

COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, SINGAPORE
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellows,

In 2015, The College of Ophthalmologists has served our community for six years as a College under the Academy of Medicine of Singapore. It has been my honour to serve as the President of the College for these two years. The expertise and support from our Council members have been essential towards the smooth and effective functioning of the College. On behalf of the College, I wish to convey my deep appreciation and gratitude for the time, unwavering support and selfless contributions by our Council members.



The College has been particularly active in both regional and international meetings activities in the past year. Representatives from the College were responsible for putting up the Scientific Programme for the 2nd ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Congress (AOS) which was held in Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2015. Together with the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons of AMS and the Korean Society of Aesthetic Surgery (KSAS), the College has been working on a symposium for the upcoming 31st Korean Society of Aesthetic Surgery Annual Meeting in 2016. In addition, the College is proud to be organising the 32nd Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) Congress together with Singapore Society of Ophthalmology to be held in the year 2017 in Singapore.

The 6th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship Award in 2015 was presented to Professor Samuel Masket, the past President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, for delivering a lecture at the SNEC 25th Anniversary International Meeting in Singapore. On the academic front, a College workgroup is making progress in developing the Staff Registrar Scheme and an examination system leading to a Diploma in Ophthalmology for Staff Registrars in Singapore. In maintaining our role and professional standing as a College, the College had attended to ten requests for professional opinion from various government agencies and organisations. Moving forward, to look after the interest of the various subspecialties and to provide better support for the expanding role of the College in professional matters, educational activities, as well as in the organisation of scientific conferences, subspecialty workgroups will be established to address these needs.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that Prof Wong Tien Yin has been elected the next President of the College for the term 2016 -2018. Please give him your fullest support as he continues to bring the College to greater heights.

I hereby wish all members of the College a fruitful year in 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Heng Wee Jin

College Council Members

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
A/Prof Heng Wee Jin	President	2015- 2017
A/Prof Yip Chee Chew	Vice President	2015- 2016
Dr Esther Fu	Honorary Secretary	2015- 2016
Dr Kelvin Lee	Honorary Treasurer	2015- 2017
Prof Wong Tien Yin	Council Member	2015- 2017
A/Prof Lee Shu Yen	Council Member	2015- 2017
Dr Adrian Koh	Council Member	2015- 2017
A/Prof Clement Tan	Council Member	2015-2017

Objectives of the College

The main objectives of the College are as follows:

- 1) To promote and uphold the professionalism of ophthalmologists in Singapore
- 2) To facilitate and enhance professional development and continuing medical education of the specialty

POLICIES

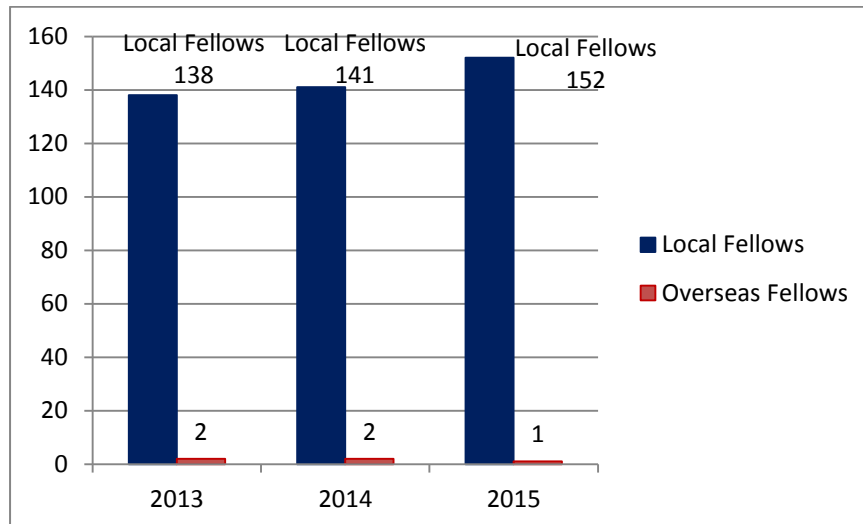
Funding Sources

The College is financially supported by sponsorship and grants from other organisations, donations and income, if any, generated from activities organised by the College.

Memberships

The total number of Members in the College stood at 152 as at 31 December 2015. There were 151 Local Fellows and 1 Overseas Fellows.

Chart 1: CDSS Membership as at 31 December 2015



New Fellows

The following persons were admitted into the Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore in the year 2015:

- *Dr Lam Pin Min*
- *Dr Iyer Jayant Venkatramani*
- *Dr Poh Wei Ting, Eugenie*

The College would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Fellows.

REVIEW OF YEAR 2015

Staffing

As at 31 Dec 2015, there is one full-time administrative staff allocated on a shared basis from Academy of Medicine, Singapore to help with the administrative work.

Activities

1. Annual General Meeting

The 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Ophthalmologists, Singapore was held on Saturday, 16 May 2015, 2:00pm at The Furama Riverfront Hotel (Level 3), 405 Havelock Road Singapore 169633

2. Council Meetings

The Council held meetings on 18 August 2015, 9 November 2015 and 31 March 2016.

3. 6th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship



The 6th College of Ophthalmologists lectureship was held on 23 May 2015 in conjunction with the Singapore National Eye Centre's (SNEC) 25th Anniversary International Meeting at Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre. The lecture was delivered by Professor Samuel Masket and was entitled "Understanding the Dysphotopsias".

Professor Masket is a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Geffen School of Medicine, ULCA and an Associate Examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology. He was also the Past President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Professor Masket serves on the Editorial Board of several journals, and is the Consultation Section editor of the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. In addition, he has published nearly 100 peer reviewed articles and two textbooks. Professor Masket has been an invited guest surgeon and named lecturer across the world. Some lectures he presented include the prestigious 1998 Binkhorst Medal Lecture, the 2013 Kelman Memorial Lecture at the annual meeting of AAO and most recently the 2014 Jan G.F. Worst Lecture at the International Intra-Ocular Implant Club Meeting.

The College was pleased to award the 6th College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship Award to Professor Samuel Masket.

4. College of Ophthalmologists Travel Fellowship Grant 2015

Recipient	Event	Venue
Adj A/Prof Yip Chee Chew	The 30 th Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress The 20 th Congress of the Chinese Ophthalmological Society	Baiyun International Congress Centre, Guangzhou, China

5. Subspecialty Workgroup Formation

Subspecialty Workgroups will be formed to advise/assist the College in matters pertaining to practice guidelines, standards of care, provision of professional opinions, continuing medical education, and other collaborative activities which the College may take part in from time to time. The workgroups each comprising a Chairperson and five to seven member within the subspecialty are appointed by the College and will have a term of three years.

6. Professional Consultation

The College furnished ten 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.

SN	Date	Topic	Organisation
1.	17 Feb 15	Specific Licensing Terms and Conditions (LTCs) on Medical Records For Healthcare Institutions	MOH
2.	17 Feb 15	Invasive Surgical Procedures In Medical Clinics	MOH
3.	30 Mar 15	Use of Lasers in Medicine Practice Guidelines	NEA
4.	15 Apr 15	Article "Cataract patients have second chance at natural vision sight"	MOH
5.	22 Apr 15	Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) Publicity Regulations	MOH
6.	5 May 15	Formation of Workgroup to develop a position paper on the practice of Aesthetic Medicine	AMS
7.	30 May 15	On Blue light and Ultraviolet light and its effects	HPB
8.	4 Aug 15	Second and Final Consultation Exercise- Proposed Revised SMC Ethical Code and Ethical guidelines	SMC
9.	2 Sep 15	Opinion Prescribing Sovenor Transdermal Patch	MOH
10.	16 Sep 15	Feedback DHPL on metoclopramide	HSA

8. Collaboration for 31st Korean Society of Aesthetic Surgery Annual Meeting

The College had collaborated with the Chapter of Plastic Surgeons, AMS to provide speakers for the 31st Korean Society of Aesthetic Surgery Annual Meeting on 29 November 2015.

Symposium: "Oculo-Facial Rejuvenation in Asians - Function & Form"

TOPICS	SPEAKERS
Non-endoscopic Brow lift	Dr Elaine Chee
Scarless Ptosis Surgery	Dr Lim Lee Hooi
Upper eyelid retraction - Surgical Options	A/Prof Seah Lay Leng
Management of Lower Eyelid Retraction	Dr Jo Ann Hernandez

Upper Blepharoplasty	Dr Marcus Wong
Suture Blepharoplasty	Dr Samuel Ho
Lower Blepharoplasty	A/Prof Yip Chee Chew
Management of Upper Blepharoplasty Complication	A/Prof Hunter Yuen (Hong Kong)
Management of Lower Blepharoplasty Complication	Dr Choo Chai Teck
Minimally Invasive Surgery for Gynaecomastia	Prof Tan Kok Chai
Optimising the nasal valve in rhinoplasty	Dr Dennis Chua

Endorsement of Events

Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Awareness Week

The College had endorsed and donated a sum of S\$5,000 for the AMD Awareness Week event which was held on 5th September 2015 at the Auditorium, Learning Centre, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.



Dr Kelvin Lee received the appreciation plaque on behalf of the College from Permanent Secretary for Health, Mrs Tan Ching Yee.

Organisation of Meetings

1. Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress 2017

The College has appointed a Steering Committee chaired by Prof Wong Tien Yin for the organisation of Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress 2017 (APAO 2017) to be held in Singapore. Key preparatory works including contractual negotiations with APAO Central Secretariat, budget planning, conference organiser selection, and drafting of scientific programme were carried out in 2015. College Fellows involved in the Steering Committee for are listed below.

Position	Member
Chairman	Prof Wong Tien Yin
Vice-Chairman	A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
Vice-Chairman	A/Prof Lee Shu Yen

Member	A/Prof Wong Hon Tym
Member	A/Prof Clement Tan
Member	Prof Aung Tin
Member	Dr Adrian Koh

2. ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Biennial Meetings

Fellows from the College participated in formulating the Scientific Programme for the 2nd ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Congress held from 29 Oct 15 to 31 Oct 15 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

ASEAN Ophthalmology Society Standing Committee for Scientific Programme

Chairman	A/Prof Doric Wong
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Subcommittee Chairperson

Neuro-ophthalmology	A/Prof Clement Tan A/Prof Sharon Tow
Uveitis	Prof Chee Soon Phaik
Paediatric/Strabismus	Dr Pauline Cheong A/Prof Audrey Chia
Oculoplastics	A/Prof Seah Lay Leng A/Prof Yip Chee Chew
Glaucoma	Prof Aung Tin A/Prof 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 A/Prof Mohamad Rosman
Medical Retina	Dr Adrian Koh A/Prof Gemmy Cheung
Surgical Retina	Adj A/Prof Lee Shu Yen

REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY

There was no review and no changes to the policy of the College in 2015.

EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CHARITY'S ASSETS ARE HELD

The College does not own any significant assets.

FUTURE PLANS AND COMMITMENTS

MAJOR INITIATIVES

1. Diploma Exams and Staff Registrar Scheme
2. Support for organising major international conferences in Singapore

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2016

The College has plans for the following events / activities to take place in 2016:

1. Hosting the 7th College Lectureship 2016
2. College of Ophthalmologists- 32nd Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress 2017

ONGOING MAJOR INITIATIVES

1. Diploma exams and Staff Registrar/ Resident Physician Scheme
2. Support for organizing major international conferences in Singapore