***Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium 2018 cum the 10th conference of Asia Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery***

The 30th Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium was a successful and memorable meeting creating many ‘firsts’ in Hong Kong – It was the first annual scientific meeting of the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society and the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong to be held in conjunction with the 10th conference of the Asia Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. Being the first large scale international oculoplastics meeting to be hosted in Hong Kong, the event brought together ophthalmologists from around the world, receiving a record number of 800 participants with more than 200 actively practicing international ophthalmologists from 45 countries (including Romania, Brazil and Israel among others) attending.

Delegates enjoyed a busy schedule packed with more than 120 invited speakers and a high volume of submitted posters and paper presentations covering a wide variety of latest research and updates in the area of oculoplastics and also general ophthalmology. This year’s conference was also the first to showcase a 3D video symposium with high definition viewing of eyelid, orbit and endoscopic surgeries. It was definitely an eye opening experience and brought forth a new angle in ophthalmic surgery, education and training by incorporating innovative technology. We certainly hope more of this can be seen in future conferences!

Another ‘first’ of this meeting included the hosting of a press conference on 16th December focusing especially on the area of ptosis and thyroid eye disease. The heartfelt sharing from real patients shone light on the impact both physically and psychosocially of disfiguring conditions ranging from ptosis to dysthyroid ophthalmopathy. The event was well attended and publicized widely by the press, spreading the importance of seeking early medical attention from ophthalmologists when it comes to eye diseases and the treatments available that we can readily offer to our patients. Later that day, doctors from both the public and private sectors united in discussion at the ‘HK ophthalmology – the way ahead symposium’ organized by Hong Kong Association of Private Eye Surgeons. Sharing by both private and public doctors presented a balanced view on the current challenges faced in the field of ophthalmology, providing a constructive platform for ideas to be exchanged in enhancing collaboration between ophthalmologists as a big family.

Besides the fruitful scientific programmes, the social aspect of the conference was certainly a highlight too. The conference kicked off with a welcoming dinner where we received and welcomed all our invited speakers, distinguished guests and our keynote speakers Prof Don Kikkawa, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, University of California at San Diego and Prof Geoffrey Rose, Director of Adnexal Service at Moorfields Eye Hospital. To showcase the vibrant side of Hong Kong, it was the first time we organized a lunchtime cruise party and a tram party for participants to see another side of Hong Kong. Both were well attended by overseas and local ophthalmologists and the light hearted events received positive reviews, providing an opportunity for old friends to catch up and to meet new ones against the spectacular background of the Hong Kong skyline. The annual gala dinner was again a fun-filled event with a chance for our talented colleagues to showcase their musicality through memorable performances by our one and only Eye Band.

The success of this event could not have been possible without the hard work of the organizing committee, the support of the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society, the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong, Asia Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and last but not least, the generous donations from corporate sponsors and individual donors. With the generosity from individual donors we were able to present 12 travel grants to deserving young opthalmologists from overseas to support and encourage international conference attendance.

The 30th Hong Kong Ophthalmological Symposium was a meeting of many firsts and we look forward to many more to come in the future. On behalf of the organizing committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks again to all colleagues for your participation and support to the event.

Best regards,

Dr. Hunter Yuen

Chairman, Organising Committee

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**Eye Band**

Dr. Patrick Tong – bass/ guitar

Dr. Nancy Yuen - vocals

Dr. Jeffrey Pong – vocals/ drums

Dr. Kenneth Ng - vocals/ keyboard

Dr. Desmund Yip – guitar/ bass

Dr. Leslie Cheng – vocals/ keyboard

Mr. Alex Bucks - saxophone

**Awards presented**

**Best Oral Presenter:**

Dr. Jasmine Chuang (Hong Kong Eye Hospital)

Title: Comparison of Peripapillary Vessel Density of Acute Non-arteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy and Other Optic Neuropathies with Disc Swelling

**Best Poster Presenter:**

Dr. Yim Cheuk Ling (Hong Kong Eye Hospital)

Title: Sebaceous Carcinoma can mimic Ocular Cicatricial Pemphigoid

**Resident’s Challenge:**

Dr. Cherie Wong (Hong Kong Eye Hospital)