

COLLEGE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College of Ophthalmologists was held on Thursday, 13 May 2010 at 7:30pm at Arthur Lim Auditorium (Level 2), Alumni Medical Centre, 2 College Road, Singapore 169850. The meeting was chaired by A/Prof Lim Tock Han.

THE FIRST COLLEGE COUNCIL

The following Council Members were elected to the 2010-2011 Council to manage the affairs of the College after the 1st Annual General Meeting:

President:	A/Prof Ong Sze Guan
Immediate Past President:	A/Prof Lim Tock Han
Vice-President:	A/Prof Aung Tin
Honorary Secretary:	Dr Yip Chee Chew
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Pauline Cheong
Council Members:	A/Prof Heng Wee Jin Dr Adrian Koh A/Prof Seah Lay Leng



COMMITTEE OF SUB-SPECIALTIES

In a move to further develop and grow the sub-specialties, interim sub-specialty committees were formed in August 2009 to manage the Terms of Reference as follows:

- To assist the Education Committee for the planning of Continuing Medical Education (CME) structure and syllabus for the year 2010.
- To assist the Council in forming special interest groups and education activities within the subspecialty where appropriate.
- To assist the Council in formulating short practice guidelines as part of continued medical education for our members.
- To assist the Council in providing public education material and activities.

The following interim sub-specialty committees had been appointed to continue its service term for an extension of one more year by approval of the Council at its Council meeting held on 28 June 2010 till the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the College in 2011:

Cornea & Refractive Surgery Committee	
Co-Chairmen	A/Prof Heng Wee Jin and Dr Lim Li
Members	Dr Leonard Ang, Dr Chan Tat Keong, Dr Lee Hung Ming, Dr Gerard Nah, Prof Donald Tan, Dr Julian Theng and Dr Wang Jenn Chyuan
Glaucoma Committee	
Chairman	A/Prof Aung Tin
Members	Dr Hoh Sek Tien, Dr Kelvin Lee, Dr Steve Seah and Dr Wong Hon Tym
Ocular Inflammation Committee	
Chairman	Dr Lim Wee Kiak
Member	Dr Stephen Teoh
Vitreo-Retinal Committee	
Co-Chairmen	Dr Adrian Koh and A/Prof Ong Sze Guan
Members	Dr Gerard Chuah, Dr Jacob Cheng, Dr Richard Fan and Dr Stephen Teoh
Neuro-ophthalmology Committee	
Chairman	A/Prof Goh Kong Yong
Member	Dr Sharon Tow
Oculoplastic Surgery Committee	
Chairman	Dr Fong Kee Siew
Members	Dr Chuah Chin Tek, Dr Audrey Looi, Dr Gangadhara Sundar and Dr Yip Chee Chew
Paediatric Ophthalmology Committee	
Chairman	Dr Pauline Cheong
Members	Dr Leo Seo Wei, Dr Yvonne Ling and Dr Quah Boon Long

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee formed in September 2008 under the College had been re-appointed for another year of service term for an extension of one more year by approval of the Council at its Council meeting held on 28 June 2010 till the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the College in 2011. The Education Committee looks into all educational and training matters under the auspice of the College, such as the National CME Programme that was undertaken by the College since 2009. The Education Committee comprises the following:

Chairman:	A/Prof Ong Sze Guan
Co-Chairman:	A/Prof Heng Wee Jin
Members:	Dr Adrian Koh, Dr Gangadhara Sundar, Dr Audrey Chia, Dr Daniel Su, Dr Clement Tan and Dr Llewellyn Lee

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR COLLEGE LECTURESHIP

The College Lectureship was established with the formation of the College, and the Nomination Committee was refreshed in 2010 with a new chair to continue the administration of the Lectureship:

Chairman: A/Prof Seah Lay Leng

Members: Dr Richard Fan, Dr Khoo Chong Yew, A/Prof Shantha Amrith and Dr Wong Hon Tym

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as of 31 December 2010 under the College now stands at 114 Fellows comprising 112 Local Fellows and 2 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 of Basic Surgical Trainees (BSTs)/Advanced Surgical Trainees (ASTs) teachings and combined CME lectures for all ophthalmologists and trainees.

With the impending residency programme, the National CME programme would also be relooked to adjust to the recommended curriculum of the residency programme.

The College is currently looking into appropriate software solutions that are feasible to be used for the National CME Programme. The solution could interface the host and co-host institution as well as permitting webcasting function that gives access to College members to attend CME lectures at the ease in clinics or even at home.

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.

5th Congress of the Asia Pacific Vitreo Retina Society (APVRS)

The 5th Congress of the APVRS was jointly organised by the College of Ophthalmologists, Singapore Society of Ophthalmology and the Asia Pacific Vitreo Retina Society from Friday to Sunday, 19-21 November 2010 at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, Singapore.

The organising committee was led by:

A/Prof Ong Sze Guan (Honorary Chairman of the Congress, also College President)

A/Prof Aung Tin (Vice-President of the Congress, also President of the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology and College Vice-President)

Dr Adrian Koh (President of the Congress, also Council Member of the College)

The 5th APVRS Congress was well-received by an attendance of total 660 delegates from 33 countries. Invited speakers' panel included 7 International and 55 regional Retinal specialists who had been invited to deliver presentations in 9 symposia. Total 106 oral and poster free paper presentations were received by the Congress. The Congress was also well supported by 5 major sponsors, and total 33 exhibition booths were taken up by 17 trade exhibitors. It was a successful meeting with good feedback received from invited speakers as well as delegates.

The 6th APVRS Congress will be held in Hyderabad from 1-3 December 2011.

Members' Appreciation Dinner

In conjunction with the CME session which was hosted by the private ophthalmologists, a members' appreciation dinner was organized and held on Wednesday, 31 March 2010 at Incontro. The objective of the dinner was to thank all College members for their support given to the College from College formation till to-date. Past achievements and activities in the pipeline were presented to members by the College President, A/Prof Ong Sze Guan, at the dinner. The Residents' Committee was also formalized concurrently. The dinner saw an attendance of about 50 guests comprising of members, trainees and invited guests.

PARTICIPATION IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S INITIATIVES

Review of Framework & Categorization of Screening Tests

The Screening Test Review Committee, formed by the Academy of Medicine, Singapore (AMS) and chaired by Prof Lee Hin Peng, was tasked to formulate a report on the recommendations and categorization of screening tests provided in Singapore. The objective was to develop a screening test framework and to make recommendations on the categorization of commercially available screening tests within the framework. Feedback was invited from all Specialty Chapters in June 2010 to assist in developing the screening test framework, and the Chapters had submitted its reply respectively to AMS.

Specific Licensing Conditions for Credentialing Medical Practitioners

By invitation from MOH through AMS in July 2010 to give feedback on the draft Licensing Terms and Conditions for Credentialing Medical Practitioners, the College had submitted its feedback on the draft at the same time. Objective of this review was that MOH was considering imposing specific licensing conditions on healthcare institutions for credentialing of medical practitioners, particularly whether the proposed licensing conditions were adequate to ensure patient safety and any additional conditions to be included.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Donation to the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund

The College had organised its inaugural College dinner on Friday, 7 August 2009 and by the promise that the dinner would donate its surpluses (if any) to the selected beneficiary, the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund, the College had donated a total sum of S\$5,000, consisting of the revenue received from the College dinner after deducting costs and supplementing with College funds, to the selected beneficiary on 19 March 2010.

2nd College of Ophthalmologists Lectureship

The College is pleased to award the Second College Lectureship to Prof Wong Tien Yin, Director of the Singapore Eye Research Institute who is also a Fellow of the AMS and a Member of the College of Ophthalmologists. Nominations received by the College during the call for nomination for this award were reviewed by the Nomination Committee and recommendation(s) were submitted to the College Council for confirmation. The College Council accepted the recommendation of the Nomination Committee to award the 2nd College Lectureship to Prof Wong Tien Yin. The 2nd College Lecture would take place in 2011 at the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES IN 2011

The College has plans for the following events / activities to take place in 2011:

Events

1. Publication of a Supplement on Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy (PCV) in a peer-reviewed journal as funded by Novartis Pharma AG (Switzerland).
2. Participation in the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine which is to be held from 21-23 July 2011 at Suntec Singapore. The College will be taking up one scientific track on Saturday, 23 July 2011 to organise the following:
 - 2nd College Lectureship
 - 4th Biennial Update Symposium
 - Thyroid Eye Disease Workshop
3. Hosting the 2nd College Dinner 2011.

Activities

1. Election of Council Members fulfilling term of service by 2nd College AGM.
2. Election of President-Elect 2011-2012.
3. 2nd Annual General Meeting of the College – Thursday, 12 May 2011.

APPRECIATION

The College wishes to record its appreciation to all our Fellows and the Secretariat Staff of the College for their support rendered in the past year and we look forward to your ongoing support for future projects.