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Dear MSO Members,

This pandemic will probably have a greater and longer-lasting impact on the profession of Ophthalmology – yes, perhaps even more than for the respiratory physicians, contrary to what many people would think. As many sigh a relief with their new-found freedom in the recovery movement control order (RMCO), it is evident that there is still a healthy fear of catching SARS-COV-2 and rightly so as it is the fear of the unknown that is most worrying.

Parents and children rush in complaining of digital eye strain – all bearing the internal conflict of loving and loathing their gadgets all at once. Well, it seems the children are just loving it – steadily fuelling the myopia pandemic. Never before has there been a greater international catalyst to literally widen our bandwidth. Network providers can hardly cope with the global move towards being a more digitally social people – Air, food water & WiFi indeed. Augmented reality has already started rearing its head – adoption is inevitable.

Closer to home, most of us already have webinar fatigue – but on a positive note, never before have we been able to collect CPD points so easily – it only counts from next month though. Our own MSO AGM has to be held online as well and we hope that this level of convenience would attract more people to join with many important points which we need to address with the members. Now, more than ever, the MSO Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have become even more active with many new ideas reverberating within this new digital space. 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. Almost all subspecialties are represented including Paediatric Ophthalmology, Glaucoma, Cornea, Vitreoretina, Uveitis, Oculoplastics, Refractive Surgery with even a Young Ophthalmologists chapter which is steadily & surely growing (up).

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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