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Dear MSO Members,

The newly minted MSO Cataract and Refractive Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting will be organising a quintessential session on cataract surgical techniques, phaco-dynamics and 'challenging cases' presentations. Look out for the invite and ensure you register early as spaces are limited and are bound to be filled quickly so ensure you keep the weekend of the 3rd and 4th November free!

The MSO is pleased to have supported the 2018 National-Level World Sight Day Event which recently took place in Johor on the 11th of October. It was a very well organised event which was equally well supported by other charities, associations and industry. Needless to say, we all need to ensure that we strive to protect the sight of our nation at large. In this same vein, the society thanks all the individuals who have come forward and provided us with information of dubious eye products whose sale is rampant on online stores and multi-level marketing modalities. We cannot, in all conscience, call ourselves a progressive, first-world nation if we do not ensure that these practices are stamped out and our citizens gain access to equitable, evidence-based eye care. This should be the bare minimum that we, as members of this society can uphold and promise to our patients and fellow countrymen.

At the recent Extraordinary General Meeting of the MSO held on 29th September 2018, the members unanimously passed the motion to purchase a new office unit located at PJ Midtown. A short powerpoint presentation of the development was presented to the attendees by the property agent and a number of queries raised by the floor was clarified. The paperwork is now in progress to finalise the transaction and so would begin an exciting new time and place for MSO to call home.

As a reminder, the next MSO Annual Scientific Meeting 2019 is going to be held in Kuantan, Pahang, and is a little special next year as the MSO-ASM 2019 will be held in conjunction with the 34th Malaysia-Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress. This usually only happens every 2 years and though Malaysia was the host this year in Melaka, it was decided with the Singapore

Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) that we would host it in 2019 since we are hosting the APGC in 2020 and APAO in 2021. Singapore would then host it the following year (2020) probably in conjunction with the SNEC Anniversary meeting. As always, this promises to be another highly educational event with international speakers and keynote lectures not to be missed.

With the minimum compulsory requirement for collecting CPD points, do make sure you attend this event and take advantage of the early bird rates. As always, trainees who are also MMA members can apply to claim most of their registration fees reimbursed by the MMA Foundation Eye Fund. 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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**SAVE THE DATE**

Event: The 10th MSO Annual Scientific Meeting *in conjunction with*
The 34th Malaysia-Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress

Date: 22—22 March 2019

Venue: SASICC & Zenith Hotel, Kuantan, Pahang