

A Brief History of the Singapore Society of Ophthalmology*

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The Singapore Society of Ophthalmology held its inaugural meeting on 11, January 1963 with the following ophthalmologists as its founding members: - Dr Robert Loh (President), Dr Arthur (Secretary cum Treasurer), Dr Wong Kin Yip (Honorary Editor), Dr David Lyen (Honorary Auditor), Dr P C Kwan, Dr James Chew, Dr Tan Soon Hock, Dr S H Lee, Dr Chew Kheng Lain, Dr Oh Thiam Hock, Dr Chua Sui Kim and Dr L H Thean. Dr Robert Loh was the Society's President for 13 years from 1963 to 1976. He was succeeded by Dr Leong Seek Khee who held the position for 3 years from 1976 to 1979. Dr Arthur Lim who was the Founding Secretary was the President from 1980 - 1984.

The Society began with 13 members but due to the increasing number of practicing ophthalmologists in Singapore, its memberships in 1980 is approximately 37.

As one of the academic societies affiliated to Singapore Medical Association, the Society was established to promote interest and study in ophthalmology and to liaise with similar bodies in other countries. Over the years, the Society has hosted as well as participated in many regional and world-wide ophthalmic congresses. In its efforts to ensure that local ophthalmologists are kept abreast of recent developments in their field, the Society continues to hold monthly scientific meetings and continuing education sessions as well as sponsor lectures by world authorities on ophthalmology for its members.

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