

Dear Members,

At the very outset let me wish you a very happy new year 2023 and a prosperous season's greetings to one and all from the newly formed executive committee members.

The formal official handover to the new committee was done on Thursday 8th December 2022, and while the new committee is settling in with the official formalities of submission of AGM report to the Registrar of the Society, and change over of the official signatures in the banks, we are also working on formation of the new sub-committees for the next two years.

To update our members, we are successful to formulate collaborative programs to enhance our knowledge, exchange our mutual skills, and advancement of science in ophthalmology with the Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh by signing a Memorandum of Understanding on 18th December 2022 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

It has been our proposal that every year Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh and Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal will organize a joint symposium on any one of the various sub-specialties in ophthalmology and the meeting will be held during the Annual Conference of the respective Societies every year by rotation.

To initiate the entire process, a joint symposium was held on the sub-specialty of Vitreo-Retina, organized by Bangladesh Vitreo-Retinal Society. As this is being held in Dhaka, Bangladesh this year, and further the Annual conference of OSB has already been held this year, so this first meeting was one of its kind – held outside the annual conference. A delegation of 12 members from our Society was present there

to grace the occasion and make this a huge success. We plan to schedule the next year's joint symposium of OSB and OSWB in Kolkata during the annual conference of OSWB in 2023. Next once again during OSB Annual Conference and so on from there. We are all confident that in the coming years our joint initiative will go a long way in creating strong and permanent bonds of friendship and camaraderie between our members.

This will give our members maximum exposure and it will also not be a burden on the organizer's resources.

Let this Memorandum of Understanding between OSB and OSWB be carried forward and respected every year henceforth between both the Societies.

Thanking you all with kind regards.

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Honorary Secretary 2022-24

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