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Dear MSO members,

### It's Great to be Back!

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you in good health. It is almost 2.5 years to the date when we were first introduced to the dreaded but necessary Movement Control Order (MCO) and its various iterations (EMCO, CMCO and RMCO – do they still ring a bell?) in the following months. The Covid-19 pandemic has brought about seismic shifts in the way we go about our lives and also in our clinical practice. Social interactions such as school playtime, sports and recreation, face-to-face meetings, conferences or simply having a meal together were not possible at one point.

Thankfully, things are much better now. It has been four months since the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions in Malaysia, and we have welcomed the resumption of face-to-face meetings and conferences with huge sighs of relief (and perhaps even a tear in the eye).

Most recently, Malaysia was host to the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress, which was held in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> MSO Annual Scientific Meeting and 36<sup>th</sup> Malaysia-Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress. We had almost a thousand attendees, with 55% of them choosing to attend the meetings on-site. We also had successful completion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Conjoint Ophthalmology Scientific Conference (COSC) on 17-18 September 2022.

A few notable international conferences have also been held recently, including that of the Asia-Pacific Association of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (APACRS) on 11-12 June 2022 and EURETINA on 1-4 September 2022 and the 40<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) in Milan, Italy.

Upcoming conferences include the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) in Chicago and the 15<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Vitreo-Retina Society (APVRS) Congress in Taipei, Taiwan. Certainly it is an opportune time to scratch that travel itch! Just remember to observe and adhere to the travel requirements of the countries you plan to visit.

For those of you who are still undecided about travelling or having physical meetings, fret not. Many congress organisers are still maintaining a hybrid meeting option. Virtual meetings are also here to stay. These include our very own series of webinars such as the MSO Grand Ward Rounds, MYOSIG Surgical Webinar and BOSS (Borneo Ophthalmic Surgical Symposium).

For those who have visited our website ([www.mso.org.my](http://www.mso.org.my)) recently, you may have noticed some changes taking place. Some subtle but significant changes are taking place on our website, with the addition of a Calendar of Events and Members-only contents, amongst others. Be sure to check out the new-look website, and let us know what you think.

Here's to a productive end to the year 2022 and let us start our preparations to welcome the new year and APAO 2023 in Kuala Lumpur!



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