

**COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**  
**Annual Report for Year Ended 31 December 2017**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Fellows,

During these formative years, the College grew from its infancy to its present status with significant increase in membership, growing relevance to the profession of Singapore ophthalmology and hosting landmark meetings such as APAO. I am proud to say that 2017 ended with a blast!

The highlight of 2017 being the 32nd Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APAO) was attended by more than 5,000 delegates from all around the world. Dr Robert Ritch delivered the 7th College Lectureship at the congress on “The coming of age of exfoliation syndrome”. I am grateful for the valuable insights and knowledge which Dr Ritch shared with the attendees. On behalf of the Council, I would like to put on record our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the APAO Steering Committee for their commitment and accomplishments for APAO.



Another initiative was the establishment of the Robert Loh Professorship in Clinical Innovation in Ophthalmology, a collaborative effort between the College, Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS), Singapore Society of Ophthalmology and Duke-NUS, National University of Singapore. This initiative is to honor the pioneering work of one of Singapore’s pioneering founding fathers in Medicine and Ophthalmology.

The College has also started charting the National Ophthalmology Road Map 2030 and formed a new Workgroup to look into Guidelines of Assessment on Fitness to Drive.

This year the College welcomed three new members: Dr Sharon Tow, Dr Vernon Yong and Dr Mohamad Rosman Bin Othman to serve as Council members. Specifically, I wish to express my gratitude to Dr Heng Wee Jin, Dr Clement Tan and Dr Adrian Koh for their dedication and contribution serving in the Council during their term.

As we enter 2018, our primary focus would be the future of Ophthalmology in 2030 and beyond. The College has planned numerous activities in 2018-2019 to engage and benefit Fellows and look forward to an even more meaningful and fruitful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Professor WONG Tien Yin

## Governing Board Members/Management Committee:

Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
Prof Wong Tien Yin	President	2016 – 2020
Adj. A/Prof Yip Chee Chew	Vice President	2016 – 2018
Adj A/Prof Lee Shu Yen	Honorary Secretary	2016 – 2018
Dr Mohamad Rosman Bin Othman	Honorary Treasurer	2017 - 2019
Prof Sharon Tow Lee Choon	Council Member	2017 - 2019
Dr Esther Fu	Council Member	2016 - 2018
Dr Jacob Cheng	Council Member	2016 – 2018
Dr Vernon Yong Khet Yau	Council Member	2017 - 2019



*Seated (from left) Dr Yip Chee Chew (Vice-President), Dr Wong Tien Yin (President), Dr Lee Shu Yen (Honorary Secretary)*

*Standing (from left) Dr Mohamad Rosman (Honorary Treasurer), Dr Sharon Tow (Council Member), Dr Esther Fu (Council Member), Dr Jacob Cheng (Council Member), Dr Vernon Yong (Council Member)*

## **Objectives, Motto and Mission 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; to maintain competency among doctors.

### **Motto**

- 1) For Light and Sight

### **Mission**

- 1) Advance the art and science of ophthalmic medicine
- 2) Advocate the future of ophthalmology

## 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 184 as at 31 December 2017. There were 182 Local Fellows and 2 Overseas Fellows. The College welcomed a total of 13 new Fellows in 2017.

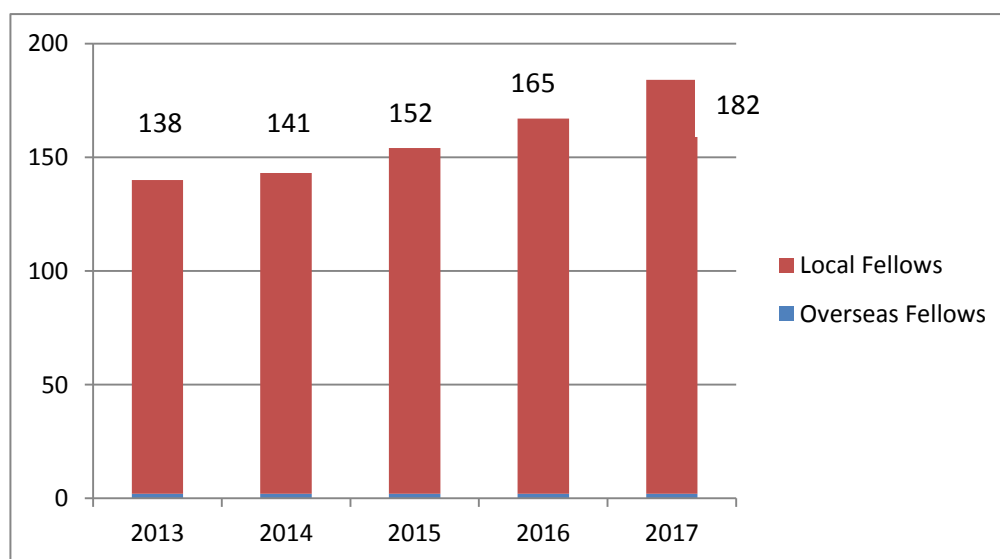


Chart 1: COPH Membership as at 31 December 2017

The new Fellows are:

1. Dr Chong Guang Wei Wesley
2. Dr Ho Wei Min Henrietta
3. Dr Lai Hiu On Annie
4. Dr Law Zhi Wei David
5. Dr Lin Hui'En Hazel Anne
6. Dr Loh Kai-Lyn
7. Dr Singhal Shweta
8. Sng Chelvin Cheryl Agnes
9. Dr Tan Chiang Lee Marcus
10. Dr Tan Xiu Ling
11. Dr Wong Wen Kuan Doric
12. Dr Yong Kailing
13. Yuen Yew Sen

## REVIEW OF YEAR 2017

### Activities

#### **1. Annual General Meeting**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Ophthalmologists, Singapore was held on Saturday, 22 April 2017 at 1300 Hour at Prive Grill Restaurant. The meeting was attended by 27 Fellows.

## 2. Council Meetings

The Council held 2 meetings in 2017 to conduct the business and affairs of the College. It met on the following dates: 12 June and 2 November.

## 3. 7<sup>th</sup> College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship

The College of Ophthalmologists has been conducting its annual lectureship since 2009 and this year, we are honoured to have Prof Robert Ritch from New York Eye & Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai to deliver his lecture on : THE COMING OF AGE OF EXFOLIATION SYNDROME.

The talk was delivered on 2 March at Suntec City Convention Centre in conjunction with the 32nd Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APAO).



*Prof Robert Ritch delivering the lecture (left pic). College President, Prof Wong Tien Yin, presenting the token of appreciation to Prof Robert Ritch. (Right pic)*

## 4. 32<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APAO)

The 32nd Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress (APAO), held on 1 – 5 March, has been an outstanding success with more than 5,090 participants from 77 countries. Four social program namely the President Dinner, Gala Dinner, Charity run and Young Ophthalmologists Nights were organised on different days to gather the ophthalmologist for some social and network.



*Prof Wong Tien Yin giving the opening speech during Presidential Dinner (left) overview photo of participants (Right)*



*Gala Dinner photos*



*Charity Run group photo (Right) Young Ophthalmologist Night (Left)*

## 5. COPH and SSO New Year Get-Together 2017

The College together with Singapore Society of Ophthalmology held a New Year get together session on 6 January 2017 at Portico Prime to discuss and update the fellows on the future of Ophthalmology. The areas of discussion were;

- Future Challenges for Ophthalmology
- New Model of Eye Care for Future
- Forecasting Public Eye Care Workforce Requirements in Singapore
- AOS meeting 2017
- APAO 2017
- WOC 2022

The networking and sharing event recorded a total of 75 participants.



## **6. Ophthalmology Road Map 2030 – A College of Ophthalmology Initiative**

Following the inaugural National Ophthalmology Road Map meeting organized by the College and Singapore Society of Ophthalmology in January 2017, a framework has been put in place for the College to chart the Ophthalmology Road Map 2030 – A College of Ophthalmology Initiative.

A report detailing the goals and objectives of the Road Map 2030, will kick start this initiative. This report will help to define new strategic plans to meet the future challenges of Ophthalmology and eye care professionals in Singapore. Key stakeholders such as College members, Council members and Past Council Presidents will be consulted for suggestions on the initiatives. The College will submit the completed report to the Ministry of Health Singapore, the Academy Council and other key stakeholders for information and sharing.

An Executive Committee (EXCO), consisting of public and private sector ophthalmologists and co-chaired by Dr Vernon Yong and Dr Mohamad Rosman has been formed. The EXCO will lead, advise and provide support for the College, to put in place the framework and recommendations for the National Ophthalmology Road Map 2030 report.

The Committee hopes to complete this report by the first quarter of 2018.

## **7. Tribute to Late Dr Robert Loh**

We are also honored to play a part in the establishment of the Robert Loh Professorship in Clinical Innovation in Ophthalmology, a collaborative effort between the Academy of Medicine Singapore (AMS), College of Ophthalmologists, Singapore Society of Ophthalmology and Duke-NUS, National University of Singapore. This initiative is to honor the pioneering work of one of Singapore's pioneering founding fathers in Medicine and Ophthalmology, his selfless contribution, and his impactful contribution by initiating a new Professorship in his name. Dr Loh was a Past Master of the Academy of Medicine, a Past President of the Singapore Medical Association and Past President of the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology, which laid the foundation of the College of Ophthalmologists.

## **8. Guidelines of Assessment on Fitness to Drive Workgroup.**

MOH is exploring the guidelines for medical professionals to assess fitness to drive, in particular, the assessment of visual criteria. The college agreed to form a new workgroup helmed by Dr Anna tan to work on this guideline specific to the Ophthalmologists.

## **9. Professional Consultation**

The College furnished ten professional opinions on various topics requested by various external parties mainly from Ministry of Health (MOH). The professional opinions are listed below.

<b>SN</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1.	15-Mar-17	Medisave audit - Criteria for eyelids ptosis, eyebrow ptosis and dermatochalasis	MOH
2.	24-May-17	Criteria for eyelids ptosis, eyebrow ptosis and dermatochalasis - Resubmission	MOH
3.	30-May-17	Safety of Non-Medical Practitioners Applying Intense-Pulsed Light on Skin Surrounding Meibomian Glands	MOH

SN	Date	Topic	Organisation
4.	28-Jun-17	Invasive Procedures performed by a General Practitioner	MOH
5.	4-Jul-17	Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) (Publicity) Regulations on ReLexSMILE	MOH
6.	28-Jul-17	Corneal Lenticule Storage	MOH
7.	17-Oct-17	Guidelines for ophthalmologists on assessment of fitness to drive	MOH

### **REVIEW AND CHANGES IN THE POLICY**

There was no review and no changes to the policy of the College in 2017.

### **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. Support for organising major international conferences in Singapore

#### **EVENTS / ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2018**

1. 8<sup>th</sup> College Lectureship 2018
2. National Ophthalmology Roadmap 2030

#### **ONGOING MAJOR INITIATIVES**

1. Engage more younger Fellows to take on exciting roles
2. Joint activities with SSO
3. Diploma exams and Staff Registrar/ Resident Scheme
4. Self Learning Module (SLM)
5. Support for organizing major international conferences in Singapore