring Dr Zabri Kamarudin in our Personality Focus. Our affable vitreoretinal (VR) surgeon from Hospital Selayang shares an interesting account of his early years as well as how he got into Ophthalmology and VR. Another interesting tidbit about him: do you know that he’s an avid angler and a superb baker?

In this issue, we are also excited to have on board Dr Julian Tagal, who will be contributing a series of articles regarding the medicolegal aspect of our practice in ophthalmology. In his first article, he discusses the elements of how a medical negligence claims can be successful. I suggest everyone to have a read of this article: prevention is better than cure!

Lastly, we welcome anyone who would like to contribute articles to our newsletter, whether on a one-off or regular basis. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Have a great year ahead!

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SERIES OF WEBINARS PLANNED FOR 2022		
Month	Preferred Time and Date	Title
March 2022	6-12 Mar	World Glaucoma Week
	12 Mar @ 3.30pm	MSO AGM
	Sat, 26 Mar @ 3pm	DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar
April 2022	Sat, 2 Apr @ 3 pm	BOSS – New Insights from OCTA in NAMD Anterior Vitrectomy from Anterior Segment Surgeons
		Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Neuro-Ophthalmology
		Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Glaucoma
	Sat, 23 Apr @ 3pm	DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar - Paediatrics
May 2022		DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar
	Sat, 21 May @ 3pm	BOSS MSO Cataract Video Challenging Cases
June 2022		Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Oculoplastic
July 2022		DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar - Glaucoma
August 2022	5-7 Aug	APGC & MSJOC
	Sat, 27 Aug	Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Vitreoretina
September 2022		DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar - Oculoplastic
October 2022		Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Paediatrics
November 2022		DKSH – MYOSIG Webinar – Cataract refractive/MR
December 2022	Sat, 3 Dec @ 3pm	BOSS MSO Cataract Video Festival
		Alcon – MSO Grand Ward Rounds - Cornea