

# MSO Express



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Dear MSO Members,

It has been a fruitful and eventful 2017 for the society and I am very pleased to announce that the recent APVRS was a grand success thanks to the APVRS organising committee, our members and speakers who graced the event. Scientifically, the congress was a great success with many new innovations being presented and new collaborations forged. The Malaysian ophthalmic fraternity as a whole has greatly benefitted from this congress and the MSO is proud to have contributed to the progress of medicine in Malaysia.

The APVRS congress this year has been the most successful since its inception as we received a record number of delegates, with many from overseas. This has made a significant impact on the Malaysian economy in addition to raising the profile of Malaysia as a whole. As has been reported by the Malaysia Exhibition and Convention Bureau (MyCEB) in their report, we were pleasantly surprised to note this impact was quantified at a healthy RM 23.56 million. This was certainly no mean feat, especially for a small society such as ours.

The 6th Indo-China Ocular Inflammation / Infection Meeting was also held the day after the APVRS and it too received a record number of attendees, pleasantly surprising our international speakers and organisers. Again, we are proud to have shown the world that Malaysians in general are great hosts, capable of hosting such prestigious meetings with undeniably high standards and flair.

Our focus is now firmly on the MSJOC in March 2018, to be held at the historic city of Melaka



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with the theme being Cataract and Refractive Surgery. This is being organised in usual biennial collaboration with the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology (SSO) and for the first time, we are pleased to welcome the Asean Ophthalmology Society (AOS). We have a great line-up of international speakers and our very own local experts who have come up with a world-class programme which promises to be educational and interesting.

With the minimum compulsory requirement for collecting CPD points, do make sure you attend this preferred event and take advantage of the early bird rates. As always, trainees who are also MMA members with accepted abstracts can apply to claim most of their registration fees reimbursed by the MMA Foundation Eye Fund. Do log on to your own personal membership portal on the MSO website where you can register your details, pay for your membership and register for any MSO-organised conferences. As always, this is your society and the MSO needs your support to carry on its activities; by its members, for its members.

On behalf of the MSO Committee I would like to wish all our members a healthy and happy New Year as we usher in 2018.

## SAVE THE DATE

**EVENT** | 33<sup>rd</sup> Malaysia- Singapore Joint Ophthalmic Congress 2018

**DATE** | 16-18 March, 2018

**VENUE** | Hatten Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia

**EVENT** | 33<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress

**DATE** | 8-11 February, 2018

**VENUE** | Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

**EVENT** | 4th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress

**DATE** | 13-15 April, 2018

**VENUE** | Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre, Busan, Korea