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Eapen Sir
The Perennial Mentor

Dr Thomas Cherian, Angamali

Dr. K.E. Eapen, known to many as Eapen Sir, has been mentor for many of the practising Ophthalmologists today. Those who have learned the art and science of Ophthalmology from him are spread out across the globe.

Dr. Eapen, one amongst the earliest Retinal Surgeons in the state, had his heart and soul at the Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly, for more than a quarter of a century. He served the Ophthalmic fraternity in various capacities, culminating in the presidency of the Kerala State Ophthalmological Society, now called the Kerala Society of Ophthalmic Surgeons (KSOS). He now leads a semi retired life in his home town of Kanjirapally, near Kottayam.

I had the privilege of taking his interview at the picturesque 'Kadamapuzha' House. I reached there quite late on a Saturday evening. On my arrival, he passed his 'orders' as usual – "take your bags and come out, you are staying here tonight'. Mrs. Eapen, I call her Mary Auntie, was there to greet me with her fish tarts and dates sweet, garnished with that familiar smile, I've had many occasions in the past to enjoy her hospitality and culinary skills. Soon, we sat down to work.

I started off with my stock question, "when did you start your Ophthalmic practise?"

Dr. Eapen joined for M.S. (Ophthal mology) in Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam in 1970.He completed MS in 1972, then worked in Christian Medical College, Vellore and joined L.F. Hospital, Angamaly in 1974.

He got the inspiration to undergo Retina training from the legendary Dr. S.S. Badrinath and subsequently went for the fellowship under Prof. Meyer Schwickerath. Those days, Retinal surgeons had very limited work, the speciality was just evolving as one, and only straightforward cases were taken up for surgery.

Within a year of joining LF Hospital, he got a scholarship and went to Vienna, where he spent 10 months, and later to Germany, where he spent 3 months with Prof. Meyer Schwickerath, one of the founding fathers of Laser photocoa gulation. Afterwards he did 3 months fellowship in Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. After these fellowships, he worked for 2 years in the U.K. before coming back to Little Flower in 1978. He, along with Dr. T.P. Ittyerah, set up the Retina Unit there, which was the first Retina Unit, anywhere in the state.

> He finds pride in his students. He believes that the new generation of Ophthalmologists is a step ahead in the quality of their work and academics, but they need to be more concerned about patients, especially when it comes to cost. He sees a bright future for Ophthalmology in Kerala.

The first fundus camera in L.F.Hospital was procured in 1976. The first photocoagulator was the Xenon arc, which came in 1977, Laser came in 1980. Retinal detachment Surgeries were started in 1975. Scleral Buckling was the only surgery practised in those days. The first Vitrectomy machine was obtained in 1983, and was put to use immediately. But Dr Eapen did not venture much into that.

Those days, the subspecialities had not developed much. Retina in fact, was the first to come up. Dr. Tony Fernandes had started an Eye bank, and slowly Cornea developed into a sub speciality.

Today the subspecialties have developed so much that there is one for every tissue of the body. I asked him if he considered this development of sub specialities good or bad for Ophthalmology. He thought for a moment and quipped, "to a large extent, it is good, but sometimes, I feel, patients are being subjected to unnecessary workup".

He then took me through a quick round of

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we enter the new decade we are cresting the last wave, and bidding adieu. Last KSOS year was not remarkable in any way, I suppose. But we could manage to initiate some programmes which we wish would be continued by the future teams.As i said in my farewell address, there is no need to talk on what is past.

I am thankful to all my team members for their support.

And I am thankful to all of you for giving me the privilege of serving you through KSOS.

Yours in KSOS,

Dr. R.R.Varma



Secretary's REPORT

Report of activities 2008- 09

I am happy to present the report of activities of KSOS during the year which kickstarted with the Drishti 2008. The 35th Annual Conference of KSOS was held at Hotel Gokulam Park, Kaloor, Ernakulam on Nov 28, 29 and 30th. TEAM COCHIN has organized the conference very well which had a record attendance of 610 delegates. The Scientific Programme was held for the first time in 4 halls for 2 ½ days. There were 2 breakfast sessions and a live surgery session. In a meeting which was formally inaugu rated by Dr K.S.Radhakrishnan,the Vice Chancellor of Kaladi Sanskrit University Dr R.R.Varma was installed as the President of KSOS by the outgoing President Dr Rajagopalan Nair. T.K.Alexander memorial oration was delivered by Dr P.I.Mohan.

I on behalf of the Executive Committee (EC) congratulate the TEAM COCHIN and the organizing secretary in particular for the meticulous way in which the conference was held and for contributing Rs.230,000 for KSOS, which is the maximum by any Org comm. so far.

Academic programmes

We have had 16 CMEs under the aegis of KSOS and 2 training seminars for paramedics conducted directly by KSOS. CMEs were held by 5 medical colleges, 4 Ophthalmic Clubs and 7 Private hospitals have held CMEs this year. One of the CMEs was held under the aegis of Glaucoma Society of India and another was an International conference for 2 days. New entrants were Kottayam Ophthalmic club, CSI Medical College Karakonam and Trichur Medical College. With the need to have minimum credit points for re-registration with the TCMC these CMEs had very good delegate participation. This time Kottayam Ophthalmic Society has joined Cochin, Trichur and Palakkad to host CMEs.

KSOS conducted 2 Seminars for paramedics on infection control practices in Operation Theaters. These were at Kochi in June and in Calicut in August. We associated with the infection control department of AIMS, Kochi to give training to paramedics from eye hospitals. 123 delegates from 60 hospitals in Kerala attended these seminars.

Drishti 2009

Team Kannur have put up a brilliant show at Kannur. Although they had several inadequacies, they have made it a truly memorable one with their collective effort. I congratulate the Team led by Dr BV Bhat, Dr. Jayan Thomas and Dr Jayanth with the energetic and enthusiastic Dr Sreeni as the Organising Secretary.

CME series book

As promised by the present EC, a CME

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Congratulations

Dr SHIJI UMMAR, final year post graduate resident of Kottayam Medical College was awarded a Laptop for winning the first prize in exam conducted at the national level from over 200 students at LV Prasad Eye Institute Post Graduate education Programme in September 2009.

Log on to www.ksos.in and update your addresses

series book on Common Ophthalmic Procedures was prepared by KSOS this year which was released during Drishti 2009. The book will be sent by post to all members in January.

Executive Committee Meetings

4 ECMs were held this year

Trichur in January, Trivandrum in April, Cochin in August and Kannur yesterday. We scheduled the venues in such a way that they were held across the State without prejudice to members from any part of the State.

We have started monitoring strictly the attendance of the various office bearers during these ECMs. In spite of that there was low attendance from certain members for these ECMs due to various reasons. The decision to pay TA for Exceutive Committee Meetings is still pending.

The ECM also took up the issue of sales tax imposed by mistake on the Intraocular lenses. IOLs are clubbed with ocular lenses used in camera and binoculars and levied sales tax in Kerala. We are still pursuing this issue.

Newsletter

I have great pride in telling you that we were successful in bringing out the KSOS Newsletter in a better way these two years. The KSOS Newsletter which was started by me when I was the editor of KSOS in 2000 was published in a new format since 2008. It highlighted our senior ophthalmologists besides giving the quarterly activities of our Society. The activities of all Ophthalmic clubs that have sent me reports in time were highlighted. I could get sponsors for most of the issues. I think if there is a co-ordinated effort by the Secretary and the Editor KJO we can improve the standard of the Newsletter even better.

SMS

All members were informed twice through SMS the CMEs conducted under the aegis of KSOS.

Dr Oommen memorial Oration

Dr. Chandran Abraham from Chennai was selected to deliver the Dr. Oommen memorial Oration this year

KJO

The KJO maintained its quality although there was some delay in bringing out the first three issues this year. A video CD on Retinal surgeries was distributed along with the September issue of the KJO and on Cataract Surgery along with the December issue.

Website

The Website was utilized very well by the members for submitting abstracts for the Drishti, updating the addresses and getting information about various academic programmes. The yearly visits to the website have gone up from 15000 per year to close to 80,000 this year. The Website editor Dr Thomas George needs to be congratulated not only for the great work he has done but also for the handsome balance he is going to transfer to the next editor

Membership

The membership fee was raised in January 2009. The current membership of the Society stands at 1087 an increase of 46 from last Drishti. The post graduates are not allowed to present papers if they have not become members or associate members of KSOS. I request the heads of departments of various teaching institutions to enroll their PGs at the beginning of the academic year itself. We have issued membership certificates to all members enrolled from December 2007 along with laminated ID Cards.

District Ophthalmic Clubs

The District Ophthalmic Clubs have been active in majority of the places. All the clubs have paid their affiliation fee to the Society. But we need more frequent meetings. KSOS can render all help to have better academic sessions during the ophthalmic club meetings if they need. If the Clubs improve we will be able to communicate with all the members through these district nodal points.

LDP

Dr Saikumar.S.J who was selected to represent KSOS in the Leadership Development Programme of AIOS attended training sessions at Bombay. He will be able to impart that knowledge to our members through similar sessions in the coming months.

Office space

The KSOS thanks the COC that have agreed to share their office space at the majestic IMA House in Ernakulam. Now the KSOS have got a permanent office in the 7th floor of the IMA House, behind International Stadium, Kaloor, Kochi

Accounts

The KSOS have taken PAN and TAN this year and we have to be very meticulous in managing our accounts. We had great difficulty in amalgamating the audit report of various subsidiaries of the KSOS because of late submission of unaudited accounts of the KJO. All receipts and payments to KJO, Website and Scientific Committee will have to be routed thru the treasurer only. The incoming treasurer will have to devote more time to streamline the accounts of our society.

Achievements by members

To quote the number of academic programmes our members have attended will be a prolonged exercise. Many of our members attended both National and International meetings as delegates and faculty and to deliver orations.

We should strengthen our society by enrolling more ophthalmologists. They should feel that they stand to gain more by being a member. Our efforts were precisely to give more to our members in every way. For that much have been done this year, but a lot more need to be done Whatever we have achieved is not for me to elaborate. You are the best judge of our activities during the last couple of years. The achievements have been purely due to TEAMWORK. Spell the word and you will find that there is no "I" in that word.

I don't want to take the credit for whatever we have achieved during our term. But being the executive head of the organization I owe up the moral responsibility for whatever lapses that has occurred during this period.

I believe that the association activities are not about individual glory. I always consider the institution above individuals. I thank all the office bearers of KSOS 2008 and 2009 for the unflinching support they have given me during this period.

Jai Hind! Jai KSOS

Dr Sasikumar S

Join KSOS

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Ophthalmic club reports

Cochin Ophthalmic Club Oct-Dec 09

The new team of the Cochin Ophthalmic Club was installed at a solemn ceremony held at the IMA House, Kaloor, Cochin on the 22nd of October, 2009. Dr. A. Giridhar took over as the President and Dr. Thomas Cherian as Secretary. The new office of the COC was inaugurated by the outgoing President Dr. Augustine Mampilly. The COC has offered to share this office space with the KSOS, this proposal has been accepted by the latter.

A cheque for Rs. 4.6 lakhs due to the late Dr. Noel Moniz' family, from the National IMA family benefit scheme was handed over to the President, Dr. Giridhar, by the Secretary of the Cochin IMA, which was subsequently delivered to Dr. Agatha Moniz in person.

Monthly Scientific Meeting

The monthly scientific meeting of the Cochin Ophthalmic Club was held on the 10th of December, 2009 at the IMA House, Kaloor, Cochin. The COC members had won 5 of the 8 awards at stake, at the 'Drishti 2009' at Kannur. The COC congratulated Dr. Aneeta Jabbar (Dr. Sankara Menon Award), Dr. Savitha Bhat (Dr. Siva Reddy Award), Dr. Sandhya N. (Dr. Tony Fernandez Award), Dr. Gopal S. Pillai (Posterior Segment Free Paper Award) and Dr. Mary Joseph (Dr. K.S. Subramanian Award). Of these, the first four papers were presented at this meeting. The session was chaired by Dr. C.V. Anthrayose.

The COC also felicitated its members, who were elected as office bearers of the KSOS. They are Dr. A. Giridhar (President Elect), Dr. C.V. Anthrayose (Vice President), Dr. Radharamanan B. (Secretary), Dr. Mahesh G. (Editor – Journal), Dr. Revathi Ramesh (COC Representative to KSOS Executive) and Dr. Saikumar S.J. (Managing Committee Member – AIOS).

World Diabetes Day Observance

The Cochin Ophthalmic Club observed the World Diabetes day, by organising a diabetic Retinopathy Screening programme at the SNDP High School, Udayamperoor. Dr. Thomas Cherian delivered a public education lecture on diabetic eye diseases. 194 diabetic patients were screened, 34 cases of diabetic retinopathy were identified and referred to the members' institutions for further management. A poster exhibition on diabetic retinopathy was also held at the same venue.

Ranjini Eye Hospital also observed the World Diabetes Day. The programme was organised at the Durbar Hall ground. District Collector Dr. M. Beena gave the Diabetes day message. About 1100 people participated in a Diabetes Day walk. A free screening program for detecting Diabetic Retinopathy by Ranjini Eye Hospital was also launched at the event.

An awareness programme and Free Diabetic Eye Screening was held at Chaithanya Eye Hospital.

Drishti 2010

It was decided that the next annual conference of the KSOS (Drishti 2010) will be held at the Gokulam Convention Centre, Cochin. Dr. Augustine Mampilly will be the Chairman, Organising Committee, Dr. Saikumar S.J., the Organising Secretary, and Dr. Revathi Ramesh, the Treasurer.

Community Programmes

The various member hospitals of the COC conducted community programmes. A total of 76 camps were conducted during this period, and 16706 patients were examined in these camps.

Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly, Little Flower Hospital Annexe, Koonammavu, Dr. Tony's Eye Institute, Aluva, Giridhar Eye Institute, Cochin, Chaithanya Eye Hospital, Cochin, Renjini Eye Hospital, Cochin and Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin organised these camps. The 'Sight Restoration India' clinic at Mattancherry, also organised community programmes

School Screening Programmes

2 school screening programmes were undertaken, one each by Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly and Giridhar Eye Institute, Cochin.

Eye Donation

A total of 180 eyes were received as donation at the Little Flower Eye Bank during this period. 25 were used for transplant at LFH, 78 were sent to other hospitals, 67 were used for study purpose and 10 were rejected.

International Conferences

Dr. Gopal S. Pillai and Dr. Mahesh G. attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology conference at San Francisco and presented papers, Dr. Meena C.K. presented a paper at the World ROP Congress at New Delhi.

Other achievements

The poster submitted by Renjini Eye Hospital for World Sight Day 09 (Vidya's Journey - From Darkness to Light) to Vision 2020 was adjudged the best poster for 2009.

Kozhikode Ophthalmic Society

The onam celebration & general body meeting of kozhikode ophthalmic society was held on 13-09-09 at hyson hotel Dr.Kishore Krishna of Vision foundation gave a talk on N.S.A.I.D.-Bromfenac.The talk was followed by entertainment in the form of dance & songs performed by our members .Around 110 members with families participated

CME-Uveitis- A Clinical Update

RIO Calicut conducted its second annual CME under the aegis of KSOS on October 11th, 2009 at Hotel Hyson Heritage. Dr Jyothirmay Biswas, Chennai, Dr. Padma Malini, Bangalore, V. Rajasekhar, Addl DHS, Govt of India, along with KSOS and KOS faculty delivered lectures.

Dr K.S.Chandrakanth
Secretary

TACO

TACOPSIA 2009

The Annual CME of TACO was held on 27th September 2009 at Casino Hotels. The topic was A-Z of SICS. Eminent cataract surgeons from Kerala spoke on various topics in SICS. TACO Oration award was presented to Dr. S.Tony Fernandez. Dr K.C.Mathai was honoured with the life time achievement award of TACO. Gold medals were presented to the best outgoing students in Ophthalmology from the three medical colleges of Trichur.

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From the desk of the Editor, KJO.



Dear Colleague

The editorial board of the KJO wishes you a very happy and prosperous new year

The last issue (Dec 2009) issue of KJO was released during the Drishti 2009 at Kannur and for those members who did not collect their copies at the venue, the dispatch is being carried out.This is the last issue of the KJO during our tenure.I sincerely hope that the material published is useful to all of you . I take this opportunity to thank you for the encouragement that we received. . Our goal was to provide what is called the four Cs of content: information that was current (timely), concise (summarizing), credible (evidence based), and clinically relevant (practical) to benefit the practicing ophthalmologist in his day to day practice .I hope that we have been able to achieve our goal.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of helping to shape this unique publication, but, after 4 exciting years, it is time to bring in fresh editorial leadership. It has been an honor and a privilege to share the editorship with my friends and counterparts. Their insight, imagination, and personalities have made this collaboration a lot of fun, and they have taught me a lot.

Our thanks …….. To Our Readers …….. To Our Authors …… To Our Reviewers …….. and our trade sponsors.

The journal is in very capable hands and I am sure that there will be more improvement on the quality of the journal .

Dr Meena Chakrabarti

From the Scientific Committee Chairman



Dear Friends,

Drishti 2009 was a resounding success. I must thank the entire Organizing team especially Dr B V Bhat and Dr Sreeni Edakhlon for the arrangements they had made in Kannur. This made my job as the Scientific Committee Chairman easy. I must also thank the local Scientific Committee headed by Dr Asha Chandrasekharan for the help in coordinating all the halls.

My term as Scientific Committee Chairman is over and I take this oppurtunity to thank all the members of KSOS and especially the executive committee members for the past two years for the unstinted support and cooperation given to me. I am sure the next Chairman will take the Society to greater heights.

Although my Scientific Committee stint is over, I am very much in the centre of all the action. The Cochin Ophthalmic Club has given me the responsibility of Organizing Secretary for Drishti 2010. I welcome all of you to Cochin for Drishti 2010 from the 26th to 28th of November.

Dr. S. J. Saikumar

Ophthalmic club reports.....

The TACO Academic meet for October was held at Casino Hotels,Trichur on 27.10.2009 at 7.30 p.m. Dr.Venkataraman Arvind MS(Ophth)MRCO (UK) FGEC (Canada), Chief Medical Officer, Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Anna Nagar, Chennai. talked on NSAIDS in ophthalmology, He also showed a few interesting surgical videos.

The Peripheral meet of TACO was conducted as a Family meet at IMA Hall Kunnamkulam on18th at 7.30 pm.

SMS to KSOS Members

Members have appreciated the efforts of KSOS to send information to them by SMS.Information about all CMEs conducted under the aegis of KSOS was communicated to the members. Less than 600 members have updated their mobile

Please send an SMS to the Secretary at 9447006421 noting your KSOS number and name if you have not received these messages.

Dr. K.E. Eapen ....contd. from page 1



his childhood days. His father, Dr. K.E. Eapen (Sr.) was the first doctor in Kanjirapally, he started the 'Kadamapuzha Hospital', and his mother was a home maker. He was sent to Bangalore at the age of eight years, where he studied at the St. Joseph's school. In school, he was a member of the hockey and cricket teams, he played alongside Vaes Paes (father of Tennis star Leander Paes), who went on to become a member of the National hockey team. He joined for MBBS in Kottayam Medical College in 1963 (the first batch which had the entire course at Kottayam itself. (Earlier batches had the pre clinical classes at Thiruvananthapuram). He got selected on State merit. Even in college, he continued sports, and was Sports secretary of Kottayam Medical College. Later in life, playing cards became one of his major hobbies.

He is married to Mrs. Mary Eapen from Kothamangalam. She too is a home maker, and Eapen Sir is extremely proud of her efficiency as one. They are blessed with four children, two daughters and two sons. One son and a daughter are in the medical profession. Besides being an Ophthalmologist, Eapen Sir is a planter; he looks after his rubber plantations now.

He was a founder member of KSOS, along with Dr. Tony Fernandes and the late Dr. C.E. Oommen. He was the Editor of the newsletter in the early years of the association (1974) and went on to become President in 1996. To start with, the association had only about 50 members, he believes, the growth has been phenomenal.

In the Cochin Ophthalmic Club, he was Treasurer for two years. He has been a member of the Kottayam Ophthalmic Society for the last five years. Both these are good academic bodies, he swears.

Dr. Eapen was the second winner of the prestigious Sankara Menon award of the KSOS, for his paper on fluorescein angiography patterns in Central serous Retinopathy.

The 'Drishti 1996' at Angamaly was a turning point in the history of the state Ophthalmology conferences, Dr. Eapen believes. That was the first time, Drishti was made a 3 day event. The banquet at Angamaly was the first of its kind. Getting papers for the conferences was very difficult those days. Nowadays, the quality and substance of the conference has vastly improved.

Many of those who have worked with him still maintain contact with him. He finds pride in his students. He believes that the new generation of Ophthalmologists is a step ahead in the quality of their work and academics, but they need to be more concerned about patients, especially when it comes to cost. He sees a bright future for Ophthalmology in Kerala.

Report of Website editor



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Trivandrum.

I enjoyed my term as website editor for the last two years. The website under all your patronage has grown and improved. A few very useful aspects of the site are highlighted below as excerpts from the report presented at Drishti 2009. I also have the satisfaction of handing over to Dr. Biju John who will be able to take it to much higher levels.

Address list

Our KSOS address list is up on the site. The addresses are accessible to all and the members have an address change form to make changes, add email ID, add phone numbers etc.

All changes in postal addresses are forwarded to the editor journal and general secretary by email. I would appreciate it if more members log on to this form and register their email ids.

Any changes in the permanent address need to be directly made as a request to the general secretary.

CMEs

Quite a lot of CME organizers have registered on the site this. I have been sending group mails regarding CMEs registered on the site. I hope they are being received by you all from an email id web.ksos@gmail.com . I also request organizers of CMEs to log on to the site and post the CMEs on the conference tab.

Drishti

Once again this year we saved a lot of trees by incorporating online abstract submissions. The project had a lot of input from scientific committee chairperson Dr. Saikumar and the site engineer Mr. Manu Puzhamudi of OFEK software technologies.

This project went in seamless perfection and should be continued in future also.

Thanking all of you for the faith you entrusted in me and the support received over my term. I would also like to put on record my gratitude to Alcon Pharma for financial support for the site during my term.

Regards

Thomas George T

Drishti 2009 Kannur - a report

Dr. Sreeni Edakhlon, Organising Secretary



When we decided to bid for the 36th annual conference of KSOS we knew that it would require a tremendous team effort to make the conference a success. We had a lot of infrastructure and manpower shortfalls when compared to places like Ernakulam and Trivandrum. We didn't have a conference venue with in house catering, no airports, less number of hotels and the Kannur Ophthalmic Society has less than fifty members. But the great advantage that we had was that we had a few very active senior members who not only gave their valuable advices but also were actively involved in organizing the conference. We were also lucky to have a very energetic and enterprising organizing chairman-Dr.Jayan Thomas. But it was the ophthalmologists from all over Kerala who participated in large numbers that made Drishti 2009 a grand success.549 delegates and 22 guest faculties participated in the conference.

The conference started at 9.00AM on 27th November 2009 after KSOS President Dr. R.R.Varma lighted the ceremonial lamp. The scientific sessions arranged by Dr.Saikumar.S.J were well appreciated by each and everyone. We spared no efforts in making the Dinesh auditorium suitable for the scientific sessions. We also provided centrally air-conditioned spacious areas for the scientific exhibitions. Even though we spent a lot for the exhibition area, generating income for the conference was not an easy task. Unlike the Drishti conferences of the previous years we had to arrange for the conference bags and all the three brochures all by ourselves. At least two multinational companies said that they are not at all interested in participating in the annual conference of ophthal mologists of Kerala. What makes it even more painful is that these are companies which spent lakhs on erecting stalls at the TNOA conference. Vasan Eye Hospital group helped us out by putting up a stall for providing free refreshments. I am extremely thankful to Dr.Arun, Chairman, Vasan Eye Care, Mr.Sudheer the COO, Dr.Srikant Karat and Dr.N.Jayanth for their help.

The only area in which we feel that we erred was in the selection of the caterers. Their explanation for their inefficiency was that there was a severe staff shortage because of leaves taken by staff for Ramzan. The refreshments provided by the Vasan group really helped. I wish more hospitals participate in the state conference like this.

We started a website for Drishti for the first time to provide information regarding the conference. You can visit www.Drishti2009.com for viewing and downloading conference photos. The registration was coordinated very efficiently by Dr.Abhijit.M.Khake. Addresses, Telephone numbers and e mail ids were collected from all the registered delegates. It will help in updating the KSOS data base and will surely help the organizing teams of the future Drishti conferences.

I am sure that you would all agree that our choice of Dr.Babu Rajendran, president AIOS for inaugurating the conference was great. Dr.B.V.Bhat took over as the president of KSOS from Dr.R.R.Varma. Mr.K.Sudhakaran, Hon'ble Member of parliament, Kannur was the chief guest. The ceremony was followed by a dance drama by children of doctors from Thalassery. It was followed by a magnificiant performance of Theyyam on stage by temple artists. All those who viewed it really enjoyed the spectacle.

On the second day Mrs.P.K.Sreemathy, Hon,ble minister for health and family welfare, Govt of Kerala addressed the gathering. She made a few important announcements including that on Kerala Medical University. She also promised to look into the matter of sales tax levied on Intraocular Lenses.

The banquet at the Pirate's Cove, the beach cliff resort of Western India Plywoods was a grand event. The performance of the entertainment troupe was enjoyed by all. It was so entertaining that the guests were not leaving the venue even well past 11.30 PM. The Pirate show lead by Dr.Jayan Thomas was also well appreciated. We are also thankful to Dr.Sasikumar.S for agreeing to have the general body meeting of KSOS at the banquet venue so that our guests could reach the banquet venue before the sunset.

The keen interest in the conference was evident by the fact that we saw a full hall for the session on Practice Management, the last session of the conference. We are also extremely thankful to our friends from the press for the extensive coverage given for the conference.



CME Series Released

The CME series book & CD on Common ophthalmic procedures was released by Dr. B.V. Bhat at Kannur during the inaugural function of Drishti 2009. The book will be mailed to all KSOS members in January

Award Winners Drishti 2009

1. **Dr. K.C. Sankara Menon Award** – **Dr. Aneeta Jabbar** for her paper titled "Clinical outcome of DALK using big bubble technique in a heterogenous group of corneal pathologies – One year prospective study".
2. **Padmabhushan Dr. P. Siva Reddy Award** – **Dr. Savita Bhat** – for her paper titled "Relationship between structure and function of optic nerve head – glaucoma versus normal".
3. **Padmasree Dr. S. Tony Fernandez Video Award** – **Dr. N. Sandhya** for her video titled "Do it right the second time – the retained cortex puzzle".
4. **Dr. Noel Moniz Memorial Anterior Segment Free paper award**– **Dr. Arup Chakrabarti** for his paper titled " Nucleus management sans nucleus rotation".
5. **Posterior Segment Free Paper award** – **Dr. Gopal S Pillai** for his paper titled "Results of small gauge vitrectomy for retinal diseases– a retrospective analysis of 586 cases".
6. **Prof. K.S. Subramaniam Award for best PG paper** – **Dr. Mary Joseph** for her paper titled "Video nystagmographic and clinical analysis of the effect of nystagmus surgery".
7. **Best Poster Award - Dr. Remya R** for her poster titled "An unusual case of orbital roof fracture presenting as progressive retinal detachment"
8. **TACO Quiz** – **Dr. Siju Raj and Dr. Remya R** – Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Trivandrum.



























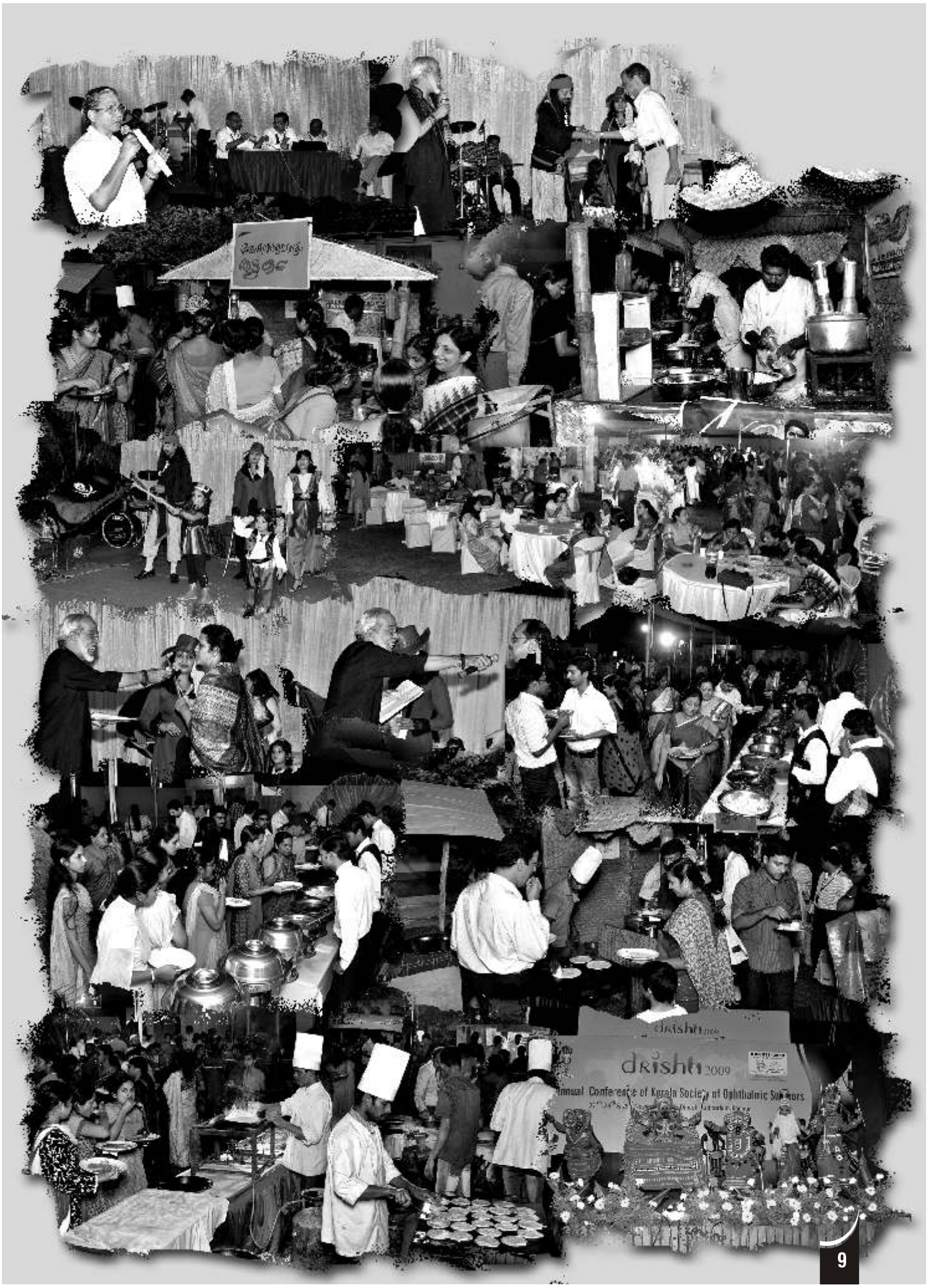






Attention

All members who have paid the membership fee of KSOS at the Drishti 2009 venue at Kannur are requested to submit the filled up application forms at the earliest to Dr Radha Ramanan, LF Hospital, Angamali. Their application forms will not be processed without that and they will not get any mailings from KSOS including the KJO


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