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Dear MSO Members,

The 'Special Interest Groups' (SIGs) have been busy organising focussed subspecialty meetings with the recent VR SIG, sponsored by Novartis, being very well attended and summarised in this issue. These SIGs play an important role in representing the MSO at subspecialty conferences and ensuring that any pressing issues related to the sub-specialty is brought to the attention of the MSO committee.

In the shadows of the 33rd Malaysia-Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress (2018 MSJOC), the MSO committee are already in full swing of preparing for the MSO Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 slated to be held in Kuantan, Pahang, in conjunction with the 34th Malaysia-Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress. The MSO and Local Organising Committees are already working tirelessly to ensure another high-quality scientific congress with exciting social activities so block your diaries for 22-24 March 2019.

The inaugural MSO Leadership Development Program (LDP) was held just last weekend (4-5 August 2018) and was a resounding success with very positive feedback from participants and all speakers alike. The meeting was led by Dr. Catherine Green, veteran LDP organiser and APAO LDP chair with faculty including our very own past Malaysian LDP graduates. The 2-day meeting, sponsored by Allergan and MSO, kicked-off with Mr. Simon Abbott conducting the Insights Colours



The inaugural MSO LDP 2018 speakers and participants. (Standing, left to right: Dr. Chan Suet Mei, Dr. Kala Sumugam, Dr. Evelyn Tai Li Min, Dr. Nandini Vijaya Singham, Dr. Wilson Wong Jun Jie, Dr. Tan Pek Hwi, Dr. Ho Shu Fen, Dr. Premala Devi Sivagurunathan, Dr. Ng Hong Kee, Dr. Chan Jan Bond, Dr. Teh Wee Min, Dr. Gunn Peng Seok, Dr. Tan Li Mun, Dr. Florence Santiago, Dr. Mushawiahti Mustapha, Dr. Chow Rhuen Chiou, Dr. Lee Ming Yueh, Dr. Lott Pooi Wah, Dr. Azlan Azha bin Musa, Dr. Rajasudha Sawri Rajan; Sitting, left to right: Mr. Simon Abbott, Dr. Goh Siew Ching, Dr. Shelina bt Oli Mohd, Dr. Mano Shunmugam, Dr. Kenneth Fong, Dr. Catherine Green, Assoc. Prof. Norlina Ramli, Assoc. Prof. Amir Samsudin, Assoc. Prof. Azhany Yaakub, Dr. John Mathen, Dr. Muiz Mahyudin (not in picture))

Personality Training, giving the participants eye-opening insights into their own personas and the ability to appreciate those of others around them. Dr. Cathy Green and myself then spoke of how the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries interact with health-care providers and how to make the best of this relationship for the shared goal of improving healthcare for our patients. Dr. Muiz Mahyudin then enlightened the group on how we can all contribute to our society in further developing our profession and made it an interesting and interactive session with participants coming up with useful ideas as well. Assoc. Prof. Amir Samsudin and Assoc. Prof. Azhany Yaakub then spoke of the very important and topical subject of advocacy for our patients and profession. This included subjects such as how to debunk dubious eye treatments, dealing with rogue colleagues and dealing with the government.

The next day was equally as riveting with Assoc. Prof. Norlina Ramli and Cathy Green addressing the topical subject of workplace bullying and how to raise awareness that this is not acceptable practice. They also detailed the difficulties and need to ensure diversity and equality in our profession and the importance of doing so. The weekend ended with Dr. Ken Fong showcasing how to make an impactful and lasting impression by arming yourself with the right presentation skills.

The MSO would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our past president Dato' Dr. Goh Pik Pin on her award of Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri (DSPN) by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Pulau Pinang on 17th July 2018. A special mention also goes out to Associate Professor Khairidzan Mohammed Kamal on being selected as an APACRS Certified Educator at the APACRS Annual Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand recently. The MSO continues to make its presence felt on the international stage as our President Dr. Ken Fong attended the WOC at Barcelona to represent the MSO at the ICO Opening Ceremony and General Assembly. These accolades are not only prestigious to the individual but also helps the Society and certainly cements Malaysia on the international stage – not that much more is required after our good doctors in the top 2 posts in the government have shown the world that us doctors (& ophthalmologists!) are indeed a versatile lot.

Do log on to your own personal membership portal on the MSO website where you can register your details and pay for your membership. As always, this is your society and the MSO needs your support to carry on its activities; by its members, for its members.

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