

College of Ophthalmologists

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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, the College of Ophthalmologists was formed on 20 January 2009 under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore.

President's Message

Dr Heng Wee Jin



In 2014, the College of Ophthalmologists (COPH) celebrated its 5th year as a College under the Academy of Medicine, Singapore. Building upon the strong foundations of previous COPH Councils and harnessing the support and expertise of the current Council members, the College has been better able to serve the professional needs of the ophthalmology community. On behalf of the College, I wish to express my deep gratitude for the dedication, time and hard work put in by our Council members.

The College had awarded the 5th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship Award to Prof Paul Mitchell for delivering the College lecture at the 30th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology in 2014. COPH also awarded a Travel Fellowship Grant to a College member for attending an overseas scientific meeting that year.

COPH saw a rise in the number of request for professional opinions

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from various government and academic organisations in 2014 and had provided views in 11 consultation matters. The College was also developing the Staff Registrar Scheme and an examination system leading to a Diploma in Ophthalmology for Staff Registrars in Singapore.

COPH had been invited by the ASEAN Ophthalmology Society to form the Standing Committee for Scientific Programme to help in the planning of its future biennial meetings. I would like to thank the previous COPH Council as well as the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology for laying the ground works that eventually brought us this honour. At the same time, collaborating with the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology, the College is proud to be organising the 32nd Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress which will be held in Singapore in 2017.

Without the unconditional support of the Council members, these achievements would not have been possible. I would like to thank them as well as my fellow colleagues for their unwavering support and selfless contributions. With a sense of gratitude for the confidence the College has placed in me and the admiration for the achievements of those who preceded me, I will continue to do my very best as President of the College.

The 2013-2014 Council

President:	Dr Heng Wee Jin
Immediate Past President:	Dr Aung Tin
Vice President:	Dr Yip Chee Chew
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Esther Fu
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Wong Tien Yin
Council Members:	Dr Lee Shu Yen
	Dr Kelvin Lee
	Dr Adrian Koh

Annual General Meeting

The 5th Annual General Meeting of the College of Ophthalmologists was held on 12 April 2014 at The Clan Restaurant.

Council Meetings

The Council Members had met on 5 August 2014 and 4 November 2014.

Membership

The College membership stood at 143 as of 31 December 2014. There were 141 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows.

The following Fellows had been admitted into the College in 2014: Drs Wong Hsing Yi Melissa, Yeo Tun Kuan, Chung Hsiwei and Anna Tan Cheng Sim.

Continuing Medical Education

The College had organised talks and lectures for its Fellows in 2014.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chairman/Moderator
30 April	Retina Updates from the World Ophthalmology Congress	A/Prof Caroline Chee, Senior Consultant and Head for Surgical Retina, National University Health System	A/Prof Lim Tock Han, Assistant Chief Executive Officer (Education) National Healthcare Group Advisor, NHG Eye Institute
		Dr Jacob Cheng, private practice	
30 July	Understanding Dry Eye Disease	Adj A/Prof Louis Tong, Senior Consultant, SNEC	Dr Lee Hung Ming, private practice
		Dr Jerry Tan, private practice	
1 November	Ocular Surface Disease/Dry Eye – Focus Group Meeting	Dr Audrey Looi, Head and Senior Consultant, Oculoplastic/Aesthetic Eyeplastic Service, SNEC	Dr Lim Li, Head (Clinical) and Senior Consultant, Corneal and External Eye Disease, SNEC
		Adj A/Prof Louis Tong, Senior Consultant, SNEC	
		Dr Sunny Shen, Consultant, General Cataract & Comprehensive Ophthalmology Service, SNEC	
		Dr Ti Seng Ei, Senior Consultant, Cataract Service, SNEC	
		Dr Cordelia Chan, private practice	
		Dr Khor Wei Boon, Consultant, Corneal and External Eye Disease Service, SNEC	

National CME Programme

In 2014, the College continued to administer 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.

CME sessions were conducted every Wednesday afternoon, comprising Basic Surgical Trainees (BSTs)/ Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) teachings and combined CME lectures for all ophthalmologists and trainees. The Education Committee led by A/Prof Heng Wee Jin and Dr Adrian Koh (with participation of the ACGME Residency Programme Directors, the hospital co-ordinators and subspecialty committees) oversaw the programme.

The 5th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship

The College had awarded the 5th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship to Prof Paul Mitchell, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Sydney (Westmead Hospital).

Prof Mitchell delivered a lecture entitled, 'Atrophic AMD – Recent Advances in Our Knowledge and in the Potential for Intervention' during the 30th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology from 22 to 24 August 2014 held at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore.



Prof Paul Mitchell delivering the 5th COPH lectureship lecture.

Professional Opinion

The College furnished 11 professional opinions on various topics requested by various external parties, including the Ministry of Health (MOH), Singapore Medical Association, Health Science Authority and Health Promotion Board. The professional opinions are listed below.

Topic	Organisation
Queries on Review on Cataract Surgeries Performed at Medical Clinics	MOH
HSA Review of List of Diseases and Conditions Prohibited from Medical Advertisements & Proposed Criteria	HSA
Meeting on Proposed Revisions of Aesthetic Procedures	College of Surgeons, Singapore (Dr E Kesavan)
Fellows' Feedback on Specialist Training in Singapore	AMS
Comments on Genetic Tests Outsourced to Overseas Clinical Labs	MOH
Diabetic Retinopathy Referral Guidelines for Singapore Integrated Diabetic Retinopathy Programme (SiDRP)	SiDRP (Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), Singapore Eye Research Institute, Singapore National Eye Centre and National Healthcare Group Eye Institute)
Query on Fitness to Drive	SMA
Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) Publicity Regulations - Lasik Xtra	MOH
Public Consultation on the Proposed Subsidiary Legislation for the Transfer of Controls of Pharmaceutical Products ("Therapeutic Products") to Health Product Act	HSA
Draft Revised Guidelines on Aesthetic Practices for Doctors	Working Committee for the Review of The guidelines on Aesthetic Practices (for Doctors)
Endorsement of the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) on Falls Prevention 2015	HPB

Event Endorsement

The College had endorsed and donated the sum of S\$5000 for the AMD Awareness Week event which was held on 11 October 2014 at the Auditorium, Learning Centre, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

Travel Grant

The College of Ophthalmologists Travel Fellowship Grant 2014 was disbursed to Dr Ganga Sundar JK for travel to APAO 2014/WOC 2014 Congress, which were held in Tokyo, Japan.

Organisation of International Meetings

The College appointed the following College members into the organising committees of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APAO) 2017 and the ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Biennial Meetings:

Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress 2017 Steering Committee	
Position	Name
Chairman	Prof Wong Tien Yin
Vice Chairman	A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
Vice Chairman	Dr Lee Shu Yen
Member	Dr Wong Hon Tym
Member	A/Prof Clement Tan
Member	Prof Aung Tin
Member	Dr Adrian Koh

ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Standing Committee for Scientific Programme	
Chairman	Dr Doric Wong
Subcommittee Chairperson	
Neuro-ophthalmology	A/Prof Clement Tan Adj A/Prof Sharon Tow
Uveitis	Prof Chee Soon Phaik
Paediatric/Strabismus	Dr Pauline Cheong Adj A/Prof Audrey Chia
Oculoplastics	Adj A/Prof Seah Lay Leng Dr Yip Chee Chew
Glaucoma	Prof Aung Tin Dr Wong Hon Tym
Cornea	Prof Donald Tan A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
Cataract	Prof Chee Soon Phaik Dr Fam Han Bor
Refractive	Dr Chua Wei Han Dr Mohamad Rosman
Medical Retina	Dr Adrian Koh A/Prof Gemmy Cheung
Surgical Retina	Dr Lee Shu Yen