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Dear Members,

A warm greeting to all our members on behalf of our entire Executive Committee.

This month of September had brought in a new dawn in the horizon of our Journal of Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal. It all began four years ago. Publishing a scientific journal which needed to be "indexed" is very well understood and appreciated by our peers and started the journey henceforth. After a meticulous processing we have just crossed the first step. Initiating from this point onwards our journal "Journal of Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal (JOSWB)" is going to be published by Medknow / Wolters Kluwer for the next few years for sure. We do possess an ISSN Number now, which was not there previously. Submission / review / editing all will be through the above dedicated site. All our esteemed need is to create a Medknow username password or an ORCID username and password. The same procedure as it is applicable for our national journal Indian Journal of Ophthalmology or for that matter any other indexed journal. I would request my members to please go through the website and register yourselves for submission of articles.

This September we also celebrated Retina Awareness Week in collaboration with West Bengal Academy of Pediatrics. This Retina Awareness Week was from 17th-24th September 2023. Our Scientific Committee, ROP Subcommittee and Retinoblastoma Subcommittee jointly organized a Retina Meet in collaboration with West Bengal Academy of Pediatrics. This is the first ever collaborate session celebrating Retina Week in collaboration with West Bengal Academy of Pediatrics on 21st September 2023, Thursday from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm at AltAir Boutique Hotel, Kolkata. The Organizing Chairman of this Programme was Dr Rupak Kanti Biswas. The coordinators were Dr Anirban Bhaduri, Dr Abhijit Chattopadhyay, and Dr Kalpita Das. The Chairpersons of this program were Dr Pradyot Narayan Biswas, Prof Dr Asim Kumar Ghosh, Dr Deepak Pandey, and Dr Atanu Bhadra. The Moderators were Dr Sourav Sinha and Dr Debmalya Das. The Panelists were Dr Krishnendu Nandi, Dr Sudipta Das, Dr Indu Surana, Dr Amita Sinha Mandal, Dr Sashwat Bhattacharyya, Dr Debanjan Sen, Dr Soumen Mondal, and Dr Sangeeta Roy. The Presidential Address was given by Dr Ratish Ch. Paul. The Speakers were Dr Anirban Bhaduri and Dr Kalpita Das in the Retinoblastoma session. The speakers in the Retinopathy of Prematurity Session were Dr Arijit Bhowmick, Dr Pranab Das, Dr Soumava Mondal, and Dr Abhijit Chattopadhyay. A total of 72 members were present in this meeting. This will set the ball rolling for the future generations of collaborations with the pediatricians and gynecologists in this field of academics.

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We have recently incorporated 'Eastern Dialogues', under the North East Outreach Subcommittee. Dr Rajesh Majumdar Choudhury is the Chairperson of this Subcommittee, the other members being Drs Doel Biswas, Aniruddha Maiti, Debdulal Chakraborty, and Siddhartha Ghosh. The Aims and Objectives of this Subcommittee is to provide an OSWB supported platform to the ophthalmologists of the North Eastern states. The purpose of this platform is to enhance the regular academic, professional and social interaction between the ophthalmologists of West Bengal and the North Eastern states. The OSWB as the larger and more established organization will be able to support the ophthalmologists from the North East with leadership development programs, practice development guidance and medicolegal advice and even clinical observership posts in the future. This platform will also showcase the work and skill of the Doctors from the North Eastern states and provide a podium to them. For OSWB the benefits will include an increase in the numbers of our members and increase in the sphere of influence of our Society.

Long Live OSWB.

Long live our fraternity.

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