

# MSO Express

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Dear MSO Members,

Much has happened since the last AGM with the election of a new MSO committee and it gives me great pleasure to introduce some new members and welcome back many from the previous committee, namely, Dr Kenneth Fong Choong-Sian (President), Dr Miswan Muiz Mahyudin (Vice President), Dr Manoharan Shunmugam (Secretary), Assoc Prof Amir Samsudin (Assistant Secretary), Dr Lee Ming Yueh (Treasurer), Dr Fang Seng Kheong, Prof Dr Liza Sharmini Ahmad Tajudin, Dr Shelina Oli Mohamed & Prof Dr Mae-Lynn Catherine Bastion (Committee Members).

The MSJOC held in March at Kuantan, Pahang proved popular and provided a nice change of scenery for most of us city-dwellers. The scenic and culturally-rich city proved to be a great host with much praise for its organisation led by Assoc Prof Dr Amir Samsudin, Assoc Prof Dr Khairidzan Mohd Kamal & Assoc Prof Dr Ahmad Nurfaumi Akhtar Ali. There was a great line-up of experts both locally and abroad with Keynote lectures delivered by Assoc Prof Dr Shuan Dai, Assoc Prof Dr Khairidzan Mohd Kamal, Assoc Prof Dr Carmen Chan & Prof Dr Liza Sharmini. The Guest of Honour, YBhg Dato' Dr Haji Bahari bin Dato Tok Muda Hj Awang Ngah, Director of Medical Development Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia delivered an eye-opening speech on his views on the state of Medical Practice and Development in Malaysia. Later that evening following the MSO Service Awards, comedian Dr Jason Leong stole the night with his topical stand-up comedy routine.

The newly elected committee also decided at its first sitting to induct a Young Ophthalmologists (YO) sub-committee represented by Dr Sudhashini Chandrasekaran. The YO are active participants in the MSO activities and have already started work in this very newsletter. They include Dr Sudhashini Chandrasekaran, Dr Premala Devi Sivagurunathan, Dr Chan Jan Bond, Dr Tan Chai Keong, Dr Puspha Raman & Dr Cheng Teck Chee. We are grateful for their efforts and fresh ideas that they bring to the table.

Another exciting development is MSO's move into our brand new office which we own. Located at PJ Midtown (Unit #UG33) on Jalan Kemajuan, the space is also available to members should you be



MSO new office: Front entrance

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MSO new office: Theatre-style arrangement



MSO new office: Meeting table arrangement

interested to hold a meeting or discussion. Bookings are on a first-come first-served basis and only during office hours for the moment.

Some of you may already be aware of the defamation trial against MSO, in particular, Cellglo (Plaintiff) vs MSO and Sin Chew Jit Poh (Defendants) which began with the comprehensive press statement which MSO published against the numerous dubious eye treatments available on the market and via unregulated channels such as social media. The trial has begun and we are defending it vigorously as the outcome will set a precedent and will have far-reaching repercussions. We will certainly keep our membership updated of this.

Please do mark your diaries for our upcoming MSO events which are available on our newly designed and updated website. This includes our charity eye screening program in Kemaman on 20 July 2019, supporting KKM World Sight Day in Putrajaya on 10 October 2019, an Oculoplastic special interest group meeting on 22-23 Feb 2020, a Paediatric SIG meeting on 4-5 April 2020 and finally our 11th Annual Scientific Meeting in conjunction with APGC on 14-16 August 2020. Do log on to your own personal membership portal on the MSO website where you can update your details, pay for your membership and register for any MSO-organised conferences. 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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