

# COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE



The Chapter of Ophthalmologists had subsisted under the purview of the College of Surgeons, Singapore since the latter was formed in 2004. With a steady growth in the Chapter's membership, the objective to enhance the development of the specialty and the need for a stronger presence to advocate the future of ophthalmology, Dr Lim Tock Han (then Chairman of the Chapter of Ophthalmologists) mooted the idea of converting the Chapter into a College to better serve the Ophthalmology community. After a year of dedicated effort to the formation process, the College of Ophthalmologists (COPH) was formed on 20 January 2009 under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

## Message from the President

**Dr Aung Tin**

“ 2013 marks the fourth year that COPH has been operating as a College to become more responsive in serving the needs of our ophthalmology community. We thank the preceding COPH councils for their hard work in laying down the organisational foundations for our College to prosper and expand today.

Our Council members have provided the leadership and management to properly handle the increasing number of programmes and assets coming under our College every year. I wish for my fellow ophthalmologists to join me in thanking our COPH Council Members for bringing their passion and talent to provide selfless, exemplary service to our College. I am proud to serve beside them.

In 2013, our ophthalmology communities in the different healthcare institutions came together to oversee and develop our continuing medical education programme. This helps train our upcoming specialists and maintain the competency of our existing practitioners. The College was consulted to provide our views on a variety of issues of public interest such as femtosecond cataract surgery, and the use of optometrists to provide ophthalmic care in a hospital setting. We are also making plans to embark on a Diploma of Ophthalmology programme for resident physicians/service registrars in Singapore.

For 2014, the College is exploring ways to use College resources to support ongoing initiatives in our community. For the initiatives that we are able to support, we hope that the organisers use our assistance to serve our community well.

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of the College for the two-year term. I thank my Council members and my fellow ophthalmologists for giving me unconditional support in the discharge of my duties. The new President, Dr Heng Wee Jin, and his new Council members will be appointed at our annual general meeting in 2014. I wish them all the best and hope that we, as fellow ophthalmologists, can continue to give them our unconditional support to lead our College to a better future. ”



## The 2013-2014 Council

President:	Dr Aung Tin
Immediate Past President:	Dr Ong Sze Guan
Vice President:	Dr Heng Wee Jin
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Yip Chee Chew
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Wong Tien Yin
Council Members:	Dr Adrian Koh Hock Chuan
	Dr Pauline Cheong Yeem Yoong
	Dr Lee Shu Yen



*From left: Dr Adrian Koh (Council Member), Dr Wong Tien Yin (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Yip Chee Chew (Honorary Secretary), Dr Heng Wee Jin (Vice President), Dr Aung Tin (President), Dr Ong Sze Guan (Past President) and Dr Lee Shu Yen (Council Member)*

*Not in photo: Dr Pauline Cheong Yeem Yoong (Council Member)*

## Annual General Meeting

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the College of Ophthalmologists, chaired by Dr Aung Tin was held on Saturday, 11 May 2013 at Sheraton Towers Hotel Singapore.

## Council Meetings

The Council Members had met four times in the year 2013.

## Membership

The College membership stood at 140 as of 31 December 2013.

## National CME Programme

The College administered the National CME programme with the support and participation of Changi General Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, National Health Group Eye Institute, National University Hospital, National University of Singapore, Singapore National Eye Centre and Tan Tock Seng Hospital and private ophthalmologists. The CME sessions were held on Wednesdays, providing ophthalmologists and trainees knowledge on Basic Surgical Trainees (BSTs)/ Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) teachings and combined CME lectures. The Education Committee, led by Dr Aung Tin and Dr Adrian Koh with the assistance from the hospital co-ordinators and subspecialty committees, oversees the National CME programme.

## 4<sup>th</sup> College Lectureship 2013

Dr Aung Tin delivered the 4<sup>th</sup> College Lectureship 2013 on 11 May 2013 at Sheraton Towers Hotel Singapore. The title of the lecture was 'Why do people get angle closure glaucoma?' The lecture was well attended by Fellows attending the College's Annual General Meeting on the same day. The audience came out with a better understanding on angle closure glaucoma. The College looks forward to organising the 5<sup>th</sup> College Lectureship in 2014.



*Dr Aung Tin delivering the lecture.*