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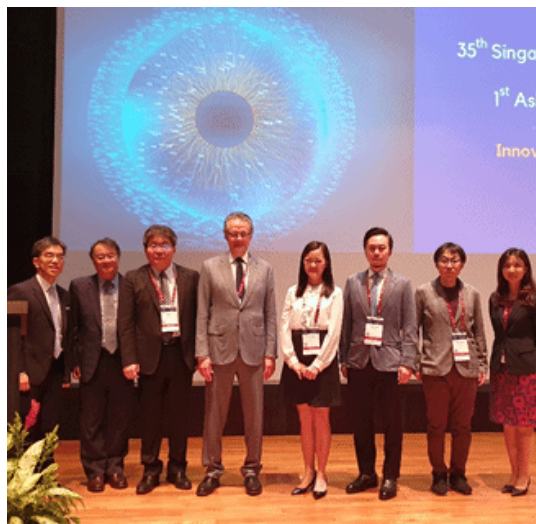
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We trust you are keeping well and safe. The global coronavirus pandemic has been dynamic and intense for all of us over the last several months and is still affecting our communities, our families, and our profession. I would like to express my deepest sincere care, concern, and support for all of you. I do hope that the COVID-19 will be settled soon and we will meet again in the coming year.

APOIS Congress and next meeting

It is fortunate that our 1st Asia-Pacific Ocular Imaging Society (APOIS) Congress, jointly hosted with the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology, was successfully held in Singapore before the crisis (17th – 19th January, 2020). There were more than 500 attended delegates and 28 speakers joined the Congress. They came from 35 countries, including Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Indian, the USA and the UK. The Congress organized 6 APOIS imaging workshops, 152 posters, and 10 oral presentations, and was supported by top leading 10 sponsors. The 2nd APOIS Congress will be held in Seoul, South Korea, partnership with Korean Ophthalmological Society (KOS) Annual Meeting, in October 29 – 31, 2021. Please mark down your calendar and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!

APOIS supposed to have our APOIS symposium in APAO Congress in Xiamen, China this year. However, we just received notice that the APAO Congress 2020 has unfortunately been cancelled. We will be organizing a APOIS Symposium in APAO congress in Kuala Lumpur next year instead. Therefore, please mark down your calendar to participant APAO congress 2021 (March 4-7, 2021) and join our APOIS symposium, in addition to the 2nd APOIS Congress.





 [Please click here for more congress photos.](#) 

Retinal findings in patients with COVID-19

I would like to share a recent report published in The Lancet on retinal and OCT changes in 12 patients with COVID-19 from Brazil. The authors observed hyper-reflective lesions at the level of ganglion cell and inner plexiform layers from OCT in all patients, and subtle cotton wool spots and microhaemorrhages along the retinal arcade in one-third of the patients from color fundus photography and red-free imaging. This report not only give us new knowledge on ophthalmological changes related to COVID-19, but also highlight the importance of ocular imaging for studying systemic conditions affected in the eye.

Reference: Marinho et al. Retinal findings in patients with COVID-19. Lancet. (in press 2020).

Congratulations to Dr. Carol Cheung and Dr. Yasuno Yoshiaki

In spite of our recent challenge, I am very excited to share the good news with you that Dr. Carol Cheung, our Secretary-General, and Dr. Yasuno Yoshiaki, our Council Member, have recently joined the ARVO Annual Meeting Program Committee for the Multidisciplinary Ophthalmic Imaging Cross-sectional Group. I believe they will contribute their expertise in ocular imaging via ARVO, and this will take a step closer to the success of APOIS. Let us take this opportunity to congratulate Carol and Yasuno!



Carol Cheung



Yasuno Yoshiaki



Comprehensive Ocular Imaging Network (COIN)

We are honored to have Dr Rupesh Agrawal, our Council Member who shared COIN with us in the last APOIS Council Meeting in Singapore. I believe COIN would advance the global connections for the minded researchers. Hence, I think this is an excellent idea to share this with our APOIS members.

[Please click here to find out the full details of COIN.](#)

Introduction to the Council

In this newsletter, let me continue to introduce the Council Members from China and Hong Kong:

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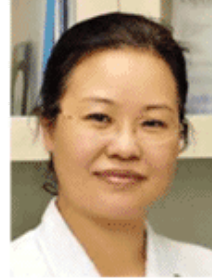
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2nd APOIS Congress

**in Seoul, South Korea,
in October 29 – 31, 2021.**

Please take care, and do stay healthy!!

With warm regards,



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