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Dear Members,

This is in continuation of my previous message for our members.

We have further proceeded to initiate the Library Subcommittee. The Chairman of this Subcommittee is Dr. John Sarkar. The aim of the subcommittee is to select, evaluate and acquire library materials in varied formats to meet and respond to the needs of our diverse ophthalmic community. The objective of the subcommittee is to set an environment for more productive teaching-learning process; to maintain member-oriented policies and programs; using library and information technology innovatively and appropriately; to provide and deliver information services to the members; to support and enhance teaching and learning processes by delivering and promoting the effective use of information resources and services; to provide an information rich environment that supports and encourages excellence in research in the field of ophthalmic science and technology. The Members are Drs Anindya Kishore Majumdar, Debmalya Das, Surojit Sen, Soham Basak, Sneha Jain, Sayantan Ghosh and Pramita Dutta.

The next big-time event has been Collaborate 2023.

Collaborate 2023 is the 6th Biennial Conference of Bangladesh Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons in association with Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal on 22nd June 2023. The conference is held at Ocean Paradise Hotel & Resorts at Cox's Bazar. Cox's Bazar is blessed with the largest (120 km) natural sea beach in the world.

The Chief Guest of the Conference was Prof Ava Hossain, the President of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology. The Special Guests of the Conference was Professor Sharfuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of BSMMU and Professor Enayet Hossain, President of Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh and Vice Chancellor of Sylhet Medical University. The star attraction of the Conference was Professor Ronald Yeoh from Singapore National Eye Centre.

Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal is proud to represent this conference with their strong contingent of 37 delegates, which is highest till date from all other previous records. We had 13 presentations and videos and 8 members as Chairpersons and Panelists. Our presentations have been very well appreciated by the audiences.

The cultural evening was a memorable with the local tribal dance numbers, and recitations by Dr Pradip Mohanta and Dr Mehebur Rahaman Chowdhury.

The next day our members enjoyed local sight-seeing along the longest natural sea beach of the world, even a team of our members visited till Teknaf, the last end-point of this longest sea beach. The local marketing has been enjoyable for many of our members too, while a few resorted to lay off in the swimming pool.

While on our way back after 4 days we all realized that we had become a close-knit family, eagerly looking forward for our next trip together. We had our treasured moments of happiness and joy to cherish life-long. Long live OSWB. Long live our fraternity!

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