

ANNUAL REPORT (JANUARY – DECEMBER 2024)
SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

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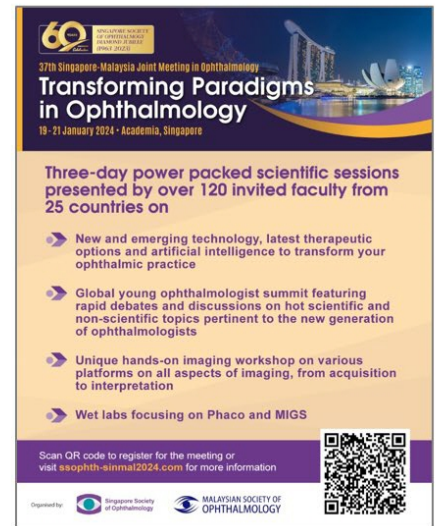
SSO-YO Chair: Dr Claire Peterson

LIST OF EVENTS

a) **37th Singapore – Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology & 2nd Global Young Ophthalmologist (YO Summit), 19 – 21 January 2024**

SSO hosted the 37th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology themed '**Transforming Paradigms in Ophthalmology**' at the Academia, Singapore from 19 – 21 January 2024. The Opening Ceremony was graced by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs. The 3-day meeting attracted more than 600 speakers, delegates and exhibitors from 39 countries who gathered to learn about the newest trends and latest innovations that transformed daily practice and participated in the hands-on imaging workshop as well as wet lab instruction courses on Basic Phaco and MIGS.

To entice more international delegates to attend the meeting, the organising committee offered free river cruise down the historic Singapore river for the first 90 international delegates who registered for the meeting. Attractive cash prizes were also offered to encourage more abstract submissions. Other highlights of the meeting included two social events – welcome reception at Singapore National Eye Centre foyer with lion dance and kompong performances and faculty dinner at SKAI Suites offering panoramic view of Singapore's skyline at Fairmont Singapore.



b) 82nd Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society, 14 – 17 March 2024, Kolkata, India

SSO was invited by the All India Ophthalmological Society to host a symposium at their annual conference in Kolkata on Saturday, 16 March 2024. A total of 4 doctors from SNEC and NUH namely A/Prof Anna Tan, A/Prof Victor Koh, Dr Gangadhara Sundar and Dr Ng Wei Yan spoke on the updates on the diagnosis and management of Asian Eye Diseases.



c) 17th Asia-Pacific Vitreo-Retina Society (APVRS) Congress, 22-24 November 2024, Suntec Singapore Exhibition & Convention Centre

Singapore Society of Ophthalmology and College of Ophthalmologists, Singapore hosted the above congress which was held in Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 – 24 November 2024. Themed “Transforming Retinal Disease Management with Technology”, the meeting has gathered a distinguished international faculty of top specialists in vitreo-retina to share their expertise and experience. The scientific program focuses on exciting areas such as novel surgical innovations and therapies, and latest advances in imaging and research.

Prof Gemmy Cheung, Senior Consultant and Head, Medical Retina Department, SNEC chaired the Congress which has received over 2,000 delegates from about 40 countries. This organising is supported by international and local organising committee with members from SNEC, NUH, TTSH and private practice.



d) Activities Organised by SSO Young Ophthalmologist (YO) Chapter

2nd Global Young Ophthalmologist Summit, 19 January 2024

The 2nd Global YO summit, held in conjunction with the 37th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology, brought YOs together to meet, debate and discuss subjects pertinent to the younger generation of ophthalmologists. The programme featured interactive scientific debates on hot topics within 9 subspecialties, along with non-scientific fireside-style discussions on important matters such as surgical training, fellowships, global ophthalmology and women in ophthalmology. It ended with a special YO feature session with YO representatives from AAO, SOE, APAO, YOSI and the region. We also hosted a Global YO leaders meeting during the meeting. Throughout the course of the day, participants had ample opportunity to relax and mingle in the YO lounge, where they enjoyed barista coffee, a photobooth and blind massage. The full day of event culminated with an exciting YO social night held at Stay Gold Flamingo, which has been voted as one of the Top 50 bars in Asia. The YOs also had the opportunity to embark on a special 'YO cruise' along the Singapore River follow by the faculty dinner at SKAI.



APAC Young Ophthalmologists and Young Ophthalmologist Leaders Meeting
 21 February 2024, Tetaring Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

SSO hosted the above event at the 39th APAO Congress in Bali on Wednesday, 21 February 2024. More than 40 attendees, mainly Young Ophthalmologists from the Asia-Pacific region, gathered together to learn more about the newly revamped NexSO-YO Mentorship programme and took the opportunity to forge new friendship and renew old ties.





SSO Young Ophthalmologist Night

5 July 2024,

Eat at My Kitchen, Dempsey

Jiu Zhuang, Dempsey

More than 60 YOs and medical students gathered at Eat at My Kitchen, Dempsey on Friday, 5 July 2024 for the annual SSO YO night organised by the Young Ophthalmologist Chapter. The main highlight of the event was 'Ask a Senior Anything!' segment where participants had the opportunity to ask senior ophthalmologists Prof Aung Tin, A/Prof Vernon Yong, A/Prof Victor Koh, Dr Cheryl Ngo and Dr Leo Seo Wei questions pertaining to leadership / mentorship, sustainability, global health and equity. Following this, we had a YO afterparty hosted in Jiu Zhuang, Dempsey, where YOs and SOs could continue to mingle.



Young Ophthalmologist Networking and Mentorship Session

22 November 2024

Highlander Bar, Millenia Walk

Close to 100 YOs from Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region attended the network and mentoring event for the young ophthalmologists attending the 17th APVRS Congress on Friday, 22 November 2024 at Highlander Bar. Hosted by Singapore Society of Ophthalmology, this event was centred on mentorship to foster collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region and provides a platform for the local and regional young ophthalmologists attending the APVRS Congress to meet and build camaraderie.



Society of Ophthalmology of the Singapore Medical Association
Statement of Income and Expenditure for January - December 2024

Date	Opening Balance	
01/01/2024	Society of Ophthalmology Bank account	\$ 564,580.37
	Total	\$ 564,580.37

Expenditure

SSO

Cheque Fee	\$	34.50
DBS Account Fee	\$	40.00
DBS Ideal Service Charge for Payment	\$	0.50
SSO Annual General Meeting 2023, 15 Dec 2023, 33 Club	\$	9,484.86
SSO Annual General Meeting 2024, Open Farm Community	\$	8,249.99
SSO Website - Domain purchase, web hosting and maintenance	\$	4,142.00
Competitive Law Advice - Wong Partnership	\$	5,994.00
Sponsorship for NHG Eye Institute 9th International Ophthalmology Congress 2024	\$	5,450.00
Sponsorship of YO event at 39th APAO Congress in Bali (Essex Bio - Reimbursement)	\$	1,000.00
Subscription Fee for APAO (2023 - 2025)	\$	460.69

Young Ophthalmologist Night, 5 July 2024, Eat at My Kitchen

Dinner expenses at Eat at My Kitchen	\$	7,349.87
Purchase of alcohol	\$	310.65
Token of appreciation for invited panelists (5 senior ophthalmologists)	\$	125.00
Transport claim	\$	39.70

Grant Sponsorship for 39th APAO Congress, 22-25 Feb 2024, Bali

Dr Leo Seo Wei	\$	1,815.15
Dr Wesley Chong	\$	2,355.01

Grant Sponsorship for 7th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress, 24-26 May 2024, Manila

Dr Daniel Sim	\$	2,027.87
Dr Jovina See	\$	2,304.32
Dr Chelvin Sng	\$	1,268.00
Dr Jayant Iyer	\$	2,652.00

Grant Sponsorship for 16th European Glaucoma Society Congress, 1-4 June 2024, Dublin

Dr Daniel Su	\$	905.50
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Grant Sponsorship for 9th Asia Cornea Society Biennial Scientific Meeting, 26-28 Sept, 2024, Jakarta

Dr Por Yong Ming	\$	1,172.92
Dr Anna Marie Tan	\$	1,641.58

Grant Sponsorship for 5th World Congress of Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus, 11-13 July 2024, Malaysia

Dr Zena Lim (sponsored by Santen)	\$	695.54
Dr Cheryl Ngo (sponsored by Santen)	\$	661.63
Dr Claire Peterson (sponsored by SSO)	\$	600.00
Dr Stanley Poh (sponsored by SSO)	\$	600.00
Dr Reuben Foo (sponsored by SSO)	\$	600.00

Grant Sponsorship for 42nd Congress of the ESCRS, 6-10 Sept 2024, Spain

Dr Leo Seo Wei	\$	7,376.18
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Sub Total **\$ 69,357.46**

37th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology, 19 - 21 Jan 2024, Academia

Expenses for phaco and MIGS wet lab at SNEC Training Room

Purchase of artificial cataract lens (kitaro set) for Phaco wet lab	\$	3,114.72
Set-up and checking of microscopes (Leica Microsystems)	\$	2,016.50
Manpower costs	\$	708.56
Facilities rental and consumables	\$	24,774.63

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Travel Grant and Abstract Prizes

Exchange rate based on exchange rate US\$1-SGD1.33)

Travel grant for 21 overseas invited speakers (total: US\$18,500)	\$	24,605.00
Travel grant for 23 overseas speakers for 2nd Global YO Summit (total: US\$12,500)	\$	16,625.00
Travel grant for 30 young ophthalmologists @ US\$500 each (total: US\$15,000)	\$	19,950.00
Prizes for top 3 abstracts for paper, e-poster, case presentation and video (total: US\$4,800) (1st prize: US\$500; 2nd prize: US\$400; 3rd prize: US\$300)	\$	6,384.00
Top up additional amount (higher exchange rate at US\$1 - SGD1.333)	\$	150.00

Publicity

Design fees for 5 publicity EDMs, onsite items (banners, signages, decals, programme board registration counter) and final programme e-book	\$	10,500.00
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Social Events

Faculty dinner at SKAI Suites	\$	19,469.06
Young Ophthalmologist Night at Staygold Flamingo	\$	13,151.83
Provision of alcohol and bartender services for Welcome Reception	\$	1,020.00
Lion Dance Performance	\$	1,688.00
Sound system / kompang performance - Welcome Reception	\$	1,750.00

Others

Provision / build-up of booths for participating exhibitors	\$	17,985.00
Conversion of final program book to interactive flippable format for meeting website	\$	872.00
Funding of airfare for Dr George Beiko (sponsored by Bausch & Lomb)	\$	10,040.95
Accommodation at Grand Copthorne Waterfront for Dr George Beiko and Dr Shatriah Ismail (invited keynote speakers)	\$	3,189.34
Rental charges for auditorium and meeting rooms at Academia	\$	38,542.40
Photo Booth	\$	3,700.00
Provision of barista coffeee at Young Ophthalmologist Lounge	\$	2,400.00
Provision of massage service at Young Ophthalmologist Lounge by SAVH masseurs	\$	1,077.36
Purchase of Mdm Ling cookies for Young Ophthalmologist Lounge	\$	1,526.00
Photography services	\$	2,400.00
Purchase of token of appreciation for keynote speakers	\$	487.03
Purchase of TWG Tea Gift Packs for 6 council members of All India Ophthalmological Society	\$	180.00
Taxi claims	\$	63.05
Bank fees	\$	22.25

Sub Total \$ **228,392.68**

Income

37th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology, 19 - 21 Jan 2024, Academia

Registration Fees (SNEC Doctors)	\$	98,495.81
Platinum sponsorship package - Carl Zeiss	\$	35,000.00
50% balance payment for gold sponsorship package - EssilorLuxottica	\$	12,500.00
Silver sponsorship package - Abbvie	\$	15,000.00
50% balance payment for silver sponsorship package & hands-on imaging workshop - Topcon Singapore	\$	10,000.00
50% balance payment for silver sponsorship package - Glaukos Pte Ltd	\$	7,500.00
50% balance payment for shell scheme booth - Santen	\$	3,000.00
Shell scheme booth - Vitop Pte Ltd	\$	6,000.00
Shell scheme booth - Transmedic	\$	6,000.00
Sponsorship of Young Ophthalmologist Lounge - Abbvie	\$	6,500.00
Purchase of additional badge - Nikon Singapore	\$	300.00

37th Singapore-Malaysia Joint Meeting in Ophthalmology, 19 - 21 Jan 2024, Academia

Unclaimed travel grants for invited speakers / YO travel grants		
6 YO travel grants @ US\$500 each (US\$3000)	\$	3,724.00
Travel grant for 2 overseas speakers for 2nd Global YO Summit (total: US\$1000)	\$	1,330.00
Travel grant for 1 overseas invited speaker (US\$1000)	\$	1,330.00
Refund of deposit payment of YO night at Staygold Flamingo	\$	3,000.00

Sub Total \$ **209,679.81**

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International Myopia Summit Singapore, 16-17 May 2025

Silver sponsorship package (Roche)

	\$ 10,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 10,000.00

Others

Payment from Santen Pharmaceuticals for the grant sponsorship for

i) 10th World Ophthalmology Congress (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 5,000.00
ii) 39th APAO Congress (2 ophthalmologist)	\$ 4,170.16
iii) 16th European Glaucoma Society Congress (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 905.50
iv) 7th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress (4 ophthalmologists)	\$ 8,252.19

Payment from Abbvie for the grant sponsorship for

i) 42nd Congress of the ESCRS (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 7,376.18
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Admin Fee for processing congress passes on behalf of Santen for

i) 10th World Ophthalmology Congress (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 50.00
ii) 39th APAO Congress (2 ophthalmologist)	\$ 100.00
iii) 16th European Glaucoma Society Congress (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 50.00
iv) 7th Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress (3 ophthalmologists)	\$ 200.00

Admin Fee for processing congress passes on behalf of Abbvie for

i) 42nd Congress of the ESCRS (1 ophthalmologist)	\$ 50.00
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Sponsorship of YO event at 39th APAO Congress in Bali (Roche)

\$ 2,000.00

Sponsorship of SSO YO Night, 5 July 2024, Eat at My Kitchen (Abbvie)

\$ 5,000.00

Sponsorship of SSO YO Networking Event, 22 Nov 2024, Highlander Bar

\$ 10,000.00

Sub Total	\$ 43,154.03
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Closing Balance as at 31 December 2024

Society of Ophthalmology Bank account

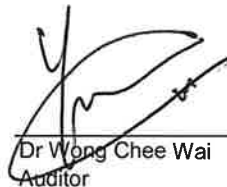
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31/12/2024 Total

\$ 529,664.07



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Treasurer



Dr Wong Chee Wai
Auditor