

**BOSS — BORNEO OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL SYMPOSIUM**

The Borneo Ophthalmic Surgical Symposium or BOSS was originally called the Kuching Eye Forum. It had its inaugural in-person meeting in Kuching in 2018 followed by the second event in 2019. The main objective of the meetings is to promote and encourage ophthalmic Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities in the Borneo states of Sarawak and Sabah which are rather isolated from Peninsular Malaysia not just geographically but in CPD activities as well. Dr Peter Kong from Kota Kinabalu has been integrally involved and incredibly supportive since our inception in 2018. The emphasis has always been on surgical video recordings and presentations to improve the microsurgical skills of the attendees.

In 2020, due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were forced to host the meetings on a virtual platform. This has turned out to be a blessing in disguise, as we were able to transcend physical boundaries to reach out to a wider audience and encouraged more participation from across the Straits.

The inaugural BOSS virtual meeting was held on 8 May 2020, with a theme focusing on “Capsular Problems, Management of Subluxated IOL and Yamane IOL Fixation”. The meeting was particularly insightful for cataract surgeons facing issues with capsular bag instability and offered innovative solutions to the fixation of the intraocular lens. The panel of speakers comprised of Dr Lee Mun Wai, Dr Choong Yean Yaw and Dr Dennis Kong respectively. Dr Chin Pik Kee was the moderator.

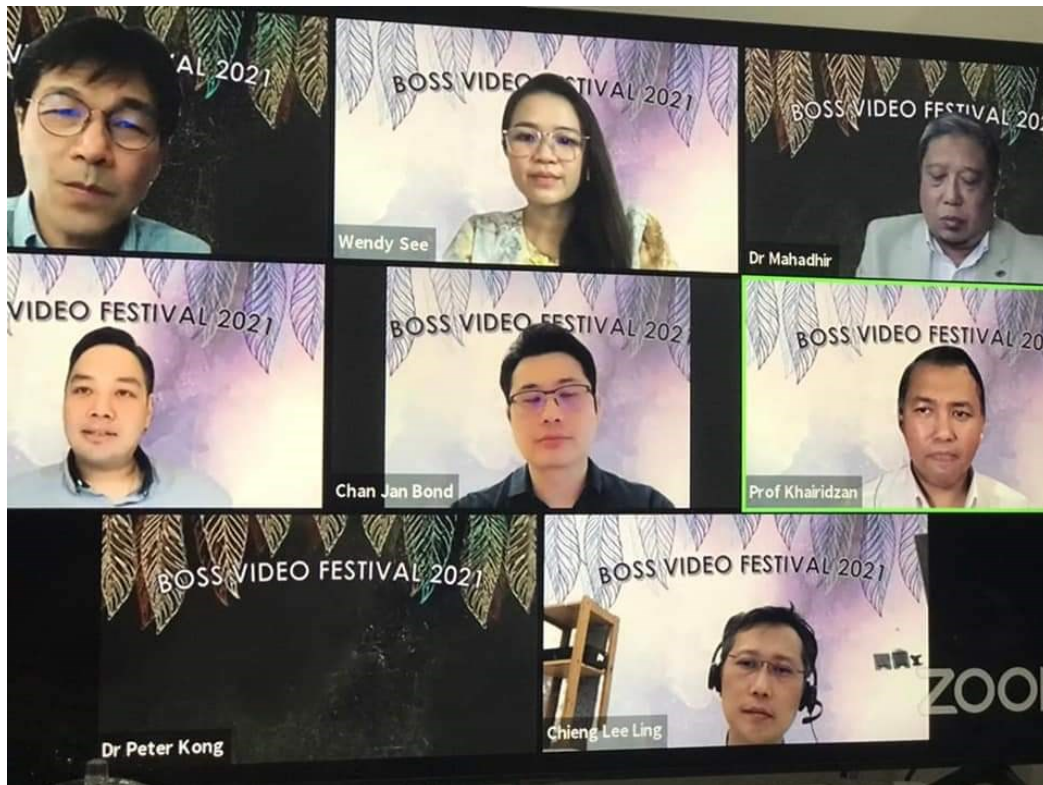
The second BOSS webinar was on the topic of “Recording, Editing and Presentations of Surgical Videos”. Held on 2 June 2020, our invited speakers comprised of a mix of local and international ophthalmologists: Dr Sarbjit Singh (India) and Dr Chan Jan Bond (Malaysia). The panelists were Dr Dennis Kong, Dr Lee Mun Wai and Dr Benjamin Ho. A lot of valuable tips and tricks were shared by the two speakers on how to optimise surgical recording settings and also editing of these videos for presentations and surgical video festivals.



The next BOSS event was the Cataract Video Festival held on 12 December 2020. It is the first dedicated cataract surgery video festival to be held in the country. It was divided into 2 sections for invited speakers and an Open category. The Open Section was a competitive video festival open to all Malaysian ophthalmologists and trainees. Many were encouraged to submit their surgical videos, and attractive prizes were up for grabs. The event was a resounding success, with 22 shortlisted video entries in the Open Section and 8 invited speaker videos. The moderators of the event were Dr Mahadhir Alhady Sulaiman and Dr Tan Niam Ming.

Riding on the success of the first video festival, the next event held on 1 May 2021 was a general video festival called BOSS Video Festival. For the first time since its inception, we had our counterparts from Brunei participating in this event, making it a truly Borneo experience. Many interesting videos were shared, including management of persistent pupillary





membranes in a paediatric eye by our friends from Brunei. The hosts for this event were Dr Mahadhir Alhady Sulaiman and Dr Wendy See.

To enable more people to gain from these events, all video submissions and talks have been uploaded to the "Borneo Ophthalmology" YouTube channel for viewing on demand.

I would like to thank the Malaysian Society of Ophthalmology, Dr Peter Kong, Dr Choong Yean Yaw, industry sponsors and all speakers who have supported this brainchild of mine all these years and made it to what it is today.

I would also like to take this opportunity to promote the next virtual festival, which will be the BOSS MSCRS (Malaysian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery) Cataract Video Festival on 11 December 2021. This jointly organised event will be divided into an Open Section and a Young Ophthalmologist (YO) Section. Details of the festival has been shared by many and also posted on MSO's Facebook page. We are looking forward to a good number of video submissions and there will be prizes for the winners.



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