

Dear Members,

A warm greeting from the new executive committee members to all the members of the Society.

It is our honorable duty to reach out to our members every month to keep everyone updated on the activities of the Society at the Executive Committee level.

The entire executive committee has been bubbling with activities since the allotment of the subcommittee responsibilities to each of the executive committee members. It will be my honest duty to introduce each one of them with their respective responsibilities.

Prof. Asim Kumar Ghosh: PG Education Subcommittee: Regular PG Education programs is being held on a regular basis. The first meet was on Retina was held at RIO on 16th December. 110 students and 12 faculties attended the program. The second meet has been scheduled on 17th February 2023, and the topic will be on Paediatric Ophthalmology. The preparations are under full swing.

Dr. Shibashis Das: District Outreach Subcommittee: The basic concept is to reach out to our districts with our academic programs. This will be a monthly endeavor covering all the districts in a given year. The first CME will be held in Asansol, has been duly announced on 25th February 2023. The program will be held at Citi Residency.

Dr. Sohini Ghosh: Community Ophthalmology Subcommittee: The subcommittee has their roster well planned up for the entire year ahead. The first program we did on 30th January 2023 was in commemoration of National Leprosy Day. We did this program in association with Rotary Club of Durgapur and Durgapur Blind Relief Society. A free eye check-up camp was done for leprosy patients as well as school

children of the leprosy affected families in the leprosy colony at Namo, Sagarbhangra, Durgapur. We checked up 97 leprosy patients and 105 school children in this comprehensive eye check-up program.

Dr. Swati Agarwal: Leadership Development Program Subcommittee: This is the first time we had planned a venture which has been proved to be a thumping success at the National level earlier. With mentors of the likes of Dr S Natarajan, Dr Partha Biswas and Dr Debasish Bhattacharya at the helm of affairs in this subcommittee, I am sure we all are going to experience a great extravaganza very shortly.

Dr. Dipa Saha: Observership Subcommittee: This is yet another venture OSWB will be dealing into for the very first time in its history. This is for the benefit of our young delegates who would like to observe the seniors in their day-to-day practices in their subspecialities. This will further encompass Mentor-Mentee programs to cater at the individual level of observership.

Dr. Maneesh Singh: Journal Club Subcommittee: This will be yet another first of its kind venture in our Society. This subcommittee will organise the regular feedback of recent advances from the journals to the clinic every month in different subspecialities.

Dr. Arup Bhaumick: ARC Subcommittee: ARC subcommittee will cater to the academic and research activities of the Society. This committee has already charted up their program in a big way. We all will be looking forward for a few block-buster events from this subcommittee.

Dr. Diptesh Das: Membership Enhancement Subcommittee: This committee is looking into the various ways and means by which we can increase our memberships.

We had kept it under three headlines: Membership at the State Level, Membership from the National Level, Membership from the International Level. We had already started incorporating memberships from the National level into our OSWB fold.

Dr. Supriya De: International CME Subcommittee: This subcommittee will be taking care of our international academic programs as well as travels, of the likes of Collaborate on a regular basis. We have in our schedule similar programs in other international destinations as well. We will announce them in due time down the line.

Dr. Siddhartha Bose: Practice Development Subcommittee: This subcommittee will be working on the compilation of the Preferred Practice Patterns to be followed by OSWB members. This subcommittee will also investigate the role of Health Insurance and TPA activities which is entwined with our regular practices.

Dr. Swarup Kumar Roy: SOP Subcommittee: The sole purpose of this subcommittee is to prepare all the necessary SOPs which we need on a regular basis for our regular day to day functioning of the Society. This will not only help in our present times but also create a guideline for our future activities too.

Dr. Mohua Mazumdar: Cultural Subcommittee: This subcommittee will take care of the different cultural activities the Society will be delving into, not only during the annual conferences, but also on a regular basis throughout the year. I am honestly looking forward for the activities this subcommittee will be announcing pretty soon.

Our office bearers are also working with their respective subcommittees as follows:

Dr. Rupak Kanti Biswas: Scientific Subcommittee: With the best of brains in his armamentarium, the Chairman had already chalked up the program for the entire year in a nutshell for the members. The first of its kind was held on Ocular Surface Disorders on 4th February 2023 at Novotel, with national thought-leaders like Dr Namrata Sharma, Dr. Santosh Honavar, Dr M Vanathi, Dr Shweta Agarwal and Dr John Sarkar gracing the program. The program was chaired by Dr. Samar Basak and moderated by Dr Sumana Chatterjee and Dr Rupak Kanti Biswas. This program was attended by 84 members and we had online live viewership of 97 members.

Dr. Rudra Prasad Ghosh: Journal Subcommittee: An elaborate journal committee is on the cards taking up the responsibility of both the journal of the Society, as well as the newsletter Ophthabuzz to be published. We already published the first issue of Ophthabuzz in the fond memory of Dr. Ajoy Paul. The journal committee is again taking a very big leap in the form of signing a MoU with the front-runners of journal publication Wolter Kluwers for publication of our future issues with their technical assistance. We will also look forward to index our journal for professional upgradation.

Dr. Ayan Mohanta: Website Subcommittee: This committee will be taking care of the Website to bring in updated changes into the system. We are shortly going to sign a MoU with Radical Healthcare Website for maintenance of our website.

Dr. Aniruddha Maiti: Finance Subcommittee: This subcommittee is looking into the nitty gritty of our finances at the micro level. We are delving with the possibility of a third-party internal auditing for our own understanding and ease of functioning in the financial aspects.

This tenure also shows the activity of our members outside the circle of the executive committee.

Dr. Saikat Jana: Photography Subcommittee: This subcommittee consists of stalwart members who expertise in photography. They have taken up the responsibility of creating a interest amongst our members on photography itself, both the basic and the advanced photography, as well as ophthalmic photography. This has generated a lot of interests amongst our members.

A few more Society activities are in the pipeline, but we will discuss about them only when they see the light of the day. I am looking forward for a vibrant active Society where each member is active the way they deem fit to be active. Let my dream come true some day!!

Dr. Debashis Das
Honorary Secretary, OSWB.