

**ANNUAL REPORT 2021**  
**SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**Current Executive Committee (Jan – Dec 2021)**

President: Clinical Assoc Prof Lee Shu Yen

Secretary: Assoc Prof Gavin Tan

Treasurer: Assoc Prof Marcus Ang

Auditor: Assoc Prof Victor Koh

Members: Dr Wong Chee Wai  
Dr Don Pek  
Clinical Assoc Prof Anna Tan

**LIST OF EVENTS**

**a) Virtual International Delhi Ophthalmological Society (DOS) Conference (17 – 18 April 2021)**

SSO hosted a symposium focusing on the complications and challenges of high myopia at the Virtual International DOS Conference in April 2021. A total of 4 speakers spoke about imaging in Myopia, complications and surgery options for High Myopia as well as the diagnostic and treatment challenges for Glaucoma and Myopia.

**b) 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society (26 June 2021)**

SSO hosted another virtual symposium in conjunction with the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society on 26 June 2021 with the theme 'New Horizons in Imaging'. The symposium was chaired by Assoc Prof Gavin Tan and Assoc Prof Marcus Ang, and a total of 6 speakers from SNEC, TTSH and NUH spoke on the latest updates and applications on Anterior Segment Imaging, OCT in Corneal Diseases; Widefield Imaging of the Retina; OCTA of the Retina and, Choroid and Updates in Glaucoma and Neuro-Ophthalmic Imaging.

**c) Activities Organised by SSO Young Ophthalmologist (YO) Chapter**

**36<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) Congress, 5 –11 September 2021**

The APAO YO symposium was held during the 36<sup>th</sup> APAO congress on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021, co-organised by SSO YO chapter and YO societies from across the Asia-Pacific region. Chaired by A/Prof Marcus Ang and Dr Fang Seng Kheong, the APAO YO session involved YOs from the region participating in paper and video presentations, with awards given out for best paper presentation, best surgical video, best YO, best YO mentor, and top YO Instagram influencer. The symposium concluded with a YO virtual party in which YOs re-connected with and made new friends after almost 2 years of COVID restrictions and travel ban.



### **SSO Young Ophthalmologists Instagram Contest**

SSO YO Chapter hosted its first SSO YO photo contest on Instagram in July 2021 as part of its efforts to keep the YO community engaged during this prolonged pandemic. YOs posted their most interesting clinical photos and artwork on the SSO YO Instagram, attracting more than 500 followers and more than 30 entries. Winning entries came from YOs across Singapore, including Dr Vanessa Lee from TTSH, Dr Caterhina Goenadi, Dr Nicole Chan and Dr Tina Shen from NUH, and Dr Shayne Tan from SNEC. Prizes were awarded to the top 5 entries, co-sponsored by SSO and Zeiss, and were also featured on APAO social media.



### **SSO YO x Singapore Ophthalmology Student’s Society (SOSS) Mentorship Programme**

In July 2021, the SOSS, in collaboration with SSO YO Chapter, launched a mentorship programme aimed at promoting interest in Ophthalmology amongst medical students in Singapore, to facilitate guidance of medical students from all 3 medical schools in Singapore who are interested in ophthalmology as a future career, and to develop mentorship skills in our YOs. The collaboration has since organised 2 webinars: “Surviving and Thriving in Research” and “A Career in Ophthalmology”, and matched more than 50 students and YO mentors to work on projects spanning research, community service and clinical attachments.



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### YO research collaboration

SSO YO chapter, in collaboration with YOs from Malaysia, India, Hong Kong and Taiwan, conducted a survey of young ophthalmologists' perception of ophthalmology training during the COVID-19 pandemic to understand how training for YOs were affected. 242 YOs participated in this survey across the Asia Pacific region. Overall, we found the COVID-19 pandemic has decreased patient load, reduced exposure to surgical training, and pushed educational activities to a digital format with pros and cons. The impact on ophthalmic training that has not yet been adequately addressed and we recommended that key stakeholders including academic institutions, professional bodies and YOs collaborate and reinvent ophthalmic education in preparation for a prolonged pandemic. The report was published in Annals of Medicine.

(Yong WWD, Koh TCV, Shen L, Misra DK, Leung WYJ, Chandrasekaran S, Chou HD, Ang HNM, Wong CW. A survey of young ophthalmologists' perception of training in Asia during COVID-19. Ann Acad Med Singap. 2021 Sep;50(9):729-732.)

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Clin Assoc Prof Lee Shu Yen  
President

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Assoc Prof Gavin Tan  
Secretary

Date: 26 March 2022

Society of Ophthalmology of the Singapore Medical Association  
Statement of Income and Expenditure for January 2021 - December 2021

Date	Opening Balance	
	Society of Ophthalmology Bank account	\$ 384,629.51
1/1/2021	Total	<b>\$ 384,629.51</b>

**Expenditure**

**SSO**

Cheque Fee (DBS Bank)	\$	3.75
DBS Account Fee	\$	40.00
Sponsorship of registration fees for 4 ophthalmologists for 5th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress 2021 (Santen Pharmaceuticals Pte Ltd)	\$	758.68
Sponsorship of registration fees for 3 ophthalmologists for 33rd APACRS - SNEC 30th Anniversary Meeting (Santen Pharmaceuticals Pte Ltd)	\$	816.00
Sponsorship of registration fee for 1 ophthalmologist for World Glaucoma Congress (Santen Pharmaceuticals Pte Ltd)	\$	319.15
Annual subscription fees for APAO for 2021 and 2022 (US\$200)	\$	336.38
SSO Website: Reinstallation and updating of events calendar	\$	545.00

**Sub Total** **\$ 2,818.96**

**35th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology in conjunction with 1st Asia-Pacific Ocular Imaging Society Meeting, 17 - 19 January 2020**

Purchase of framed paintings for 3 keynote speakers (token of appreciation)	\$	249.10
Design of conference event logo and letterhead	\$	1,605.00

**Sub Total** **\$ 1,854.10**

**Income**

**SSO YO Chapter (formalized in May 2017)**

Sponsorship for SSO YO Chapter (Carl Zeiss)	\$	5,000.00
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**Sub Total** **\$ 5,000.00**

**35th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology in conjunction with 1st Asia-Pacific Ocular Imaging Society Meeting, 17 - 19 January 2020**

Refund of deposit payment in Paypal (for registration fee payment)	\$	1,000.00
Registration fees	\$	16,593.22

**Sub Total** **\$ 17,593.22**

**Others**

Admin Fee for processing congress passes on behalf of Novartis Singapore for		
i) Euretina Congress 2020 (13 ophthalmologists)	\$	2,600.00
ii) WOC 2020 (19 ophthalmologists)	\$	3,600.00
iii) Euretina Congress 2021 (8 ophthalmologists)	\$	1,600.00
Payment from Santen Pharmaceuticals for the grant sponsorship for		
i) 5th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress (4 ophthalmologists)	\$	758.68
ii) 33rd APACRS - SNEC 30th Anniversary Meeting (3 ophthalmologists)	\$	816.00
iii) 9th World Glaucoma Congress 2021 (1 ophthalmologist)	\$	319.15

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Admin Fee for processing Santen Pharmaceuticals grant sponsorship for		
i) 33rd APACRS - SNEC 30th Anniversary Meeting (9 ophthalmologists)	\$	450.00
ii) 36th APAO Congress (4 ophthalmologists)	\$	200.00
iii) 9th World Glaucoma Congress (1 ophthalmologist)	\$	50.00

**Sub Total** \$ **10,393.83**

**Closing Balance as at 31 December 2021**

	Society of Ophthalmology Bank account	412,943.50
31/12/2021	Total	<b>\$ 412,943.50</b>



Assoc Prof Marcus Ang  
Treasurer



Assoc Prof Victor Koh  
Auditor