

COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Ophthalmologists was held on Thursday, 16 June 2011 at 6:30pm at Dunearn Room 1 (Level 1), Raffles Town Club, 1 Plymouth Avenue, Singapore 297753. The meeting was chaired by A/Prof Aung Tin.

2011 - 2012 COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2011-2012 Council to manage the affairs of the College:

President	A/Prof Ong Sze Guan
Vice-President	A/Prof Aung Tin
Honorary Secretary	Dr Yip Chee Chew
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Pauline Cheong
Council Members	Prof Wong Tien Yin
	Dr Adrian Koh
	Dr Heng Wee Jin



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council met once every quarterly to conduct the business and affairs of the College. At the time of writing the Annual Report, the 2011-2012 Council had met three times.

45th Annual Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine

The College of Ophthalmologists is pleased to have participated in the 45th Annual Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine held from 21-23 July 2011 at Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore.

Professor Wong Tien Yin, Head, Department of Ophthalmology, National University of Singapore and Director of Singapore Eye Research Institute delivered the College of Ophthalmologists' 2nd Lectureship titled "The Singapore Malay Eye Study – Key findings, Public Health Messages and Clinical Implications." In essence, the lecture comprised "reports on the prevalence and causes of vision impairment and major eye diseases, such as diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataract amongst Malay people." The important epidemiologic findings from the study were deemed pertinent to patient care and would significantly influence clinical practice.

"4th biennial updates on Ophthalmology" symposia

The "4th biennial updates on Ophthalmology" symposia was organised and chaired by Dr Yip Chee Chew, Honorary Secretary. The theme, "Medicine and the Eye", was specially chosen for this event to create a comprehensive program to cater to the Ophthalmologists and the medical colleagues of other sub-specialties. The symposia covered a wide range of topics which included updates on diabetic retinopathy, ocular inflammation in systemic diseases, eye problems in premature infants and children and neuro-ophthalmic emergencies not to be missed.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2011 under the College now stands at 122 Fellows comprising 120 Local Fellows and two Overseas Fellows.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

National CME Programme

The College continues to administer the National CME programme with the continued 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, together with the private ophthalmologists. CME sessions are conducted on every Wednesdays 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 Ong Sze Guan and A/Prof Heng Wee Jin, with the assistance from the hospital co-ordinators and subspecialty committees, oversees the National CME programme.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S INITIATIVES

Professional Opinion on Use of Bright Light Therapy (BLT) in Geriatric Delirious Patients

In April 2011, the Ministry of Health, Regulatory Compliance Division through the Academy had requested for professional advice on whether the use of Bright Light Therapy (BLT) in Geriatric Delirious Patients could be accepted as a standard treatment. The College has given the professional advice.

Professional Opinion on treatment received at Beauty Salon

In August 2011, the Ministry of Health, Health Regulation Group through the Academy had requested for professional advice on whether the treatment received at Beauty Salon could be accepted as a standard treatment. The College has given the professional advice.

Professional Opinion on Cataract and Intraocular Surgeries in Medical Clinics

In November 2011, the Ministry of Health, Regulatory Compliance Division through the Academy had requested for professional advice on whether the Cataract and Intraocular Surgeries in Medical Clinics could be accepted as a standard treatment. The College has given the professional advice.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES IN 2012

The College has plans for the following events/activities to take place in 2012:

Events

1. The XIX International Neuro-Ophthalmology Society Meeting to be held from 15-18 June 2012
2. The 28th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology to be held from 15-16 June 2012
3. Hosting the 3rd College Dinner Lecture 2012
4. The APSOPRS (Asia Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery) Oculoplastic Congress 2012 in conjunction with the NHG Eye Institute 5th International Ophthalmology Congress to be held from 23-25 August 2012