

PERSATUAN PERUBATAN MALAYSIA MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



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- To promote and maintain the honour and interest of the profession of medicine in all its branches and in every one of its segments and help to sustain the professional standards of medical ethics.
- To serve as the vehicle of the integrated voice of the whole profession and all or each of its segments both in relation to its own special problems and in relation to educating and directing public opinion on the problems of public health as affecting the community at large.
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Dr Sivanaesan Letchumanan

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# **DIARY OF EVENTS 2020/2021**

### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

Date	Events
28/09	Appreciation Ceremony Train the Trainer (HRDF)
28/09	MMA-MPS Webinar

### OCTOBER 2020

Date	Events
04/10	Ist Meeting of the 61st MMA Council
05/10	Perbincangan Teknikal Pemantapan Tadbir Urus Klinikal & Kerjasama Menangani COVID-19
05/10	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with YBhg Datuk Dr Hj Rohaizat, Deputy Director General, MOH
05/10	Mesyuarat Khas Majlis Bersama Kebangsaan Sesi 2018-2020
10/10	Ist Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS Exco
10/10	SCHOMOS-MMA Doctors Day Celebration 2020
12/10	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Promosi Kesihatan & Penyakit Tidak Berjangkit (NCD) PERKESO
13/10	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 10/2020
14-17/10	National Tobacco Control Conference 2020
21/10	Ist Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
22/10	Urgent Meeting between SCHOMOS, MMA Foundation and MMA HQ on MMA Sabah COVID
	Fund
24/10	Ist Meeting of MMA-CPD Committee
27/10	MMA-MPS Webinar
31/10	Ist Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS NWC

# **NOVEMBER 2020**

Date	Events
01/11	Ist Meeting of PPSMMA EXCO
05/11	Jawatankuasa Strategik Pengurusan Pandemik Kumpulan Kerja I: Keselamatan Kesihatan Awam
06/11	Ist Meeting of MMA Accident Prevention Committee
10/11	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 11/2020
21/11	Ist Meeting of MMA Adolescent Health Committee
21/11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
28/11	Webinar on Risk Management Series C – "Embracing the New Normal"
30/11	Emergency MMA SCHOMOS Virtual Meeting - To discuss related issues to be brought up in the
	meeting with Prime Minister's Office scheduled for tomorrow
30/11	Webinar: Foreign Workers Screening

# **DECEMBER 2020**

Da	ate	Events
01/	/12	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with Prime Minister's Office
01/	/12	Kajian Penilaian Sistem Kesihatan & Penyediaan Pelan Pembaharuan Sistem Kesihatan

02/12	Meeting Regarding COVID19 Self Declaration with JKWPKL
04/12	Perbincangan Proses Setting-up Private Clinics Bersama CKAPS dan MMA
05/12	Ist Meeting of the 61st MMA Exco
05/12	Ist Meeting of PPSMMA NWC
07/12	Webinar: Foreign Workers Screening using RTK Antigen
09/12	Mesyuarat Perbincangan Pelan Perlaksanaan Imunisasi COVID19 Bersama Fasiliti Kesihatan Swasta
16/12	MMA SCHOMOS Meets SMMAMS
17/12	Ist Online meeting for WMA E-health Work Group
17/12	Mesyuarat Majlis High Tech Nation
18/12	Ist Meeting of MMA Building Committee
18/12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
18/12	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 12/2020
19/12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS Exco
20/12	Ist Meeting CPR Committee
21/12	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with YBhg Datuk Dr Hj Rohaizat, Deputy Director General, MOH
24/12	Mesyuarat Penyediaan Handbook – PHPN
29/12	Special Meeting of the 61st MMA Council
JANUARY 2021	

# JANUARY 2021

Date	Events
05/01	Meeting on Integration of IT Systems for CPD - MMA with MyCPD
06/01	Ist Meeting of Committee on Integrative Medicine MMA
06/01	Ist Meeting of MMA Elections Committee
06/01	Jemputan Sesi Penerangan Mekanisme Harga Ubat dan Kajian Cost Benefit Analysis
10/01	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 61 <sup>st</sup> MMA Council
12/01	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 01/2021
14/01	National Health Policy Committee – Book Reform Project Team Meeting
21/01	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
22/01	Conversation with the Experts: COVID-19 Vaccine 101
23/01	Sesi Libat Urus KKM Bersama Sektor Swasta Berhubung Pengurusan Pesakit COVID-19
23/01	Webinar: Cardiac Emergencies and the House Officer of Solo Night Shifts, ECGs and Beyond
26/01	Meeting with LIAM & PIAM
29/01	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pemandu Kajian Penilaian Sistem Kesihatan dan Penyediaan Pelan
	Pembaharuan Sistem Kesihatan
30/01	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS NWC
30/01	National Health Policy Committee – Book Reform Project Team Meeting

# **FEBRUARY 2021**

Date	Events
01/02	Forum on Managing Covid Patients in Private Hospital – Dilemmas Faced
04/02	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with Cuepacs
06/02	Home Monitoring of COVID19 Patients Under Category 1&2 by GPs

# **DIARY OF EVENTS**

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08/02	Meeting with PERKESO
09/02	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 02/2021
10/02	Perbincangan Program Saringan COVID19 Pekerja Asing
11/02	Briefing on Panel Interview with Media: Partnering with the Government of Malaysia
14/02	Meeting on COVID19 Expert Advisory Group with Technical Working Group
16/02	Ist Meeting of SOEM-MMA
17/02	Mesyuarat Penambahan Senarai Syarikat Insurans Bagi Liputan Pembayaran Rawatan Kesihatan Di Bawah Perkhidmatan Pesakit Bayar Penuh (FPP) Di Fasiliti Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM)
18/02	MMA-MCPG Collaboration Meeting
19/02	Joint Meeting: MPS/MMA
20/02	Ist Meeting of MMA Insurance Committee
20/02	Quarterly meeting among the Exco members and MPS team
21/02	Meeting with AMM & MMA on CPD Points Integration
24/02	2 <sup>nd</sup> Online meeting for WMA E-health Work Group
25/02	5th Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
25/02	Jawatankuasa PEMANDU Kajian Penilaian Sistem Kesihatan & Penyediaan Pelan Pembaharuan Sistem Kesihatan
25/02	Launch of MMA VoC and MMA Kelantan Flood Food Basket Relief Program
25/02	Meeting with iHeed
27/02	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS Exco
27/02	Ist MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Let's Not Get SCAMMED!
27/02	Webinar: Battling Sarcopenia – Strength Training in the Elderly and Why It Matters
28/02	MMA Virtual Forum Meeting
28/02	Meeting with RENG Academy

# **MARCH 2021**

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Date	Events
02/03	Sesi Kunjungan Hormat YB Menteri Kesihatan Malaysia
05/03	Ist Session of Infovax Facebook Sessions on MMA Facebook page
07/03	Health and Science Covid-19 Advisory Expert Group Meeting
09/03	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 03/2021
11/03	Sesi Perbincangan Berhubung Isu-Isu Pegawai Perubatan Untuk MMA SCHOMOS Virtual Forum
	2021 with Bahagian Sumber Manusia, KKM
12/03	2 <sup>nd</sup> MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Saving vs Investing & What are Shares?
13/03	Webinar: Healthy Ageing – Staying Sharp and Strong
14/03	MMA SCHOMOS Forum 2021
16/03	MMA SCHOMOS Meets SMMAMS
18/03	Mesyuarat Majlis Bersama Kebangsaan (MBK P&P)
18/03	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
19/03	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of Infovax Facebook Sessions on MMA Facebook page
20/03	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 61 <sup>st</sup> MMA Exco
20/03	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA Building Committee

# **DIARY OF EVENTS**

20/03	Webinar: Medicolegal Issues in Emergency Medicine
21/03	Health and Science Covid-19 Advisory Expert Group Meeting
23/03	Meeting with RENG Academy
27/03	Meeting with PERDIM
27/03	3 <sup>rd</sup> MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Stock Investment Basics
28/03	Health and Science Covid-19 Advisory Expert Group Meeting
29/03	Ist Meeting of Health of the Older Person (HOP)

# <u>APRIL 2021</u>

Date	Events
02/04	Briefing on GPs' Participation in the Nat. COVID19 Immunisation Programme
02/04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session of Infovax Facebook Sessions on MMA Facebook page
03/04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA-CPD Committee
03/04	Webinar: Keep Calm and Save a Child's Life – An Introduction to Pediatric Life Support
04/04	Health and Science Covid-19 Advisory Expert Group Meeting
0604	National Health Policy – Editorial Committee Meeting
07/04 –	MMA Negeri Sembilan Fight Covid-19 Virtual Run
07/05	
08/04	Conference on Emerging Disruptive Technologies for Economic Transformation
13/04	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 04/2021
17/04	4th MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Investing in Stocks (Intermediate)
21/04	Majlis Buka Puasa - Get-Together with Minister of Health and Medical Associations
21/04	Mesyuarat Pelarasan Semula Borang Pemeriksaan Kesihatam Vokasional JPJL8
22/04	Ist Meeting of MMA ASH Committee
22/04	7th Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
22/04	Sesi Perbincangan Kaedah Pemantauan dari Rumah (Home Monitoring) bagi Pesakit COVID-19
	Kategori I & 2
22/04	Meeting with MIMS
23/04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA Accident Prevention Committee
24/04	Ist Meeting of MMA Ethics Committee
24/04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of PPSMMA EXCO
25/04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 61 <sup>st</sup> MMA Council

# **MAY 2021**

Date	Events
05/05	Working Arrangement B/ween AIA Health Services
07/05	4th Session of Infovax Facebook Sessions on MMA Facebook page
08/05	Webinar: Latest Guidelines and Ways to Increase COVID-19 Testing in GP Practice
09/05	5th MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Income Protection
11/05	Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 05/2021
11/05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of SOEM-MMA
11/05	PhAMA-APHM-MMA TC on CBA Updates

18/05	Jawatankuasa Pemandu Kajian Penilaian Sistem Kesihatan & Penyediaan Pelan Pembaharuan Sistem Kesihatan
20/05	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
21-23/05	MMA Medical Congress 2021
23/05	MMA Sarawak Virtual AGM
25/05	Sesi Kunjungan Hormat Syarikat SEA Group Bersama YBMK
25/05	Emergency Meeting of the 61st MMA Exco
27/05	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of MMA ASH Committee

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# <u>JULY 2021</u>

Date	Events
01/07	MMA Perlis Virtual AGM
01/07	Emergency Meeting of MMA SCHOMOS NWC
01-12/07	MMA Code Black Campaign

# DIARY OF EVENTS

03/07	7th MMA FPS 2021 Webinar on Unit Trusts, Exchange Traded Funds and Private Retirement Schemes
03/07	MMA Wilayah Persekutuan Virtual AGM
03/07	MMA Negeri Sembilan Virtual AGM
04/07	MMA Selangor Virtual AGM
04/07	MMA Melaka Virtual AGM
07/07	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with YB Menteri Kesihatan Malaysia
07/07	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with Malaysian Pharmacists Society
08/07	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with Academy of Medicine
08/07	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with Party GERAKAN
08/07	MMA's Conversation with Dr Jason Leong Comedy on the Struggles faced by Junior Doctors
08/07	Health and Wellness Show - The Plight of Contract Doctors
12/07	MMA Press Conference - Contract System and The Future of Malaysia's Healthcare Workers
12/07	MMA Black Monday Campaign
13/07	MMA SCHOMOS Webinar on Legal Perspective of the Contract Doctors Issue
18/07	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of PPSMMA EXCO
18/07	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of PPSMMA NWC
15/07	MMA SCHOMOS Meeting with KL Bar Committee – Code black solidarity campaign
22/07	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Berita MMA Editorial Board
22/07	Emergency MMA SCHOMOS Meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the Government Doctors
	Issues for Meeting with the Prime Minister
23/07	Meeting with the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia
24/07	Webinar: Long Term COVID-19 Management
25/07	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 61 <sup>st</sup> MMA Exco
25/07	Ist Meeting of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee
	MALAY SYAW MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

# HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This year has been another challenging but fruitful year for the MMA. We have successfully confronted many of the challenges, but some remain to be faced by the new leadership of MMA in the year ahead.

The Annual Report for 2020/2021 is being presented on behalf of the 61st MMA Council, to give an overview of the important activities of the MMA Exco and Council and the issues faced and addressed over the year.

First and foremost, my special mention of appreciation and gratitude for MMA President, my fellow Exco and Council Members for their relentless support throughout the term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairpersons and Members of the various MMA Branches, Committees, Sections, Societies and Representatives to the External Organisations as well as all the members of the association for their support, contributions, and active participation. MMA Exco and Council have attended to the requirements of all the members to the best of their ability.

MMA Exco and Council will need the full support of all MMA members as our association braces itself for more challenging issues and trying times in the years ahead.

I also bid my special thanks and appreciation to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and all the Secretariat Staff members for their passion, hard work and continued support to the office bearers especially to me as the Honorary General Secretary, as well as to the Exco and Council members, in making sure that all tasks and action plans were carried out accordingly. Since 2020, we have employed several new staff and have offered better wages and perks for working in the MMA.

### I.I CHANGES MADE THROUGHOUT 2020/2021:

#### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and recognising the government's efforts to break the COVID-19 transmission chain, most of our meetings for this term so far were held either fully virtual or in a combination of both physical and virtual. By the time this report is released, we have successfully conducted the virtual Annual General Meetings for fourteen (14) MMA Branches which were broadcast from the MMA House Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur. And now we are making another historic year where we will be holding our 61st National MMA AGM in a fully virtual format.

#### **REVAMP OF MMA APPLICATION**

We have been working on the upgrading and enhancing of the MMA Application to serve better and assist our doctors not only in terms of collecting CPD points and easy tracking of events and CPD points but also in communicating with fellow colleagues and attending online modules. It offers more features and will be more robust, stable, user friendly and has better user-interface as well. The revamp maintains the core experience but with improved interfaces and more quality-of-life changes which include the following:

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- New visuals and flows
- o Enhancement to 60% of the existing API for better
- o security and stability
- Redevelopment on Google Flutter for better
- o consistency
- Upgrading to operating system

#### This includes improvement relating to:

- o User login and membership registration
- o Events -listing and fi Iters, details, speakers and
- o mapping
- o Articles listing, details and attachments
- Online course
- Manual submission
- o CPD points, details and history
- User profile

### INTEGRATION OF MyCPD and MMA CPD

MMA-CPD system has been successfully integrated with the MyCPD system, effective January 2021 onwards. Therefore, CPD Points captured via MMA app will be transferred to the MyCPD system automatically. This point integration is only for government doctors only.

#### **CORPORATE REBRANDING IN MMA**

Since the last term, we have started corporate rebranding in MMA and slowly instilled the corporate work culture. Our COO, Ms Rissa, has been empowered to carry out almost all administrative matters without any interference. I must say that COO and her team, have done a good job, especially during the frequent Movement Control Orders (MCOs) while keeping the office running. We devised a business continuity plan and communicated with members, doctors at large, issued press statements, and managed the office and worked with our business partners.

#### **MMA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

In March 2021, we have developed our own FAQs system to take queries from the doctors and public. The staff in charge will respond to the queries by providing necessary information and/or if needed, will channel those queries to the staff/department in charge for further action. At the moment, we use WhatsApp Messenger application and telephone calls as our platform for the FAQs. Summary of the queries that we have received since its development, March 1st, 2021 until July 25th, 2021, is as follows:

QUERIES	TOTAL	RESOLVED	PENDING
APC	3	3	-
Berita MMA	10	10	-
Committee Application	I	I	-
eMedAsia	2	2	-

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Ethics		1	_
Hazard Leave for Contract MO	l		_
Insurance	6	6	-
Media Article	I		_
MMA Car Emblem	13	13	-
GP Teaching Course by MMA Penang	2	2	_
Group Personal Accident (GPA)	<u> </u>	Ī	-
Legal Advice for Salary Issue	I	I	_
MMA App	32	31	
MMA Facebook/Website	8	8	_
MMA Privileges	8	8	-
MMA Medical Congress 2021	15	15	_
Patient Information Leaflets	ı	-	l
Personal Info	ı		_
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SPAM Email	SHA	i	-
Standard for Clinical Thermometer	TAL 3	-	l
Tax Exemption	4	4	-
Medical Officer's Transfer Request	2 2	_	2
Webinar	12	12	_
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MCO PERIOD			
Clinic Operating Hour	I	I	-
Travel Pass Template	ACVATAON	3	-
BRANCH AGM			
MMA Kedah	I	I	-
MMA Negeri Sembilan	I	I	-
COVID-19 RELATED QUERIES			
COVID-19 Vaccine	481	480	I
MMA Shopee COVID-19 Fund	I	I	-
Quarantine Guidelines	I	I	-
COVID-19 Swab Test Training	I	I	-
CPD MATTERS			
CPD Points	55	55	-
New Provider Application	I	I	-
MEMBERSHIP			

Change of Address	3	3	-
Update Info	I	I	-
Membership Card	I	I	-
New Application/Package	2	2	-
Membership Renewal	H	П	-
Life Membership	7	7	-
TOTAL	700	694	6

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

We have upgraded our reception to Customer Service. Our focus will be on reinforcing the corporate governance in the administration of MMA as a corporate organisation. The core business of MMA is to provide its services to its members and the profession at large. Our Press Officer will be in charge of setting up the corporate communication and social media team at the MMA. To date, we have been very active on our social media and website by posting regular updates on the MMA Facebook page on any circular or important/ recent issues related to the Ministry of Health (MOH), putting up Facebook posts related to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Health Days to create awareness among the MMA members, ending festive greetings to MMA members, sending condolences to MMA members and so forth.

#### **MMA IN THE PRESS**

Keeping up the momentum that we had last year, MMA has been making a lot of appearances on the media with numerous press releases being issued for this year as well. Among the issues that we have addressed so far were mostly related to the management of the COVID-19 in our country, the role of the GPs during this pandemic, public-private healthcare collaboration in fighting the war against the COVID-19, COVID-19 related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), greater emphasis on primary care, management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through engagement with the GPs, permanent positions for our contract medical officers, terms of service allowed for specialisation, needed boost in manpower in our public healthcare sector and so forth. I would say that the media coverage has indeed helped MMA gaining a louder voice. Last year, we had organized a Press Dinner to thank the media for their support.

#### **ADDITIONAL PERK OF BEING MMA MEMBERS**

#### (a) A Gift to Our MMA Members: Group Personal Accident Insurance for MMA Members

The Council has decided to purchase Group Personal Accident (GPA) group policy for all MMA members effective from I January – 31 December 2021. This policy provides coverage for claims related to accidents and is paid for MMA members whose membership is valid for the year 2021. The members were neither required to pay for this coverage, nor to register or sign in. It is a gift from MMA to its valued members in the spirit of giving back to the members in the form of a benefit that may assist them in unexpected emergencies.

### **CHANGES TO THE MMA BUILDING**

#### (a) Renovation of Dewan Bunga Raya

We have completed renovation works for Dewan Bunga Raya. The contractors have done a great job renovating the hall. The room has been transformed and looks brand new. It will be ready for use soon.







New look of our Dewan Bunga Raya

#### **CHANGES IN THE MMA SECRETARIAT**

### (a) Empowerment of the Departments Within MMA

Each department, namely Membership, Professional Medical Indemnity, Continuous Professional Development, and IT will be strengthened and empowered to generate their own income. We will also be setting up government liaison officers to communicate with various government departments. Empowerment of these departments while reporting to the Exco will lead to greater efficiency and continuity in dealing with external parties. We need to create a sustainable operative system free from interference by any office bearers.

The Exco's role could be thought of as that of an active monitor, with the Exco understanding the operating models that are in place, determining such models are adequately developed and resourced, monitoring the output and any issues identified in the process, and so forth. These are important so that Exco can spend more quality time on health policy matters rather than administrative issues which can be done by the COO and her team.

#### (b) Incentive Programme for the Staff

We have been looking at the ideas on how to incentivise the staff based on their performance. This will motivate the staff to be proactive and work harder in their respective jobs and achieve the target Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). The focus of this programme is on the sustainability of income for the MMA and to move MMA towards a corporate organization. The excellent staff must be acknowledged accordingly, and they should be given an opportunity to develop the MMA in the long run.

#### (c) Employee of the Month Programme

This programme was initiated in the last term by then President, who is now the Immediate Past President. The purpose of this program is to recognize the employees who have done their job with an exceptional manner by exemplifying outstanding work performance and exhibiting a positive and supportive attitude. The programme is still ongoing until now.

#### 1.2 BREAKDOWN OF EMAILS RECEIVED BY THE HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY

No	Issues	Emails Received
I	Vaccination for Front liners	222 emails
2	CPD Issues	9000 emails
3	Membership Issues	75 emails

4	SCHOMOS Issues	20 emails
5	PPS Issues	50 emails
6	IT Issues	150 emails

#### 1.3 ROLES OF MMA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MMA has been playing a significant role in the management of the COVID-19 crisis in Malaysia. Right from the start, upon discovering that the virus has made into the country, MMA has been very active in offering much needed help and support to the Ministry of Health (MOH), giving assurance to the Malaysians that we will get through this together. Among the efforts taken by the MMA are as follows:

# MMA AS A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN MANAGING THE PANDEMIC

MMA raised all the issues faced by the GPs during the COVID-19 crisis to the Ministry of Health (MOH). Our focus is to ensure that the GPs are included in the MOH policy particularly in the COVID-19 screenings including the mandatory screening of the foreign workers, vaccination programme, and overall management of the COVID-19 crisis. We have approached the MOH on numerous occasions, requesting the MOH to consider the private sector as a major partner in providing health services in the country. Private sector needs to be consulted and used to face unexpected spread of diseases.

#### RAISED FUNDS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

During Datuk Dr N Ganabaskaran's term as President, MMA launched MMA-Shopee COVID-19 Fund with close to RM I million was raised. Late last year, MMA Sabah launched MMA Sabah COVID-19 Fund in its efforts to aid battling the worsening COVID-19 situation in the state. Over RM 2 million was raised and the funds were used to purchase medical and laboratory equipment for the state. Several life-saving medical equipment were also purchased and delivered to several public healthcare facilities in other states.

# ORGANIZED COVID-19 TEST TRAINING FOR GPs AND OTHER RELATED COVID-19 WEBINARS

MMA has collaborated with Bahagian Perkembangan Kesihatan Keluarga (BPKK) and various State Health Departments in training more GPs to provide COVID-19 screening services. MMA has subsidised the training as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for GPs during this pandemic. So far, seven training sessions were held and close to 500 GPs have been trained since the onset. On the 8th of May 2021, MMA in collaboration with Infectious Disease Department of Hospital Sungai Buloh organised a webinar on the latest guidelines and ways to increase testing in a GP practice.

#### **INVOLVED IN HOME MONITORING OF CATEGORY | & 2 COVID-19 PATIENTS BY GPs**

We strongly believe that the GPs in Malaysia should not only be recognised for their roles in combating COVID-19 but also to be given the option of managing various cases, patients and homes. A correct step to distinguish patients in Category I (asymptomatic) and Category 2 (showing mild symptoms) was well taken which means that our country needs more trained hands on deck, hence MMA's efforts to engage the GPs in the process. MMA with all fellow associations have given proposals to the Ministry of Health (MOH) for a seamless implementation. We suggested a pilot run involving the 925 clinics which have self-

declared to conduct COVID-19 testing and are interested to participate; then review on a weekly basis to fine-tune the processes for seamless and good delivery of care to our patients.



Meeting with health minister for updates on COVID-19, vaccination policy and GPs involvements

#### **FACILITATED THE VACCINATION FOR THE FRONT LINERS**

Since 31st December 2020 until 22nd March 2021, MMA has collected data on 29,079 front liners comprising General Practitioners, Healthcare Staff and Private Specialists whose place of practice is registered under the PHFSA. This is a part of MMA's initiative to assist the Ministry of Health (MOH) in its effort to vaccinate the front liners in the first phase of the National C0VID-19 Immunisation Program (NIP). All the data received were forwarded to the respective State Health Departments, for their further action in registering and providing the vaccination appointment date for these front liners.

#### **ASSISTED WITH THE NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has sought assistance from the General Practitioners for Phase 2 and 3 of the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP) via ProtectHealth Corporation Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of MOH which has been appointed by the MOH as the main implementer of private medical practitioners' participation in the NIP. Since then, there have been regular engagements between MMA and ProtectHealth on the private GPs' involvement in the NIP Phase 2 and 3. Assisted by the MMA, a webinar session was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 for the clinics who have not yet registered for the program, to brief on the GPs' participation in the NIP. The briefing was given by Dr Anas Alam Faizli (CEO of ProtectHealth Corporation Sdn Bhd), Dr Gan Saw Chien (Head of Provider Management, ProtectHealth) and Ms Nurhafiza Md Hamzah (Project Manager, ProtectHealth). Around 728 GPs attended this webinar.

# GPS' INCLUSION IN PHASE 2 AND 3 THE NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

As mentioned above, the GPs have been roped for inclusion in the vaccination programme in Phase 2 and 3 under the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP). It is implemented via ProtectHealth Corporation Sdn Bhd that runs the PeKa B40 program. Private medical practitioners who are interested to participate in this programme are required to register with Peka B40, undergo the necessary training and comply with the cold chain process of the vaccine before being appointed as the service provider for this programme. The government supplies the vaccine, syringes, needles, and the PPE as well. A sum will be paid to the GPs for each patient vaccinated as a token of appreciation. The Minister of Health has also reassured more engagements with the GPs for seamless implementation.

#### 2. PROPERTY OFFICERS/ADMINISTRATORS

Currently, all properties of the association in so far as they relate to immovable property shall be registered in the name of the association, whereby three (3) principal office bearers of the association have been appointed as the Property Officers/Administrators namely: (1) President, (2) Honorary General Secretary, and (3) Honorary General Treasurer.

# 3. HONORARY MEMBERS

MMA currently has four Honorary Members: (I) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, (2) Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim, (3) Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik, and (4) Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali.

There were no new Honorary Members appointed in 2020/2021.

## 4. SADLY MISSED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

NO	NAME	DATE	BRANCH
1.	DR. KUMARASHWARAN KANDIAH	17/08/2020	SELANGOR
2.	DR. NANDA GOPALAN S/O KRISHNASAMY	31/08/2020	SELANGOR
3.	DATO DR. PATHMAKANTHAN SOMASUNDRAM	08/09/2020	PERAK
4.	DR. AMIRTHASINGAM S/O PONNAMPALAM	07/11/2020	WP
5.	DR. JEEVARATNAM A/L GUNABALASINGAM	08/11/2020	N. SEMBILAN
6.	DR. SELVARATNAM VALLIPURAM	08/01/2021	PAHANG
7.	PROF DATO' DR. JOGINDER SINGH A/L BUDH SINGH	03/03/2021	WP
8.	DR. SELVA RAJA S/O TH <mark>URY R</mark> AJA	06/03/202 I	SABAH
9.	DR. MOHD AZMI BIN YUSOFF	06/03/2021	KELANTAN
10.	DATIN DR. JOGESWARY NAGALINGAM	20/03/2021	PERAK
11.	PROF DATO DR. CHE KHALID B HJ YUSOFF	05/04/2021	WP
12.	MEJ (R) DR. HARI KRISHNAN A/L M A NAIDU	05/04/2021	PENANG
13.	DR. KULASINGAM VITILINGAM	10/04/2021	SABAH
14.	DATO DR. CHAN LAM KONG	16/04/2021	WP
15.	DATUK DR. HUSSEIN BIN AWANG	18/04/2021	WP
16.	DATUK DR. KRISHNAN PACKIRISAMY	01/05/2021	N. SEMBILAN
17.	DR. J. RAJAN A/L A. KOCHITTY JOHN	02/05/2021	KEDAH
18.	DATO DR. ANTHONYSAMY SAVARINATHAN	29/05/202 I	WP
19.	DR. HABEEBULLAH KHAN B ABU BAKAR SIDIQ	05/06/2021	SELANGOR

#### 5. MEMBERSHIP

As of 25th July 2021, the total number of members of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) was 13,668 – this included Ordinary members in benefit (5,517), Life/Joint Life members (7,287), Exempted members (585), Overseas members (131), Associate members (5) and Honorary members (4). In addition, there were 139 student members. The number of Life Members has increased from 6,839 in 2020 to 7,287 in 2021 (increase of 6.55%). We need to increase our membership as the total number of doctors registered with the MMC now has reached more than 70,000.

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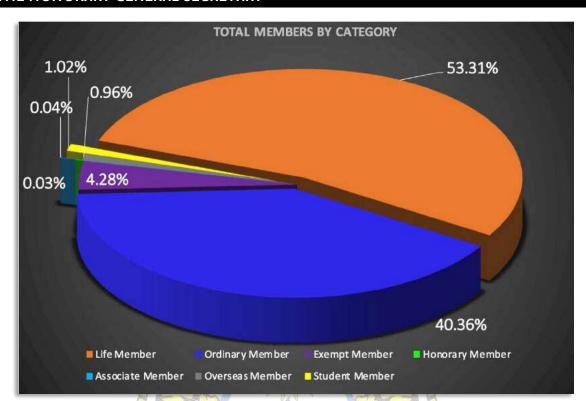


FIGURE 1: MMA MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY

42.78% of the members are GPs and 16.27% are specialists in private practice, 34.99% work with the government and 0.45% are armed forces, and 4.73% are in universities (private and public), 105 members or 0.78% are retired. (See figure 2)

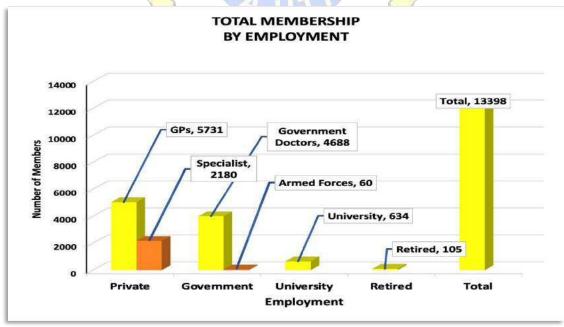


FIGURE 2: MMA MEMBERSHIP BY EMPLOYMENT

Selangor has the most members, followed by Wilayah Persekutuan, Johor, Sarawak, Perak, Penang, Sabah, Kedah and Negeri Sembilan. The rest of the states have less than 500 members, ranging from 95 in Perlis to 464 in Melaka. (See figure 3)

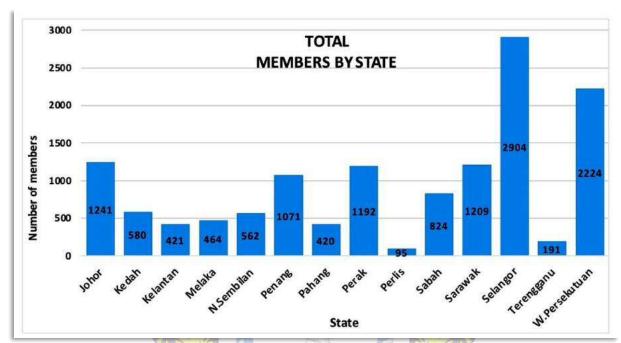


FIGURE 3: MMA MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

\*It would be much appreciated if the members could update their work details whenever there are any changes so that our database remains current.

#### 6. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The total number of student members in benefit is 139. The largest number of student members are from University of Malaya (UM) followed by Asian Institute Medical, Science & Technology (AIMST).

The Medical students have formed a Society under MMA known as MMA Society of Medical Students (SMMAMS). They carry out activities led by an Executive committee comprising of members from the various universities. We hope that by engaging them in activities at student level, they will become MMA members upon their graduation. Unfortunately, there are still quite a number of members who allow their membership to lapse after graduation.

#### 7. MMA COUNCIL

The Council for 2020/2021 (61st MMA Council) was installed on 26 September 2020, at the virtual 60th National MMA AGM, which was broadcast from the MMA House in Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur. The two Honorary Auditors who have been elected at this 60th AGM were Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal and Dr Rajamohan Annamalai. The Honorary Internal Auditors' role is to audit the accounts of the Association to ensure compliance by the administration in terms of financial management. On behalf of the Council, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Honorary Internal Auditors of 2020/2021 for their contributions to the association.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions under the Movement Control Orders, all our meetings were held either in a hybrid format which is a combination of a physical and virtual platform, or in a fully virtual format. The first meeting of the 61st MMA Council was held a week after the conclusion of the 60th AGM at the Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. During this first meeting, most of the Council members were physically present at the meeting while the rest of the members participated in the meeting virtually. Thereafter, all Council Meetings were held in a hybrid format with the MMA House in Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur as the broadcast venue.

At the time of writing this report, three (3) Council meetings and a Special Council meeting were held in total. All these meetings were held in a combination of both physical and virtual platform. The 4th Council meeting is scheduled to be held in August 2021. During these unprecedented and uncertain times, MMA will keep using its virtual platform in holding the meetings as an adaptation to the new normal. I would like to record my appreciation and gratitude to all the Council Members for their cooperation, advice and active participation during the Council Meetings and all the other matters discussed via emails over the year.

The following table details the attendance of the individual Council members at the four meetings held thus far. When a Council member was unable to attend a meeting, he/she would usually be represented by an alternate, as indicated in the same table.

NO.	COUNCIL MEMBERS	4/10/20 (1 <sup>ST</sup> )	29/12/20 (Special)	10/1/21 (2 <sup>ND</sup> )	25/4/21 (3 <sup>RD</sup> )	ATTENDANCE
I.	Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam PRESIDENT	V		1	V	4/4
2.	Datuk Dr Ganabaskaran a/l Nadason@Darzin IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT		Not Invited	V	X	3/4
3.	<b>Dr Koh Kar Chai</b> PRESIDENT-ELECT	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
4.	<b>Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo</b> HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
5.	<b>Dr Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan</b> HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
6.	<b>Dr Arvindran a/l Alaga</b> HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
7.	<b>Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan</b> HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY	X	X	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	2/4
8.	<b>Dr Vijay a/I Ganasan</b> CHAIRMAN, SCHOMOS	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	X	3/4
9.	<b>Dr Sivanaesan a/I Letchumanan</b> CHAIRMAN, PPSMMA	<b>√</b>	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	V	4/4
10.	<b>Dato' Dr Yap Ceong Cur</b> CHAIRMAN, JOHOR BRANCH	V	X	V	V	3/4
11.	<b>Dr Ng Kim Fong</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, JOHOR BRANCH	1	X	V	V	3/4

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12.	Dr Thiyagar s/o Nadarajaw	V	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
12.	CHAIRMAN, KEDAH BRANCH	V	V	V	V	7/7
13.	<b>Dr Khiritharan a/l Mannie Rajah</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, KEDAH BRANCH	<b>V</b>	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	4/4
14.	<b>Dr Rosnelifaizur Ramely</b> CHAIRMAN, KELANTAN BRANCH	V	X	V	V	3/4
15.	<b>Dr Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal</b> CHAIRMAN, MELAKA BRANCH	V	V	V	X	3/4
16.	<b>Dr Selva Ganapathi a/I Ganeson</b> CHAIRMAN, NEGERI SEMBILAN BRANCH	$\sqrt{}$	V	X	V	3/4
17.	<b>Dr Andrew a/I Solamadan</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, NEGERI SEMBILAN BRANCH	V	X	V	V	3/4
18.	<b>Datin Dr Gowri a/p Sundaram</b> CHAIRPERSON, PAHANG BRANCH	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	4/4
19.	<b>Dr Indran V Saminathan</b> CHAIRMAN, PENANG BRANCH	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	4/4
20.	<b>Dr Kisheaan Devarajan</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, PENANG BRANCH	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		V	4/4
21.	<b>Dr Premananda Raja a/l Murugesu</b> CHAIRMAN, PERAK BRANCH	√ 	X	X	$\sqrt{}$	2/4
22.	Dr Satkunan Mark a/I Gnanapathy VICE-CHAIRMAN, PERAK (Alternate Representative - Dr Suresh a/I Subramaniam)	V	X	V	$\checkmark$	2/4
23.	Dr Andrew Chin Hock Kee CHAIRMAN, PERLIS BRANCH	V	V	V	V	4/4
24.	<b>Prof Dr Kew Seih Teck</b> CHAIRMAN, SABAH BRANCH	V	V	V	V	4/4
25.	<b>Dr Sentilnathan Subramaniam</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, SABAH BRANCH	V	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	2/4
26.	<b>Dr Teh Siao Hean</b> CHAIRMAN, SARAWAK BRANCH	√ 	$\sqrt{}$	√	√ 	4/4
27.	<b>Dr Liew Shan Fap</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, SARAWAK BRANCH	V	V	V	V	4/4
28.	<b>Dr Raja Kumar Menon a/I Bhaskaran</b> CHAIRMAN, SELANGOR BRANCH	1	V	V	V	4/4
29.	<b>Dr Krishna Kumaran a/I A Ramasamy</b> VICE-CHAIRMAN, SELANGOR BRANCH	V	X	V	V	3/4

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30.	Dr Velkanthan a/l Muniandy	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	4/4
	CHAIRMAN, TERENGGANU BRANCH					
31.	Dr Saravanan a/I A Santhirarajan		$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$	4/4
	CHAIRMAN, W.P. KL BRANCH					
32.	Dr Ravi SP Venkatachalam	$\sqrt{}$	X	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	3/4
	VICE- CHAIRMAN, W.P. KL BRANCH					



In Progress: 1st Meeting of the 61st MMA Council held on 4 October 2020 at Seri Pacific Hotel, KL

#### MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCO) 8.

At the time of writing this report, five (5) Exco meetings which include an Emergency Exco meeting, were held. I would like to record my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the Exco Members for their hard work and dedication throughout this challenging but productive year. I learnt a lot from them and would not have been able to carry out my duties effectively without their valuable input, support and cooperation. It has been a real challenge to work during this pandemic, but together, we managed to maintain the smooth running of the association. The record of the attendance for the five meetings held so far is given below:

NO.	EXCO MEMBERS	5/12/20 (I <sup>ST</sup> )	20/3/21 (2 <sup>ND</sup> )	25/5/21 (Emergency)	20/6/21 (3 <sup>RD</sup> )	25/7/21 (4 <sup>TH</sup> )	ATTENDANCE
I.	<b>Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam</b> PRESIDENT	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	5/5
2.	Datuk Dr Ganabaskaran a/l Nadason@Darzin IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	V	X	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	4/5
3.	<b>Dr Koh Kar Chai</b> PRESIDENT-ELECT	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	V	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	5/5

4.	<b>Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo</b> HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY	V	V	V	V	V	5/5
5.	<b>Dr Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan</b> HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER	V	V	V	V	V	5/5
6.	<b>Dr Arvindran a/l Alaga</b> HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	V	5/5
7.	<b>Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan</b> HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY	$\sqrt{}$	V	X	X	$\sqrt{}$	3/5
8.	<b>Dr Vijay a/I Ganasan</b> CHAIRMAN, SCHOMOS	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	X	V	V	4/5
9.	<b>Dr Sivanaesan a/I Letchumanan</b> CHAIRMAN, PPSMMA	V	V	V	V	V	5/5

## 9. MAJOR EVENTS / MEETINGS THROUGHOUT 2020/2021

## SCHOMOS-MMA DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION 2020

SCHOMOS Chairman Dr Vijay and his SCHOMOS team, together with the Honorary general Secretary, have successfully organised a Doctor's Day Celebration which was held virtually on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. This event, which was broadcast from the MMA House, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur via a live telecast on Zoom and Facebook, was specially held in appreciation of the COVID-19 frontliners. We were very honoured to have YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham bin Baba (Minister of Health), YBhg Datuk Dr Hj Rohaizat bin Hj Yon, YBhg Dato' Dr Norhizan bin Ismail and Dr Norhayati Nordin to deliver a special message to the doctors in the country during this event.



Attendance at the Doctor's Day Celebration

#### SESI KUNJUNGAN HORMAT YANG BERHORMAT MENTERI KESIHATAN MALAYSIA

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, the Minister of Health, YB Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba and several top officials from the Ministry of Health (MOH) visited the MMA to meet with our Exco members. During this meeting, we discussed solutions to the various longstanding issues affecting our contract doctors as well as the role of GPs going forward in managing the pandemic including vaccinations for the GPs under the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme, private sector vaccinations, home monitoring of COVID-19 Category I & 2 patients, the need for increased engagement between CDC and private sector, CKAPS as a one-stop centre, 7th Fee Schedule deregulation status and the proposal for GP pandemic partner clinics.

# MAJLIS BUKA PUASA - GET-TOGETHER WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL **ASSOCIATIONS**

It was held on the 21st of April 2021 at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur in a strict compliance with the government's SOPs. We were honoured to have YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham Bin Baba (Minister of Health), YB Dato' Dr Haji Noor Azmi Ghazali (Deputy Minister of Health), and several MOH officials and medical association representatives present at the event. The CEO of ProtectHealth Corporation, Dr Anas Alam Faizli, was also present at this event. I wish to thank all Exco members, Dr Krishna Kumaran Ramasamy (MMA Selangor Vice-Chairman) and the MMA secretariat staff members for a truly excellent job in organising the event.



Escorting YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham bin Baba and YB Dato' Dr Hj Azmi Ghazali into the hall

## MMA MEDICAL CONGRESS 2021

MMA has successfully organized the MMA Medical Congress 2021 on the 21st to 23rd May 2021 led by our Honorary General Treasurer, Dr Vasu Pillai, as the Organising Chairman. It was a virtual conference presenting top-class scientific programmes encompassing key areas covering internal medicine, paediatrics, oncology, dermatology, general surgery, hepatobiliary, urology, colorectal, plastic and reconstructive surgery, O&G, orthopaedics, ENT and ophthalmology. Its sole aim was to address the current and relevant topics for doctors. The first day of the congress concentrated on COVID-19 related topics including the latest developments related

to COVID-19. The second and third days of the congress covered a variety of speciality topics presented by many well-known speakers. We had overwhelming support with nearly 1,000 delegates registered for the congress. All the delegates were given 20 CPD points for attending the congress.

## **MMA BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

All the MMA Branch Annual General Meetings (AGMs) were successfully conducted virtually from the 23rd May to 4th July 2021. The AGMs were broadcast live to all the respective Branch members from the MMA House, Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur. Despite the minor challenges in conducting these virtual Branch AGMs, the MMA HQ IT Team led by Dr Krishna Kumaran (MMA Selangor Vice-Chairman), with the support from the Secretariat Staff as well as the Branch committee members, managed to conduct the AGMs effectively.

## MEETING WITH MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (MOSTI)

On 11th of June 2021 at the MMA House Jalan Pahang, Kuala Lumpur, MMA had a meeting with the Minister of MOSTI, YB Khairy Jamaluddin, who is also the coordinating minister for the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP), on the GPs' involvement in the said programme. The meeting was also attended by the CEO of ProtectHealth Corporation, Deputy Director General of Public Health, MOH and Director of Medical Development Division. At this meeting, MMA emphasised the need for GPs' involvement in helping to achieve the herd immunity faster. MMA has proposed the following five (5) means to maximize the participation of the GPs:

- (I) Process automation for consent forms via MySejahtera app and push to the MyVAS system.
- (2) Delivery of vaccines directly to the clinics.
- (3) To allow offline registration of patients at the rural areas or areas with poor internet connection or poor uptake of MySejahtera app.
- (4) To review the process at the end of June whereby more GPs would have participated.
- (5) ProtectHealth Corporation as a one-stop centre without red tapes from other agencies.

## MEETING WITH CEO OF MALAYSIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

On 17th June 2021, MMA had a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and representatives of some of the universities involved in the 'perwartaan' issues. At this meeting, MMC has agreed to look into the issues and act accordingly as discussed at the meeting. MMA will continue to monitor the situation closely for further action in support of our junior doctors.

#### **MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE**

On 25th June 2021, MMA was called to an urgent meeting with the Minister of Finance, YBM Senator Dato' Sri Tengku Zafrul bin Tengku Abdul Aziz to discuss several issues faced by the House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialists which have yet to be resolved despite years of discussing about it. YBM minister has agreed to expedite the matters and look into the current working papers. Prior to this meeting, MMA has sent an open letter dated 23rd June 2021, to all the Members of Parliament and the Malaysian Government.

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Attendance at the meeting with the Minister of Finance

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN MMA AND SELGATE CORPORATION SDN BHD

MMA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Selgate Corporation Sdn Bhd on SELGATE COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (SCVP) in Selangor. Selangor Government will be rolling out vaccination by GPs through the SCVP which will complement the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (NIP). MMA's roles are to provide support to SCVP, to advocate and/or promote the programme to its members to sign up as panel clinic to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. The purpose of this MoU, which was signed on 25th June 2021, is to ensure success in achieving herd immunity.

## MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND MOH TOP OFFICIALS

On 7th July 2021, MMA had another productive meeting with the Minister of Health, YB Dato' Sri Adham bin Baba, Director General of Health, YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Noor Hisham bin Abdullah, Deputy Secretary-General, YBhg Datuk Harjeet Singh and Deputy Director-General of Health, YBhg Dato' Dr Norhizan to discuss several issues concerning the government doctors especially the contract issues. During this meeting, the minister reassured us that his team has devised a plan to address the welfare and career progression of the Contract Medical Officers, taking into consideration MMA's suggestions to the Ministry of Health.

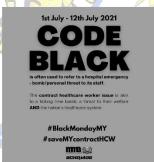


Attendance at the meeting with the Minister of Health and MOH top Officials

#### CODE BLACK AND BLACK MONDAY CAMPAIGNS BY MMA SCHOMOS

These campaigns were initiated by MMA in support of the contract doctors. MMA's Code Black that kicked off on 1st July until 12th July and Black Monday on 12th July were launched to encourage the people to show their support for the contract doctors which include changing their personal profile picture or institution logo to black or monochrome as well as wearing black to work on 12th July in solidarity with the contract doctors. The 23,000 doctors who have been placed on contracts want the government to absorb them into permanent service so that they can enjoy equal remuneration and other perks. Besides, the government should ensure a constant supply of well-trained healthcare workers to ensure smooth delivery of healthcare services. MMA maintained its standard that it does not and will never, in any way, condone a strike but remain committed in protecting the welfare of doctors and the medical profession. The idea of Black Monday was not to strike but to show solidarity for junior doctors. MMA will keep on working with the Ministry of Health in a peaceful manner without disrupting any services or patient care. On the 12th of July 2021, MMA had a press conference on the Contract System and the Future of Malaysia's Healthcare Workers, joined by representatives from Academy of Medicine Malaysia, Persatuan Perubatan Islam Malaysia, Malaysian Health Coalition, Malaysian Pharmacists Society, Malaysian Society of Radiographers, Malaysian Male Nurses, Malaysian Dental Association, Malaysian Medical International, Medical Practitioners Coalition association of Malaysia, Malaysian Society of Medical Laboratory Technologist and Malaysian Medical Assistants Society.









## MEETING WITH THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

On 23rd July 2021, MMA Exco had an early morning meeting with our Prime Minister, YAB Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to discuss the issues of contract doctors in our public healthcare system. The meeting was also attended by the Minister of Health, YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham Baba, Secretary-General of Health, YBhg Dato' Mohd Shafiq bin Abdullah and Deputy Director-General of Health (Research & Technical Support), YBhg Datuk Dr Hishamshah bin Mohd Ibrahim. At this meeting, the Prime Minister announced that contract extensions and similar benefits and perks be provided to doctors as immediate short-term steps. This would allow a contract doctor to now specialize and be eligible for similar perks as their permanent counterpart. The Prime Minister explained that due to the pandemic, there are currently several limitations in providing a permanent solution to the issue at this time. He however expressed his strong commitment in addressing these issues and vowed that he will personally monitor its progress going forward. The Prime Minister also stated that MMA should be involved in healthcare related policies for the government to get a better picture of the situation on the ground. Before this meeting, MMA has urged the Prime Minister to make a decision as soon as possible on the contract doctor issues as these contract doctors have been at the forefront during this pandemic and they have been totally demoralised and demotivated because of these issues. MMA has also highlighted the importance of investing in the human capital. These requests have previously been supported by the Minister of Finance where

he has asked for a comprehensive overhaul of the system. We wish to thank the Prime Minister for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet with us.



MMA Exco in the long-awaited meeting with the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia

#### 10. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

## IST ONLINE MEETING FOR WMA E-HEALTH WORK GROUP

The meeting was held on 17 December 2020 at 8.30 p.m. in the Beijing time. MMA was represented by the President, Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam in this group. The mandate of the Work Group is to work on a proposed consolidated policy on E-health on the basis of the comments received by members. Thus, the focus of this first meeting was to decide on the direction to take for the revision of the three (3) statements of WMA (on telehealth, ethical issues in telehealth and mobile health, issued in 2009, 2018 and 2015 respectively). At the end of the meeting, the WG agreed to produce a new statement based on those three statements of WMA and a major revision is required; key concepts and contents integrated, length of statement appropriately abridged to make it as concise as possible. The first draft of the new statement would also be based on the proposed revision of WMA Statement on Guiding Principles for the Use of Telehealth for the Provision of Health Care & Comments and discussion during this meeting. The WG further agreed that the revised statement be submitted to WMA by the end of March 2021. If it is not completed by the end of March due to lack of consensus etc, it can also be submitted later and considered at the relevant WMA meeting in October 2021.

#### **2ND ONLINE MEETING FOR WMA E-HEALTH WORK GROUP**

The meeting was held on 24 February 2021. The focus of this meeting was to discuss the reviews and perspectives/suggestions/opinions submitted by the Work Group (WG) members on the first revision draft of

WMA statement on Digital Health/E-Health. The first draft of Revised WMA Statement on Digital Health Was prepared by Drs. Lisa Gonzalez and Malke Borow. The revised statement was finally submitted to the WMA, and it was deliberated at the 217th WMA Council held in late April in which at this meeting, the Council considered the proposed revised WMA statement on E-health submitted by the WG on E-Health with several revisions were made. The next meeting for WMA E-Health Work Group has been scheduled for 9 August 2021.

#### 35TH CMAAO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAIPEI AND 56TH COUNCIL MEETING

The CMAAO General Assembly will be held online on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, hosted by Taiwan Medical Association. All the country representatives will be presenting reports of healthcare status in their respective countries. MMA President will be presenting the symposium paper on "Countermeasures Against COVID-19" while as the Honorary General Secretary, I will be presenting the Country Report.

#### H. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS TABLED AT THE **LAST MMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

At the last 60th MMA Annual General Meeting, we successfully tabled the highest number of resolutions to amend the MMA Constitution with 93 amendments. 86 of the amendments were passed by the House. Several major changes to the Constitution are highlighted below:

- (I) Change of the date for the National AGM from June to September.
- (2) Added options for virtual meetings, or a combination of physical and virtual meetings, in the conduct of our AGM, alongside our traditional physical meeting.
- (3) Change of "National MMA Convention and Scientific Meeting" to "National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress".
- (4) Date of Election for the Post of MMA Office Bearers has been changed to BEFORE the National MMA AGM with the exact date will be determined by the MMA Elections Committee and results of the election will be announced on the day of the National MMA AGM.
- (5) The use of electronic elections for the post of the MMA Office Bearers; President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two (2) Honorary Deputy Secretaries.
- (6) All members whose names are in the Electoral Roll shall be eligible to vote.
- (7) Revisions to eligibility for nomination for the post of the MMA Office Bearers.
- (8) Changes to the financial provisions of MMA.
- (9) Changes to the general provisions and the mechanisms of the Internal Dispute Resolutions (IDR).

We also tabled 14 other resolutions at the last 60th MMA AGM of which 13 were passed by the House as follows:

# (I) Resolution presented on behalf of MMA Selangor:

#### **Preamble:**

- A formal proposal, as follows, was made at the 37th AGM of the MMA Selangor Branch held on 24 1. March 2019: "The Selangor Branch should look into the feasibility of buying a real estate property."
- 2. The MMA Selangor Branch has identified a suitable property for purchase costing about RM1,000,000.

3. The MMA Constitution stipulates that before the purchase can go ahead, it must be approved at the MMA National AGM.

#### Resolution:

This house approves the request by MMA Selangor Branch to purchase a real estate property which has been identified by the branch at a cost of about RM 1,000,000. A portion of the purchase price is to be contributed by the National MMA.

# (2) Resolution presented on behalf of MMA Melaka:

#### **Preamble:**

The MMA Melaka Building, Title No. HS(D) 4600, Lot No. 102, District of Melaka, Melaka Tengah @ No. 153, Taman Melaka Raya, Melaka was purchased in 1990 for a sum of RM 263,000.00 of which MMA Melaka Branch members contributed RM69,000.00 (39 members) and balance of RM194,000.00 by the MMA Foundation. The building is registered in the name of MMA Foundation now.

For the records, MMA Melaka Branch was the first branch to purchase a property in the annals of MMA. Unfortunately, the pioneering nature of this act has resulted in the property being vested in the MMA Foundation. Subsequent purchases of property by the MMA Branches are all vested with the National MMA.

At that time, the then Chairman of MMA Foundation Datuk Dr Yeoh Poh Hong and the Board of Trustees assured the Branch:

- 1. MMA Melaka would be the permanent tenant of the building.
- 2. Rental would be fixed @ RM I 2,000.00 per annum in monthly instalments in perpetuity.
- 3. The premise could be sublet, and the income be used for maintenance of the property.
- 4. MMA would pay for the Quit Rent and Assessment.

Extensive renovations were done by the branch in 1990 for the 1st floor RM70,000.00 and the 2nd floor in 1995 for RM250,000.00.

Rental fees paid from May 1990 till Dec 2019 = RM343,261.00.

All these years the Branch has covered the Fire Assurance, Public Liabilities Insurance and Pest Control fees.

The MMA Melaka Branch had @ their Annual General Meeting held on 25th July 2020 discussed this issue at length and the General Body agreed to bring forth this Resolution to the National Body for further action.

#### **Point of Note:**

The MMA Melaka Branch holds 26% share of the building. Recently in a letter dated 24th Oct 2019 MMA Foundation had sent to us demanding:

- 1. To increase monthly rental and to sign a new Tenancy Agreement.
- 2. To avail all MMA Melaka Building Fund Accounts for 2017 & 2018. We had reciprocated in a letter dated 27th Nov 2019 putting forward our views.

#### **Resolution:**

We, the members of MMA Melaka Branch, request the National MMA to purchase the building from MMA Foundation, with 26% reduction in the agreed price (being the quantum beneficially owned by Melaka MMA Branch). In view of the current dire economic situation, we believe that the correct price should be based on the forced sale value, and not the full market value estimated by the assessors.

By purchasing our own property, MMA Melaka Branch started a movement that has resulted in several branches purchasing property. This has strengthened their financial position and that of the MMA as a whole. We hope that the MMA will recognise the pioneering nature of our purchase and help to ensure that this piece of MMA history does not vanish from historical Melaka.

## (3) Resolution on Purchase of MMA Melaka Property:

#### Preamble:

It is noted to the House that all properties purchased by MMA branches are to be held under the name of the Malaysian Medical Association. There has been an exercise to transfer the ownership of all such branch properties back to MMA.

A notable distinction is the Melaka property which is held under the name of the MMAF. As has been decided by the Board of Directors of MMA Foundation, the property is to be disposed of by way of a sale to MMA at a currently evaluated price of Rm 1.85 million. MMA Foundation is a separate entity registered under the Companies Act and as such the quantum of sale is to be in line with the current value as mentioned earlier.

Property: Lot 102, Three Storey Shoplot.

Address: No. 153, 153A & 153B, Jalan Merdeka, Taman Melaka Raya, 75000 Melaka.

Tenure: Leasehold 99 years expiring on 19th, August 2075.

#### **Resolution:**

The House resolves to grant a mandate to the MMA Exco and Council to purchase the Melaka property from MMA Foundation at a cost of RM1.85 million.

# (4) Resolution on Purchase of MMA Wilayah Persekutuan:

#### **Preamble:**

 Malaysian Medical Association Wilayah Persekutuan has generated funds up to RM1,000,000.00. The Committee agrees that these funds and future funds generated be channeled to purchase property up to a maximum of RM1,200,000.00. The Committee after viewing few properties had narrowed down to a tenanted business premises located at D6-6-3, D6 Offices Sentul, Jalan Sentul, Sentul Selatan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### **Details:**

Project Name: D6 108

Freehold Developer: YTL Land & Development Bhd

Built up: 1100 sq ft Lot detail: Non-Bumi

Title: Strata Title obtain: Yes

Type: Commercial (Retails & Offices)

Completion Year: 2011

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Total Units: 80

Facilities & Amenities: Car Park 24 hours with Security

2. One (1) year Tenure ending February 2021 and renewable for one more year

Current Rental: RM3,500.00 Management fees: RM800.00

Quit rent/Yearly Assessment: RM1,000.00

- 3. The premise valuation at the current market is RM750,000.00. After final negotiation, the owner of the premises is agreeable at RM715,000.00 for the S&P with MMA Wilayah Branch.
- 4. ROI: rental per annum minus exp RM30k divided by asking price RM715k times 100 = 4.19%

**Conclusion:** Decided by the current Committee 2019/2020 to invest in this current tenanted property for the good long-term returns and future capital appreciation.

THIS RESOLUTION was presented to the Committee Members of the Malaysian Medical Association Wilayah Persekutuan and was approved by a unanimous vote on 5th day of March 2020.

## (5) Resolution on Investment on Property:

#### Preamble:

MMA Council had seriously considered the External and Internal Auditors concern on MMA's sustainability of income for past years. Auditors has continuously recommended other sources of income as MMA should not depend solely on Fixed Deposit (FD) interest, membership subscription or insurance commission earned. The Council has recognised this and recommended investing in property.

#### **Resolution:**

During the previous 58th MMA AGM, the house had given a mandate to search for properties with adequate reasonable rental income.

During the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM, the House suggested to engage with a property consultant to prepare a report on the current property market and the development of own MMA HQ building which was duly done. The MMA Council then came up with a concrete proposal for property investment and to choose the best one or two properties to be presented to the house.

In view of current Covid-19 situation, our fixed deposit rate has drop drastically from 4.0% to 2.0% which suggests a loss of interest income indefinitely.

The House gives a mandate to the MMA Exco and Council to purchase up to two of the following properties, up to a maximum of RM 9 million, and to upgrade the MMA building, up to a maximum of RM 1 million:

Agent: I world

- a) Taman Paik Siong, Puchong Two adjoining corner Shoplots RM 5,200,000 (Appendix 1)
- b) Zest Point@BK9, Puchong Three Storey Shop Office RM 2,900,000 (Appendix 2)

Agent: Reapfield

- c) Taman Tun Dr Ismail Three Storey Shoplot RM 5,500,000 (Appendix 3)
- d) Taman Tun Dr Ismail Three Storey Shoplot RM 5,200,000 (Appendix 4)

## (6) Resolution on Renovation and Upgrading of the MMA Building

Due to the present condition of the MMA building, both the Exco and the Council agreed to upgrade the building to suit the current standard and to improve the rental income of the building. We are hereby proposing a sum of RM 1,000,000.00 to be approved for the renovation and upgrading of the building which will go through the standard tender approval process which will be managed by the Tender Committee chaired by the Honorary General Treasurer.

## (7) Resolution on Attendance at the International Conferences/Meetings

#### **Preamble:**

Over the years, MMA has been spending large amount of money on the International Conferences/Meetings. While there has always been a special budget allocated for International Conferences/Meetings in the MMA Account, but in some occasions, the budget was exceeded especially when approval to attend certain International Conferences/Meetings was made on a case by case basis. There had been no clear guidelines on who should attend International Conferences/Meetings at the moment.

Hence, due to the economic downturn and budget constraints as well as to have more control over the accounts, we believe that the Council shall decide on the attendance at the International Conferences/Meetings and stand firmly on the decision. It is important for this esteemed association to have a preliminary budget for international travels and budget control on the apportioned amounts. Budget approval shall not be given on case-by-case basis. This is in line with the cost-cutting measure strongly advocated by the association.

#### **Resolutions:**

1. The House hereby resolves that the attendance at the International Conferences/Meetings shall be as follows:

Confederation of Medical Associations in Asia and Oceania (CMAAO)	Four (4) Office Bearers; President, President- Elect, Immediate Past President & Honorary General Secretary
Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN)	Nine (9) Exco Members
Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA)	One (I) Office Bearer; President
World Medical Association (WMA) General Assembly	Two (2) Office Bearers; President & President- Elect

British Medical Association (BMA) Annual	One (I) Office Bearer; President-Elect
Representative Meeting (ARM)	

- 2. The ceiling amount for international conferences/meetings shall be capped at RM160,000 and the amount shall be reviewed every three (3) years.
- 3. MASEAN, CMAAO, WMA, CMA and BMA are mandatory meetings for MMA. Attendance at the other international conferences/meetings shall be decided by the sitting Council, subject to availability of the budget. The Council must ensure that they work within the allocated budget. The decision to allow the attendance of additional person(s) or other people not indicated in the list above, shall be made at the discretion of the sitting Council and subject to availability of the MMA Fund.
- 4. The House also resolves that an appointment of any members including the office bearers to any international position must be consulted beforehand with the sitting Council. An approval from the sitting Council must be obtained before they can agree to take up any position representing the association and/or has financial obligations for the association.

# (8) Resolution on Investment in Kenanga Investors Group

#### Preamble:

Throughout the past many years, our internal auditors as well as the general membership at the AGMs have voiced out their concern on MMA's income sustainability. There is no doubt that MMA does have a current regular source of income and is exploring ways to generate income for the association.

However, the bulk of our current assets are placed in fixed deposits which has been giving diminishing returns to the extent that its net worth is being eroded at a worrying rate, more so in this current time of economic uncertainty.

The Exco with the assistance of MMA Foundation has looked into the viability of investing into medium risk funds which will offer up better yields than Fixed Deposits and has recommended to Council to allow MMA to invest a sum of Rm250,000 into this fund, to which Council has agreed.

According to the MMA constitution clause 10(5), such investments can only be approved at the AGM. Hence, we ask for the approval of the House to allow MMA to invest into this fund.

#### Resolution:

The house resolves to allow MMA to invest an amount of Rm250,000 into the Kenanga MoneyEXTRA fund.

## (9) Resolution on Investment into Medium Risk Funds

#### Preamble:

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However, the bulk of our current assets are placed in fixed deposits which has been giving diminishing returns to the extent that its net worth is being eroded at a worrying rate, more so in this current time of economic uncertainty.

Exco has recommended to Council that we divest a portion of our funds into medium risk investments as part of our efforts to diversify our savings.

#### Resolution:

The house resolves to grant a mandate to the MMA Exco and Council to allow for an amount of up to and not exceeding RM 500,000 for investment into a medium risk investment fund, provided always that such investments are approved by Council.

## (10) Resolution on the Setting up a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee

#### **Preamble:**

In view of the MMA's nationwide health carnival that took place on 18 January 2020, the MMA notes the Minister of Health's encouragement to organize such an event on a regular basis. The MMA believes there is a need to form a unique committee to handle future Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities for the MMA.

#### **Resolution:**

The House hereby resolves that the Council sets up a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee to manage future CSR activities for the association. The CSR Committee shall be composed of five (5) members who shall be President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President and two other members with relevant experience. President shall be the Chairman and the Honorary General Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member.

The House also resolves that monies raised for the CSR activities shall be kept in a separate CSR account and shall be used only for CSR activities.

# (11) Resolution on Change of name for Fee Schedule Committee to 'Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature Development Committee' (MPSN Development Committee)

#### Preamble:

Under the Competition Act 2010 (Act 712), an Association cannot produce a fee schedule for its members as it would be construed as anti-competition.

The MMA Fee Schedule has thus been renamed as the "Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature" (MPSN). The name change has been incorporated into the revised version (2020) of the MMA Fees Schedule  $5^{th}$  Edition (2008).

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In line with the concept of MPSN, the change of name would allow us to lead and consult the relevant medical organizations and form an advisory panel of experts (members and non-members of MMA) from each of the specialties and general practitioners to produce a comprehensive schedule of procedures and services, containing unambiguous descriptions and a system of unique and uniform codes that could be used by all the relevant organisations involved in healthcare.

#### Resolution:

THE HOUSE resolves that the MMA Fee Schedule Committee be renamed as Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature Development Committee (MPSN Development Committee).

## (12) Resolution presented on behalf of the Editorial Board of MJM

The proposal for resolution is made on behalf of the Editorial Board MIM with regards to the establishment of a separate journal for case reports, named MIM-Case Reports. Case reports submitted to the Medical Journal of Malaysia (MIM) are currently published in the main journal. The number of case reports published in MIM for 2020 (Jan up to 31 May 2020) is 20 out of 70 articles (28.6%), for 2019 it is 54 of 127 (42.5%) and for 2018 it is 53 of 110 (48.1%).

## Why do we need to separate case reports from Medical Journal of Malaysia?

Case reports are usually not cited and does not add to the citation index of the journal. To ensure that the Malaysian Medical Association maintains a strong academic presence internationally, we need to improve the citation index of MIM by removing case reports from the main journal and publish them in a separate journal. Many international medical associations' journals have either stopped accepting and publishing case reports or have established a separate journal specifically for case reports. Medical Journal of Singapore, Medical Journal of Australia, The New Zealand Medical Journal and the Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health do not routinely publish case reports. The British Medical Association separately publishes case reports in the BMJ-Case Reports.

From the number of case reports that MIM receives each year, there is still a need to publish case reports of interesting medical cases. The proposed M/M-Case Reports will be an online open access journal. The authors will need to pay an article processing fee- to submit the case report for consideration.

#### Why do we need to publish case reports as Medical Journal of Malaysia: Case Reports?

#### a. Learning resources for doctors

Case reports represent the simplest scientific publications for clinical research in the form of observational case study. There are common cases presenting in an unusual fashion becoming a diagnostic and management challenge for managing doctors. It provides detailed information about a patient with an unusual clinical condition. It may suggest novel approach or suggesting an intervention that has not been previously described. There are also tips and pitfalls to learn from rare or exotic cases that most of us are unlikely ever have to manage.

#### b. Nurturing of junior doctors in the art of publishing

Case reports are usually the first encounter trainees or residents will have in their early career and this will serve as a platform for them to write and learn the technique of scientific writing. Searching for evidence and a critical analysis of the literature, are part of writing case report and enable the development of competency in scientific

writing process. Grooming of young talents is essential for the sustainability of the medical profession. It may also be a platform for the senior doctors too busy to do comprehensive research, to contribute their expertise in order to maintain their intellectual productivity. We will be able to publish 40 to 60 case reports a year without affecting the citation index of MJM.

MJM Case Reports is to be a peer-reviewed, open access journal, which will focus on providing a publication avenue for short case reports and case series, which will provide key insights into real medical cases that are essential for doctors. The ultimate aim is to improve patient outcomes. MJM is indexed on PubMed Central and Scopus.

#### c. Financial Implication and Sustainability.

The proposed MJM-Case Report will be an online open access journal. The authors will need to submit online and pay an article processing fees to submit the case report for consideration. It is both financially viable and sustainable.

# (13) Resolution on Formation of a One-Stop-Centre for Private Healthcare Coordination (OSCPHC)

#### **Preamble:**

Whereas Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is deeply concerned by the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on physical, mental and economic health of Malaysians. MMA expresses solidarity with the Ministry of Health for implementing responses that has made it possible to flatten the curve in the COVID-19 situation in the country. MMA recognises that both government as well as private sectors play an important role in controlling the virus from spreading.

Whereas MMA recognises the importance for both public and private sectors to receive timely and accurate information pertaining to their roles and functions, especially for the general practitioners (GPs). MMA further acknowledges the need for immediate and long-term actions, coordination and collaboration between both sectors during the recovery phase. MMA is optimistic that under the leadership of the MOH, the COVID-19 pandemic can be successfully controlled and overcome.

**Whereas** MMA aims to serve as the vehicle of the integrated voice of the whole profession and all or each of its segments both in relation to its own special problems and in relation to educating and directing public opinion on the problems of public health as affecting the community at large. MMA serves as a bridge across many diverse associations, building relationships and learning about the various problems facing the profession.

**Whereas** MMA reaffirms the fundamental role of the MOH in coordinating the national response to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 and future pandemics. MMA notes that decentralisation in terms of dissemination of information during a crisis has created unnecessary inconveniences and confusion in the private sector specifically among the GPs.

**IN THEREOF** the house hereby resolves that the Council call for the setting up of a One-Stop-Centre for Private Healthcare Coordination (OSCPHCC) for better coordination with the private sector to contain, mitigate and defeat the virus. The mechanism for the one-stop-centre (OSC) should be driven by the MOH in collaboration with the private healthcare sector. The OSC should be the single point of contact for seamless coordination and to consolidate various sections of the MOH relevant to the private sector. The OSC should provide reliable and

comprehensive information on COVID-19 and the public health response taken by authorities specifically aimed for the private healthcare sector. The MMA calls on the MOH to move the following long standing reform agendas during the recovery period of the current crisis:

- **I.** CKAPS should be upgraded to a division to look into matters pertaining to private healthcare and not only on regulatory issues.
- **2.** A task force should also be set up by MOH to amend the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act to Private Healthcare Services with a wider power to regulate those who are providing healthcare services be it physical or virtual "facilities".
- **3.** The Pathology Laboratory Act 2007 to be enforced soonest possible.
- **4.** MMA COUNCIL to coordinate via Exco and PPS, with other medical associations to spearhead the proposed OSC to ensure all available resources are optimised to prepare our national response to pandemics and also undertake a deep analysis of needed health system reform.

### 12. CONCLUSION

It has been an active year for the 61st MMA Council especially for the key office bearers who had numerous meetings with the Ministry of Health and other external organisations to help solve the problems and issues faced by the profession and in the management of COVID-19 crisis in our country.

The Committees, Societies and Branches were equally active in conducting and participating in various activities even though most of these activities were held virtually due the restrictions under the frequent Movement Control Orders and not to mention as an adaptation to our new normal.

The Sections have also been very busy in doing activities and having meetings with the Ministry of Health and various external organizations to resolve problems faced by members and to help manage the pandemic situation. The Branches continued diligently with their activities, especially CPD and community activities. The primary focus of the Branches was to recruit more new members and some Branches have done very well in this membership drive.

It is almost impossible to list down all the external and internal meetings that required the presence of the Honorary General Secretary.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to the President, Exco Members, including my two Deputy Secretaries and Council Members for their relentless support, cooperation and encouragement given to me and the MMA throughout 2020/2021. A special mention for our Secretariat Staff members who have been working diligently and efficiently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our association. Everything that we have achieved so far would not have been possible without their support.



Standing L-R: Iza, Nalini, Kah Lai, Aqila, Mahaletchumy, Pathma, Sakthi, Rissa (COO), Jalina, Amalina, Ayu, Ashikin, Syema, Atikah, Rafikah, Aishah, Smidha

#### Seated L-R:

Andrew, Vickneshwar, Azren, Masri, Arun, Ram

## Not in the picture: Muthuletchumi, Natasha, Salimi

It has been a wonderful year for me so far as the Honorary General Secretary and now that the current term of office is coming to its end, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the current office on all the achievements and welcome the new term as well as the new leadership on board. Regardless of who will be stepping into the MMA's new office, I look forward to our continued success in playing out our roles. Let us preserve the tenacity to commit to the association and spend quality time for the association in between our work. Together, we will keep climbing towards greater heights and keep MMA flag flying high.

Stay safe and healthy.

#### DR THIRUNAYUKARASU RAJOO

**Honorary General Secretary** 

25 July 2021

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Datuk Dr Ganabaskaran a/l Nadason@Darzin

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr Koh Kar Chai

#### HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY

Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

#### HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER

Dr Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan

## HONORARY GENERAL DEPUTY SECRETARIES

Dr Arvindran a/l Alaga Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan

## **MEMBERS**

Dr Sivanaesan a/1 Letchumanan Dr Vijay a/1 Ganasan

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#### **BANKERS**

Alliance Bank Bhd CIMB Bank Bhd OCBC Al-Amin Bank Bhd United Overseas Bank (Malaysia) Bhd

#### **AUDITOR**

Raki CS Tan & Ramanan (AF: 0190) Chartered Accountants

#### TAX AGENT

YYC Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd (742134-V) Chartered Accountants

# HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER **ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

This report has been prepared in two parts, with the first being based on the reports and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 and its comparison with the year 2019.

The second part will touch on the financial standing as relates to the Council year 2020/2021.

The gross income of the year 2020 is RM 6,932,625 as compared to RM 5,122,142 of the previous year, which is a difference of RM 1,810,483. The reason for this much appreciated increase is that there has been an improvement in the income from:

- 1) Commission from Professional Indemnity Insurance (increase of 58.11%)
- 2) Income from Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature (MPSN) and Relative Values Guidelines (this is new income for started from year 2020)
- 3) Continuous Professional Development activities (increase of 394.79%)

After deducting the expenses excluding taxation (as being still calculated), we have a net surplus of RM 3,627,034 in 2020 as compared to RM 1,090,568 of the previous year, which is a difference of RM 2,536,466. Part of the reason for this high surplus as compared to the difference in income between the years 2019 and 2020 is due to the increase in income as stated above and further decrease in expenditure due to pandemic. This will lead to higher taxes for MMA which is estimated about RM 1,060,287.

The reduced spending is noticeable in:

- 1) Council and Exco expenses (reduced by 31.7%)
- 2) International Conference Expenses (which is reduced significantly by 99.2%)
- 3) Private Practitioners Section (reduced by 70.3%)
- 4) SCHOMOS (reduced by 35.1%)

The reduction in these meetings materialized as the current COVID-19 pandemic has reduced physical activities for council, Exco, PPS, SCHOMOS and sub-committees' meetings and international conference expenses. There has been a drop in the various meeting expenses due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which caused many meetings to be postponed or cancelled, especially during the Movement Control Order/Conditioned Movement Control Order.

AGM expenses for 2020 also reduced significantly as it was held virtual last year.

We have to appreciate the great effort taken by Berita MMA Editorial Board and Medical Journal of Malaysia (MJM) Editorial Board to give net profit from their publications in the year 2020.

Operating expenses increased mainly because of the increase in MMA building expenses due to Dewan Bunga Raya renovation compared to previous year.

As previous years, practice of proper and timely submission of substantiated claims which were paid within set timelines without any delay. There is online claim form available in MMA website.

The positive thing which came out of this is that many of our meetings are now conducted online via Zoom. The initial investments made for Audio Visual as well as IT equipment for online conferencing paid off as they are put to good use. Further budgets have been raised to improve our online meeting/conferencing capabilities. As such, we will see a further decrease in meeting spending expenses.

The concern of our income mainly derived from the professional indemnity coverage commission has been addressed. For that, we now have substantial income from Continuous Professional Activities which are tied to our MMA Apps, as well as from our Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature (MPSN) and Relative Values Guidelines.

Of concern is also the decreasing rates of interest for our Fixed Deposits. As per resolution passed in last year AGM, we have invested in Kenanga MoneyExtra Fund (medium risk investment fund) and it is still early period of investment and we are still waiting for good returns.

Also, to diversify MMA investment, as per resolution passed in last year AGM, we are in the progress of purchasing a property in Plaza Sentral worth RM 3,690,000.00; the expected net yield is about 5.7%. This deal only will be completed in 2021. We are also preparing to purchase another property at Plaza Sentral, the process will start soon as Council's approval has been obtained.

This year under the MMA, as the Organizing Chairman, I have organized MMA Medical congress 2021, first virtual congress nationally from 21st to 23rd May 2021. This is a virtual conference presenting top class scientific program encompassing key areas covering internal medicine, paediatrics, dermatology, general surgery, hepatobiliary, urology, colorectal, plastic, and reconstructive surgery, O&G, Orthopaedic, ENT and ophthalmology. Its sole aim was to address current, and relevant topics for doctors. The support was overwhelming, and we recorded more than 900 delegates registered for this. We had good support from corporate partners as well. I would like to thank the MMA secretariat staff including finance staff and IT officers and my committee members for the hard work and the effort rendered in organizing this exciting event.

Dewan Bunga Raya renovation has been carried out successfully. As per resolution approved in AGM, the process of refurbishment/renovation of MMA building is still pending.

We are still facing difficulty in finding tenants for Ist Floor which has been vacant for more than 2 years, and the pandemic making it more difficult to get tenancy.

Another concern is the proper submission of accounts by the fourteen (14) MMA Branches. This is important as the MMA HQ Finance Team needs to ensure that our Tax Consultants receive properly audited accounts to prepare us for the income tax submission. I am grateful to all the branches for their effort to submit their audited accounts within the stipulated time frame.

Another challenging Council term of 2020/2021 clouded by pandemic but one which led to MMA being prudent in its spending while at the same time increasing its income from new activities and also looking out for new sources of revenue to sustain the activities of this association. With all the steps put in place and being practiced, I am sure that it will continue to improve.

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An appreciation goes out to the very able and efficient finance team of MMA who ensured that all account related issues were well managed.

# **DR VASU PILLAI LETCHUMANAN**

**Honorary General Treasurer** 

2 July 2021



# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

# **ACTION ON SMOKING AND HEALTH (ASH) COMMITTEE**

Chairman Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal

Members Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai

Dr Edward Nathan all Arokia Nathan Timothy

Secretariat Ms Smidha Nair

## **Activities:**

## I. Meetings

Due to the COVID -19 outbreak, plan for the World No Tobacco Day 31st May 2020 and most activities were kept on hold. The Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Committee, Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), met only once during the period. All advocative activities were held online.

#### 2. Activities

The MMA ASH Committee, has been playing a pivotal in Tobacco Control in Malaysia since the early 1980's. It has been playing a lead role and continues to also work closely with communities in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Universities and other NGOs including those under Malaysian Council for Tobacco Control.

The Chairman, Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal attended the W.H.O. FCTC National Steering Committee Malaysia at Ministry of Health, Putrajaya in late 2020. The virtual meeting was chaired by the Minister of Health and attended by the Deputy Minister of Health, Director-General of Health, Senior Ministry officials from Ministry of Health and other Ministries.

The following recommendations were made to the Minister of Health by Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal:

- 1. The New Tobacco Control Act should be passed in the Parliament in the coming session. It is long overdue.
- 2. Increase taxes on tobacco products and vape and the money be utilized to pay for prevention and offer help to smokers who want to Quit assistance to Quit including NRT where required.
- 3. Prohibit all display of tobacco products at point of sale as done by neighbouring countries.
- 4. BAN VAPE and all new tobacco products including "novel tobacco product".
- 5. Calls on the Government of Malaysia to ratify the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to enable tackling the trans boundary illicit trade.
- 6. Engage General Medical practitioners in the KKM Quit Smoking clinics Program.

## 3. World No Tobacco Day 2021



The WNTD 2021 is different from the previous years in the aspect that WNTD 2021 is a year-long global campaign for World No Tobacco Day 2021 with the theme- "Commit to Quit". The campaign this year aims to empower and support tobacco users on their journey to quit. WHO Quit Challenge is on WhatsApp and publication "More than 100 reasons to quit tobacco" has been released to mark the start of the campaign. WHO invites all of us to learn and discuss the key role health insurances play in tobacco cessation and how health professionals can become more involved.

ASH Committee MMA in collaboration with Public Health Society of MMA, Malaysian Council for Tobacco Control and National Cancer Society will be organising several activities for 2021/2022.

## **Organising Committee World No Tobacco Day 2021**

Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Dr Murallitharan Munisamy Prof Dr Sanjay Dr Edward Nathan

## The following subcommittees have been formed:

- Commit to Quit and Quit Now Campaign Quit Smoking and Win 2021 Campaign
   The campaign aims to empower and support tobacco users on their journey to quit.
- 2. National art, poster & slogan competition

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

Theme: Towards A Smoke Free Generation

Objectives: To encourage youth not to smoke, to increase awareness of the community especially teenagers about Hazards of Tobacco and encourage community the importance of free tobacco environment.

The activity is targeted to 3 categories, namely Primary School Studens, Secondary School Students and Public.

- 3. National video competition
- 4. Website where info on Hazards on smoking and benefit of quitting, role of MMA in tobacco control in Malaysia since 1986

# Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal Chairman



#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

#### MMA ADOLESCENT HEALTH COMMITTEE

The MMA Adolescent Health Committee 2020/2021 comprises of the following committee members.

Chairperson Dr Kasturi K.I. Maniam Nair

Members Dr Chandravathana M Rajathurai

Brig Gen Datuk Dr N Rajagopal

Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw

Dr Trishant Kaur Sandhu a/p Gurdass Singh

Secretariat Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor

The committee members held an online meeting on 21st November 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed activities with various partners for the term 2020/2021 in order to achieve our objectives to familiarize healthcare providers in the field of adolescent medicine as well as highlight the management of common health issues among adolescents.

The committee was unable to conduct the planned 4th National Seminar on Adolescent Medicine (NSAM) to be held at Melaka-Manipal Medical College through an online platform.

Likewise, the proposed webinar for general practitioners has also been postponed to a later date.

These postponements are due to the various challenges given the nationwide frequent movement control orders and lockdowns following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The MMA Adolescent Health Committee will strive to conduct the proposed activities including the 4<sup>th</sup> NSAM during its upcoming 2021/2022 term. MMA Adolescent Health Committee looks forward to continue the sharing of medical education including upgrading of skills and knowledge pertaining to adolescent medicine to both the government and private healthcare sectors' staff.

Dr Kasturi K. I. Maniam Nair Chairperson

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Dr. Ashok Philip took over the role of Editor from Dr Jeyakumar Gurusamy after the last MMA AGM. Our sincere thanks go to Dr Jeyakumar for his outstanding performance in this post, and the current Editorial Board will strive to maintain his high standards.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

The Berita MMA Editorial Board meets every month to deliberate on matters of the publication before the issue is approved to go for printing. For the term 2020/2021, the Berita MMA Editorial Board has had nine meetings up to the time of preparation of this report.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Adeline of VersaComm for her hard work and dedication in keeping us abreast on Berita's profit and loss margins; she left VersaComm in mid-June 2021 to further her career. Adeline, thank you and all the best in your future endeavours!

In terms of printing costs, the bitter reality of challenging times, especially the COVID-19 pandemic is staring at us head-on. We are striving to maintain the high production values and standards of Berita while containing and managing costs. In addition to rising costs of printing, the postal rates increased again in the latter half of 2021. We have managed to trim the costs of production somewhat and are also looking at novel ways to increase interest in our newsletter.

We hope our members will continue to contribute articles to BMMA. The Editorial Board of Berita MMA would like to place on record its appreciation and gratitude to the President of MMA, MMA Exco, the MMA Council, and all MMA members and staff for the strong support.

A special word of thanks to the Editorial Board members and Versa Comm for their continuous commitment and support in improving the overall quality of our association's iconic newsletter.

Last but not least, thank you to Ms Smidha Nair for efficiently and diligently supporting the administrative matters of Berita MMA.

Dr Ashok Philip Editor

# COMMITTEE FOR THE HEALTH OF THE OLDER PERSON

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Secretariat Ms Muthuletchumi

The MMA Committee for the Health of the Older Person (HOP) had one Committee meeting for this term.

Two Symposiums were planned in collaboration with our MMA Branches. However, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the Movement Control Order (MCO), it was decided to postpone the two events to a later date.

In the meantime, the Committee has planned a half day webinar Symposium in August 2021.

Datin Dr Jayanthi Krishnan Chairperson

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

The committee comprised the following members, namely:

Chairperson Dr Anil Kumar Kukreja

Members Datuk Dr Athimulam Nadason

Dr Angeli Quah Aun Chyi Dr Ravi Venkatachalam Dr Navin Kumar Devaraj

Dr Tharumaningam M Muthiah

Secretariat Ms Syema Saidu

## **Activities for the year:**

The Covid 19 - pandemic prevented us from having physical meetings or any activities.

## **Meetings:**

We had our first Zoom meeting on the 6th of January 2021.

We planned to continue with our survey:

Survey to determine the prevalence of use of Integrative Medicine [IM]/TnCM practices among General Practitioners (GPs) in Malaysia.

The committee undertook the task to conduct a survey among the GPs in MMA for the above. Dr Navin was given the task to redesign the survey format whilst making it friendlier to respond.

The objectives were:

- 1) to study the prevalence of IM/T&CM practices among GPs in Malaysia
- 2) to determine the types of IM/T&CM T&CM practices that are in use by GP's
- 3) to determine the reasons for IM/T&CM T&CM use

The information obtained will enable the CIM committee of MMA:

- 1) to assist and provide information to the concerned GP/s on the modality that s/he is practicing.
- 2) to incorporate topics in future CIM seminars organized by the committee.
- 3) to coordinate with the TnCM division of the MOH to formulate/accredit training programs for Allopathic Doctors.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

However, we plan to conduct a session titled:

'Role of Integrative medicine in management of Covid19' this is planned for October 2021 - we will be collaborating with the TnCM Division of KKM and Association of Integrative Medicine Malaysia (AIMM.

I take this opportunity to thank all my members for their constructive ideas and suggestions. We also welcome our new secretariat in charge of our committee, Pn Syema.

Dr Anil Kumar Chairman



#### COMPUTER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Alan Teh

Members Dr Ravindran R Naidu

Dr Mohamad Namazie Ibrahim Dr Vasu Pillai Letchumanan Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Dr Ashok Philip

Dr Tharumaningam M Muthiah

Dr Krishna Kumaran a/I A Ramasamy

Dr Ng Zhen Ian

Secretariat Mr Vickneshwar, IT Officer

Mr Arun, IT Officer

Like for everyone else, 2020 was an extraordinary year for the Computer Technical Committee as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold that year.

As a result of the pandemic, the Technical Committee was tasked with the transformation of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from the normal physical meeting to a virtual one. There was the inevitable postponement and the committee assessed proposals from various online meeting vendors and eventually we settled on one, based on the reasonable cost and one that seemed to fit our needs.

After several test runs, we managed to conduct the State level meetings successfully, culminating in the successful first virtual AGM in September 2020.

The MMA Medical Congress 2021 was also a fully virtual event successfully held in May 2021 garnering 20 CPD points for attendees.

Most of the work of the Computer Technical Committee was held "online" via email and group text messaging rather than physical meetings which continued to be hampered by the MCO. Nevertheless, issues arising for the attention of the Computer Technical Committee did not need physical meetings and this was the "new normal" for 2020-2021.

The MMA CPD/Events App continues to be very popular amongst doctors and to date has over 46,000 users. Government doctors who use the MMC Events app to record attendance using the QR code scanning have points sent directly to MyCPD. We hope to have some integration with the Academy of Medicine (AMM) as well but due to differences in the systems, there are technical hurdles which need to be overcome. Discussions are still ongoing in this area.

There is a major revamp of the system in progress and later this year, there will be a major update to the MMA App. Please stay tuned and you can look forward to many enhancements which I am sure users will appreciate.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the Computer Technical Committee for their continued participation and advice, as well as our IT Officers and members of the IT team for their tireless and dedicated effort.

Dr Alan Teh Chairman



#### CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Ashok Philip

Members Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam

Prof Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim

Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh Dr Edwin Leo Suppiah Dr Ravi Venkatachalam

Dr Muhammad Gowdh bin Muhammed Jaafar

Secretariat Ms Rissa Soetama (COO)

Ms Nur Atikah Mohammad Nashir

One of the main responsibilities of the Constitution and Resolution Reviews Committee is to advise the administration on matters relating to the Constitution of the MMA. In doing so, the committee will study the issue that has been raised or asked, then look into the provisions in the Constitution and finally, provide a clear opinion on the said issue.

Although the committee has not managed to hold any meetings so far for this term due to the pandemic and frequent movement control orders, the committee has been very engaged in online discussions and active in providing input to the MMA Exco and Council as and when required.

Among the issues that have been deliberated at great length by the committee were related to the conduct of the annual general meeting, elections of the office bearers, electoral roll, Internal Dispute Resolution and so forth. The first committee meeting has been scheduled to be held after the deadline for submission of resolutions to amend the Constitution and other resolutions is over.

The committee is looking forward to another historic year where would be able to organize the National MMA AGM and discuss all the amendments and resolutions in a fully virtual format with great success. As much as we want the normalcy of pre-COVID19 times after more than a year of these unprecedented events, the current circumstances have left us with no other option but to move forward with the new normal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members, Exco and Council for their cooperation and support in keeping the committee on track during this challenging period.

Dr Ashok Philip Chairman

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) COMMITTEE



Chairman

Dr Ravindran R Naidu

Members

Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh Dr Liew Boon Seng

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Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam

CPD Staff-in-Charge CPD Staff Assistants

Ms Natasha Ms Ayu Ramli

Ms Ashikin Muktar

Ms Nalini

During this period of COVID-19 Pandemic 2020 – 2021, MMA has conducted numerous Webinars and E-Learning platforms in collaboration with other organisations. Approximately 1,285 webinars and 35 online modules have been organised. For General Practitioners who have difficulties in acquiring CPD points during the

CPD year due to Movement Control Order (MCO), MMA has undertaken the need to make sure several online modules and webinars were made available. Most of these services provided by MMA were free of charge for MMA members and non-members.

#### **CPD Mobile Application**

As of 31st May 2021, the total number of MMA mobile application's users were at 45,900. The MMA mobile application is currently linked with the Ministry of Health's MyCPD system. MMA is in discussion with Academy of Medicine (AMM) to link the MMA CPD System with the AMM CPD system.

#### **Current Issues**

Doctors and CPD providers are in the process of familiarising with the system and there is a need for CPD Providers to submit their application for accreditation in advance. This is to ensure that the CPD events and the points allocation be made aware to all the participants. All providers need to submit the events at least 30 days prior to the CPD activities. The MMA CPD system has so far received 25,309 CPD event applications for accreditation of CPD points from 1st July 2017 to 31st May 2021.

Based on the applications applied, 1,965 have been referred to the MMC CPD Committee due to non-compliance to the MMC CPD grading schedule and the MMC Guidelines. These events were submitted for accreditation by a total of 531 approved CPD providers.

Furthermore, doctors who have attended events overseas or have completed overseas online CPD modules submitted a total of 17,073 applications for accreditation of CPD Points by manual submission via the MMA Mobile Application.

The total number of events submitted to the MMA CPD Committee for review from 1st July 2020 to 31st May 2021 was 13,640 events.

#### The MMA-CPD Committee Meetings

The committee met twice during the term of 2020/2021:

24/10/2020 - Ist CPD Committee Meeting 2020/2021 03/04/2021 - 2nd CPD Committee Meeting 2020/2021

## Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC/CPD

Dr Ravindran R Naidu and Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh have been appointed to Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC/CPD on recommendation by the MMA EXCO / Council, effective 21st March 2020 to 20th March 2022. All the meetings attended were held virtually via Zoom.

#### 1) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 09/2020

It was held on 8th September 2020 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Ayu Ramli (MMA CPD Secretariat).

#### 2) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 10/2020

It was held on 13th October 2020 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

#### 3) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 11/2020

It was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 4) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 12/2020

It was held on 18th December 2020 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 5) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 01/2021

It was held on 12th January 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 6) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 02/2021

It was held on 9th February 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 7) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 03/2021

It was held on 9th March 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

#### 8) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 04/2021

It was held on 13th April 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

#### 9) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 05/2021

It was held on 11th May 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 10) Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Pengurusan MMC CPD Bil 06/2021

It was held on 8th June 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, and Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## Meetings on Integration of IT Systems for CPD

#### I) MMA with MyCPD

This meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and was attended by Mr Vickneshwar (MMA IT Officer), Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat), Ms Ashikin (MMA CPD Secretariat) and Ms Ayu (MMA CPD Secretariat).

# 2) Meeting with the Academy of Medicine Malaysia (AMM) and Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) CPD Points Integration

This meeting was held on 21st February 2021 and was attended by Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, Dr Alan Teh (MMA Computer Technical Committee Chairman), Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (MMA HGS), Mr Vickneshwar (MMA IT Officer), Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat), Ms Ashikin (MMA CPD Secretariat) and Ms Ayu (MMA CPD Secretariat).

## 3) Meeting with MMA Computer Technical Committee to Discuss Integration with AMM

This meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 and was attended by Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam (MMA President), Dr Ravindran R Naidu, Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh, Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (MMA HGS), MMA Computer Technical Committee members, Mr Vickneshwar (MMA IT Officer), Ms Natasha (MMA CPD Secretariat), Ms Ashikin (MMA CPD Secretariat) and Ms Ayu (MMA CPD Secretariat).

The enforcement of the Medical (Amendment) Act 2012 and Medical Regulations 2017 Section 28 (b) by the MMC obligates the application for the renewal of the Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) to be accompanied by evidence of having attained 20 CPD points yearly from 1st July 2019 until 30th June 2020 (referred to as CPD Cycle) to be eligible to apply for APC 2021.

All Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs)must collect CPD points from any one of the following CPD Administrators approved by the Council of the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC):

- A. MyCPD Ministry of Health System; or
- B. Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) for Specialists and Non-Specialists
- C. Academy of Medicine Malaysia (AMM) for Specialists only

CPD points compiled will be used to apply for the APC issued by the MMC. It is the responsibility of all the RMPs to submit evidence of the required 20 CPD points to the MMC Secretariat for their APC application.

#### Malaysian Medical Council Continuous Professional Development (MMC-CPD) Grading System

The first MMC-CPD Grading Schedule for CPD points was approved during the MMC meeting on 21st April 2015 and further revised in May 2016. The CPD points were awarded under 9 categories (A1 to A9). The MMC CPD Grading System was further revised on 4th April 2018 and endorsed by the MMC Council at their meeting on 17th April 2018. Effective 1st July 2020, the MMC CPD Committee has revised the MMC Grading Schedule into 8 categories (A1 - A8) making it more appropriate and effective for all the registered medical practitioners.

# The MMC-CPD Grading System

Category		CPD Activity Description	Credit Points		
A1	Scientific	Meetings/Congress			
	a.	Half day (2-4 hours)	4 points		
	b.	Full day (5-8 hours)	8 points		
	C.	2 full days	16 points		
	d.	3 or more full days	20 points (max)		
A2	Workshops/Courses/Skill Courses including ATLS/				
AZ	CCrISP/CPR/ACLS/ALS/PALS/NRP/MTLS				
	a.	Half day (2-4 hours)	4 points		
	b.	Full day (5-8 hours)	8 points		
	C.	2 full days	16 points		
	d.	3 or more full days	20 points (max)		
A3	Work-based Learning				
	а.	Hospital/department CME	1 point/hr		
	b.	Small group discussion/case conference	1 point/hr		
	C.	Participation in inter-department clinical	1 point/hr		
		meeting / epidemiological review	т ролсуш		
	d.	Journal club meeting	1 point/hr		
	e.	Formal grand ward round	1 point/hr		
	f.	External CME lecture/ topic seminar	1 point/hr		
	g.	Short courses/attachment >1 - 3 months	10 points		
	h.	Short courses/attachment >3 - 6 months	20 points		
	le:	Short courses/attachment >6 months - 1 year	30 points		
A4	Quality Improvement Activities				
	a.	Morbidity and mortality reviews	1 point/hr		
	b.	Audit meetings	1 point/hr		
	c	Participation in accreditation exercise	1 point/hr		
	d.	Participation in quality assurance (QA) activities	1 point/hr		
A5	Scholarly Activities/Training/Presentation				
	a.	Organising chairperson for a recognised Scientific meeting or workshop	5 points		
	b.	Examiner at final undergraduate/postgraduate examination	5 points		
	C.	Trainer/facilitator at a workshop	5 points		
	d.	Plenary /keynote lecture	5 points		
	e.	Presentation of lectures/oral/papers/posters at scientific meetings	5 points		
	f.	Presentation at hospital/departmental meetings and external lecture/topic seminar	5 points		

A6	Scholarly	Scholarly Activities/Research/Publication			
	a.	Principal/Co-Investigator in a clinical	5 points		
		trial/research	3 points		
	b.	Obtained a research grant	5 points		
	C.	Author of an indexed/peer reviewed journal	5 points		
	2	article	5 points		
	d.	Author of a non-indexed/non-peer reviewed	5 points		
		journal article	3 points		
	e.	Author of a textbook/book chapter	5 points		
	f.	Chief Editor of a Journal Editorial Board	5 points		
	g.	Member of a Journal Editorial Board	5 points		
	h.	Reviewer of a peer reviewed journal article	5 points		
	i.	Reviewer of a textbook	5 points		
	j.	Supervisor for postgraduate research project	5 points		
	k.	Reviewer/examiner of research thesis	5 points		
	I.	Preparation of reports/member of reports			
		committee e.g. technical reports, working	5 points		
		papers, guidelines			
	m.	Member of clinical guidelines/consensus	5 points		
		guidelines (national/international)	5 points		
A7	Self-directed Learning				
	a.	Online CME modules	1 point/module		
	b.	Self-study (Relevant books, publications,	1 point/module		
		Journal articles, podcasts etc.)	1 pointy module		
	C.	External lecture/ topic seminar	1 point/hr		
A8	Professional Development				
	a.	Leadership role in medical societies /NGOs	5 points		
	b.	Self-development courses e.g. IT courses,			
		business management, administrative skills,	5 points		
		leadership skills	100		
	C.	Risk management courses e.g. communications,	5 points		
		ethics, medico-legal, patient safety	5 points		
	d.	Participation in community activities	5 points		
	e.	Participation in innovation projects	5 points		
	f.	Public lectures/talks, lectures/talks to	Englets		
		NGO/radio/TV	5 points		

## The Branch CPD Chairpersons / Coordinators are:

Name	Branch
Dr Dato' Singaraveloo s/o Muthusamy	Johor
Dr Nesamani a/p KS Vengadasalam	Kedah
Dr Zainal Aziz bin Bapoo Hashim	Kelantan
Dr Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal	Melaka
Dr Andrew Solamadan	Negeri Sembilan
Dr Yip Kam Hoo	Pahang
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Dr Kirubakaran a/I Malapan	Perak
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Dr Fredie Robinson	Sabah
Dr Soon Su Yang	Sarawak
Dr Keshab Chandran Nair	Selangor
Dr Dayal a/l K V Krishnan	Terengganu
Dr N P Krishnan a/l K V Padmanabha Menon	Wilayah Persekutuan

At this juncture, I would like to make a special mention of my MMA CPD Committee members who have sacrificed so much of their valuable time, effort, and their expertise to scrutinise each event for approval. This I must say is not an easy task. THANK YOU, my dear committee members and your effort is greatly appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MMA Exco, MMA Council, Branch CPD Chairpersons, MMC Council & MMC CPD Committee, all CPD administrators and providers for their tireless contributions and organising the CPD activities for Registered Medical Practitioners to fulfil the requirement of accruing CPD points for their APC renewal. I must record my gratitude to my dedicated CPD staff Ms Natasha, Ms Nalini, Ms Ayu and Ms Ashikin who have made sure that all CPD application requests have been submitted for processing on time, despite doctors verbally abusing them, yet have been responsible for the success of the programme.

Dr Ravindran R Naidu Chairman

#### **CPR COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dr Sugumar Samogam

Members Dr Theyveeka Selvy a/p Rajoo @ Balusamy Radia

Dr Anbalagan Kailasan Prof Dr Kew Seih Teck Dr Ravi Venkatachalam

Dr Thanga Ganapathy all Suprumanian

Secretariat Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor

The MMA CPR Committee for the year had its Ist CPR Committee meeting on 20th December 2020. Considering the current Covid -19 situation, the committee had decided to conduct Online CPR trainings as well as Webinar on CPR for the year 2021. We were to have a physical meeting subsequently in MMA office to assess the logistics and availability of resources in January. However, it failed to materialize because of further restrictions due to the pandemic.

Dr Theyveeka and I attended a webinar on Resuscitation Updates on 19th June 2021. This program was Coorganized by MyRes and UITM. We, on behalf of MMA, had supported the program by promoting the Webinar among the MMA members and received overwhelming participation from the members.

Dr Sugumar Samogam Chairman

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Members Dr Quek Kwang Leng, David

Datuk Dr Arumugam a/I AR Nachiappan

Prof Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan

Ex-Officio Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Secretariat Ms Nur Atikah Mohammad Nashir

The committee did not have any meeting for this term but has been active in advising and providing input to the President on various matters relating to the WMA resolutions.

Dr Ashok Philip Chairman



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## **ACTIVITIES**

1. The MJM published six (6) issues and one (1) special issue in 2020.

Articles received and published between 2015 – 2020

Year	Published
2015	89
2016	99
2017	97
2018	110
2019	126
2020	164

## 2020 Report

Number of submissions received: 238

Issue	Published
January	20
March	24
May	26
July	33
September	30
November	31
TOTAL	164

2. For the period 2018-2020, MJM Editorial Board had four new relatively young members. All new members have been briefed on the roles and responsibilities as Editors. MJM enjoys the status of being listed in the Index Medicus, Scopus and PubMed. The SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) indicator is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the importance or prestige of the journals where the citations come from. The Scimago Hirsch (H) index Index for MJM is 34.

MJM Editorial Board has moved forward and removed many of the bottle necks that were affecting work structure and flow of the peer review process in 2019. Many of these processes have been put in place. The duration of time from submission to knowing the decision of the Editors has been reduced.

3. Starting Ist January 2020, MJM is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September, and November instead of February, April, June, August, October, and December. In addition to these six regular issues, one Special issue (12 articles) were also published during the period 2020-2021. MJM in addition to six regular issues, will be publishing two Supplements in June 2021 and one later part of 2021.

#### 4. Timeliness of Publication and Acceptance Rate

MJM has been able to publish in time all the issues in 2019 and 2020. This is an important criterion for the Quality of the Journal. The acceptance rate was 70.4%.

#### 5. Editorial Board members

All the Editorial Board members have worked very hard during the last one year and sacrificed a lot of their personal time to improve the efficiency of the Journal. By end March 2021, MJM had already enough articles for the May issue. The MJM has decided that for all new submissions starting May 2020, the decision of the Editor will be made within five months of submission of the article. Our target is on the average three months by year end 2021.

#### 6. MJM Case Report Series Journal

Authors have been submitting many Case Reports, thus affecting the citation index of MJM and future indexing of MJM under ISI (International Scientific Indexing). The MJM Editorial Board Members have agreed and approved in the last AGM to the creation of a new journal, specifically for Case Reports (MJM Case Reports). The creation of this new journal will help us in attaining the much-needed ISI.

#### 7. International Advisory Board (IAB)

At the AGM held last year, the International Advisory Board (IAB) for MJM was unanimously approved. The IAB Members have been decided. The first MJM International Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in August 2021.

# 8. Seminar for Authors, Reviewers and Editors of Biomedical Journals from the Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN).

Three seminars were planned to be held in 16 to 18 April 2020, namely, Seminar for Authors of Biomedical Journals from the Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN), MASEAN Seminar for Reviewers and Editors of Biomedical Journals and the International Seminar on Advance Medical Statistics for Researchers from MASEAN. These three Seminars have been postponed due to the recent COVID19

pandemic outbreak. There has been a lot of effort and planning put in, we plan to have it later part of 2021. Reviewers who have reviewed more than five articles in 2020 will be exempted from the Seminar fees.

Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal **Editor in Chief** 



#### MMA ACCIDENT PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman Prof Dr Krishnan Rajam

Members Dr Sanjiv Rampal a/I Lekhraj Rampal

Mej Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale Dr Navin Kumar all Devaraj Dr Ponnarasi Singgatore Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin

Dr Abdul Hanif Khan Bin Yusof Khan

Secretariat Ms Syema Saidu

#### **Committee Meeting:**

The committee had two (2) meetings for the term 2020/2021. The meetings were conducted virtually on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 respectively.

## **Activities by MMA Accident Prevention Committee:**

- I. A pilot project on roadside safety education in the AIMST campus
- 2. Webinars:
  - a. Prevention of Road Accidents and Vehicle Theft
  - b. Road Traffic Injury Prevention: What Doctors Need to Know
  - c. Advocacy for Drowning Prevention
- 3. A pilot project on "Safety Awareness in Public Facilities (SAFE)" was initiated in AIMST campus and Klinik Kesihatan Kuala Muda, Sungai Petani in conjunction with the respective authorities.
- 4. Publication of Prof Dr R Krishnan's articles:
  - A pilot SAFE (Safety in Educational and Health Facilities) project published in the Berita MMA Vol.51
     No.5 for May 2021 edition
  - b. "Opportunities to Improve Road Safety" published in the Sundaily on 20th April 2021

## **Target activities of MMA Accident Prevention Committee for 2022:**

- 1. The committee proposed to conduct webinar on the following topics:
  - a. Water Recreational Injury Seminar, a joint webinar with UPSI
  - b. Advocacy for Child Injury Prevention
  - c. WHO webinar on Enhancing Role of Media in Road Safety a joint program with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Transport, MIROS and Aimst University
- 2. Emergency Kit to provide goody bag for MMA members containing car emergency supplies.

- 3. UPM Safety Day Project.
- 4. CO-ED (Community Education) program:
  - a. DREAM (Drowning Risk Evaluation and Management) project
  - b. RICE (Roadside Community Education) project
  - c. DALAM (Data Lemas Malaysia) project
- 5. There is a planning to change the committee's name from Accident Prevention Committee to Injury Prevention Committee. A resolution will be proposed in the next AGM 2021.

Prof Dr R Krishnan Chairman



#### MMA AIDS / STI'S COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Saravanan A Santhirarajan

Members Dr Rajamohan Annamalai

Dr Punithavathy Shanmuganathan Dr Theyveeka Selvy a/p Rajoo

Dr Yeoh Shiong Oi

Secretariat Ms Muthuletchumi

## I. Committee Meeting

The Committee did not meet for the term 2020/2021.

## 2. Plan of Action (2020/2021)

The Committee had planned to organise a HIV/AIDS Seminar for healthcare professionals in Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with Hospital Kuala Lumpur.

However, the event was put on hold due to the direction from the Ministry of Health to avoid gatherings of any form due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Saravanan A Santhirarajan Chairman

#### MMA BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam

Members Datuk Dr Ganabaskaran all Nadason@Darzin

Dr Koh Kar Chai

Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Dr Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan

Dr Arvindran all Alaga Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan

Dr Sivanaesan all Letchumanan

Dr Vijay a/I Ganasan

#### Meetings held by the committee during this term:

- a) First meeting on 18th December 2020
- b) Second meeting on 20th March 2021

## **Issues discussed by the committee:**

- a) Purchase of new properties During the 60<sup>th</sup> MMA AGM, the House had passed a resolution to give a mandate to the MMA Exco and Council to purchase up to two (2) of the four (4) properties presented at the said AGM, up to a maximum of RM 9 million. The resolution to purchase the new properties was made in accordance with the recommendations made by the MMA's External and Internal Auditors in view of their concern over the MMA's sustainability of income, that is for the MMA to consider having other sources of income rather than depending solely on Fixed Deposit (FD) interest, membership subscription or insurance commission earned. To date, MMA has purchased the following properties in Plaza Sentral (No. 5 Jalan Stesen Sentral 5, 50470 Kuala Lumpur):
  - $\circ$  Unit 3B-11-5 1,915 sq ft = RM 1,845,000 (Freehold)
  - Unit 3B-11-6- 1,915 sq ft = RM 1,845,000 (Freehold)
  - Our Unit 3B-6-3 2,467 sq ft = RM 2.35 million (Freehold)
- b) Vacant units/floor for rent in the MMA Building Currently, MMA has a vacant unit on the whole First Floor. To impress potential tenants and to increase the possibilities of securing the tenants, MMA has ensured that the vacant floor looked presentable and is in good condition. As for the rent collection, the committee has recommended to fix a certain grace period for the tenants to pay their rent and to restrict late payment. It has also been agreed that 50% rental reduction will be given to any potential I st floor tenant if they agree to do the renovations on their own.
- c) Renovation of the Dewan Bunga Raya MMA has recently renovated its Dewan Bunga Raya, and it has also been equipped with much better equipment. Before the renovation took place, Dewan Bunga Raya was in a terrible condition, especially the flooring. It was agreed that besides MMA's own usage, the

newly renovated Dewan Bunga Raya will be rented out to anyone who would like to organize their events/ meetings/ activities, etc.

d) Upgrading the MMA Building – The House had passed a resolution to give a mandate to the MMA Exco and Council to upgrade the whole MMA building, up to a maximum of RM I million. There was a proposal to upgrade the whole building to add more value to the building and give the building a new look by repainting it in different colours. However, due to the current pandemic, the proposal to upgrade the building has been put on hold. For now, MMA has been focusing on inspecting the whole building and identifying all the repair works that need to be done for the building urgently.

# Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam Chairman



#### MMA COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

Chairman Dr Kamalanathan a/l Sappani

Members Dr Peter Gan Kim Soon

Dr Subatra Jayaraj

Dr Gunasagaran a/I N Ramanathan

Secretariat Ms Muthuletchumi

The Committee on the Right To Health (RTH) did not conduct any meeting for this term.

Seminars were planned but had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Committee has thus decided to organise several symposiums at a later date when the Movement Control

Orders are lifted.

Dr Kamalanathan Sappani

Chairman

#### MMA ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



Seated L-R:

Dato' Dr P Vijaya Singham, Datuk Dr N Athimulam, Dato' Dr A Krishnamoorthy

#### Standing L-R:

Ms Jalina Taip (Staff in-charge), Prof Dr G Jayakumar, Dr T Krishnamurthy

Chairman Datuk Dr N Athimulam

Secretary Dato' Dr P Vijaya Singham

Members Dato' Dr A Krishnamoorthy

Prof Dr G Jayakumar Dr T Krishnamurthy

Secretariat Ms Jalina Taip

The MMA Elections Committee met on 6th January 2021 and decided on the schedule for the next election in 2021.

Announcements calling for nominations for the posts of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries were made in the Berita MMA (February issue), MMA Website, and the same contents were sent by email blast on 18th January 2021, 22nd March 2021, 27th April 2021, and 10th June 2021.

The MMA Elections Committee met on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, at the closing date of the nomination and officially opened the nomination box. There was one nomination for the post of President-Elect, two nominations for the post of Honorary General Secretary, one nomination for the post of Honorary General Treasurer and two nominations of the post of Honorary Deputy Secretaries. All the six nomination forms were valid. The posts of President-Elect, Honorary General Treasurer and two for the Honorary Deputy Secretary were unopposed.

The time period for the candidates to withdraw is from 24th June 2021 to 30th June 2021. Manifestos of the candidates for the post of the Honorary General Secretary to be received by 7th July 2021 and will be printed in the Berita MMA, August 2021 issue and sent by email blast to all members.

The elections for the PPS MMA and SCHOMOS MMA committees will be conducted by the Elections Committee on Friday, 10th September 2021 via virtual platform.

E-Voting for the election for the posts of Honorary General Secretary will be conducted on 11th September 2021 between 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Datuk Dr N Athimulam Chairman



#### MMA INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Vasu Pillai all Letchumanan

Members Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam

Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim

Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Dr Koh Kar Chai Dr Arvindran Alaga Dr Ashok Philip

Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan

Secretariat Ms Syema Saidu

Mr Andrew Lu

Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor

The MMA Insurance Committee had conducted a total of two (2) meetings throughout the 2020/2021 term. The meetings were conducted virtually on Saturday, 20th February 2021 and Saturday, 12th June 2021 respectively.

The purposes of these meetings were to discuss an importance of indemnity insurance for medical doctors to protect them in their practice, awareness of claim in obtaining informed consent, improving the number of applications, addressing important issues faced by medical doctors and pertaining to the future of medical indemnity in Malaysia.

The MMA Insurance Committee has endorsed the following firms for the benefit of its members; Medical Protection Society also known as MPS and MEDEFEND by Marsh Insurance Brokers (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.



Picture: Chairman, Dr Vasu Pillai all Letchumanan chairing the MMA Insurance Committee Meeting

#### **MPS**

MMA-MPS Person in Charge: Dr Kevin Ng Wei Shan

MMA-MPS Secretariat: Mr Andrew Lu

MPS had conducted a webinar for all doctors and consultants of University Malaya Medical Centre on 25th August 2020. The purpose of this webinar is to explain medical indemnity, remote consultation, examining the use of telemedicine during the current health crisis and learn how to navigate common issues arising from consent.

MPS had arranged another webinar for all MMA members on 28th September 2020. This webinar was mainly to highlight the telemedicine during Covid-19, medicolegal issues, transmission of Covid and the potential for litigation, consent and disclaimers, and ethical patient management.

A webinar had been conducted for all MMA members on 27th October 2020 which was mainly to talk about medical defence and indemnity in Malaysia, who Medical Protection are, how MPS operate and the services they provide, the difference between indemnity and insurance and what to expect when faced with a claim.

MPS team led by Dr Rob Hendry has conducted an MMA MPS joint meeting on 19th February 2021. It was mainly to discuss on how to improve working relationship with MPS, ways to increase the membership in Malaysia and to propose future plan to grow together with MPS.

Quarterly meeting among the exco members and MPS team had been conducted on 8th August 2020, 20th February 2021 and 12th June 2021 to report the monthly statistics of MPS applications and renewals, discuss the marketing plan to bring in more memberships and address various issues in working together with MPS.

There was no physical meeting, seminar and roadshow been arranged throughout the year 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic situation in Malaysia. Webinar was an ideal way to reach out all MPS members and other doctors to share the information on what MPS can offer and explain the medicolegal trend in Malaysia.



Picture: Zoom meeting between MPS and MMA Insurance Committee members

#### **MEDEFEND**

MMA-MEDEFEND Person in Charge: Dr Arvindran Alaga MMA-MEDEFEND Secretariat: Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor

MEDEFEND under Marsh Insurance Brokers (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (previously was under Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT)) has officially launched their MEDEFEND Takaful during 60th MMA AGM on 26th September 2020. Significant increasing in the number of doctors subscribed to both MEDEFEND indemnity & MEDEFEND Takaful are recorded as of to date.

Marsh has been invited in all MMA Insurance committee virtual meetings during this term and another two separate Zoom meetings between Marsh and MMA has also been arranged to discuss on Service Level Agreement (SLA) between MMA and MDA and the platform collaboration agreement between MMA and Berjaya Sompo Insurance Bhd (BSI).

Both MMA and Marsh have come up with several marketing strategies such as regular e-mail blasts to MMA members, monthly advertisement on MMA's social medias, etc. Facebook and MMA apps and bi-monthly advertisement in the MMA Berita. To widen their marketing strategy, Marsh has appointed the new agency to manage their MEDEFEND Facebook page. Marketing strategy through Facebook is to emphasize more on product knowledge including educating the doctors on benefits, terms and showing example of few case studies. Since physical seminar unable to be conducted due to pandemic situation, a webinar on Risk Management Series C – "Embracing the New Normal" was hosted by Marsh on 28th November 2020 to medical practitioners.



Picture: Zoom meeting between Marsh and MMA Insurance Committee members

MEDEFEND's online portal was made mobile friendly since January 2021 and new application or renewal process can be done via mobile phone either through Android or iPhone. Doctors can now browse MEDEFEND online portal through their mobile phone instead of using computer or PC.

Marsh has launched 2022 MEDEFEND indemnity renewal/application on May 2022 to allow medical practitioner to renew or apply MEDEFEND indemnity earlier for their APC renewal. A 10% COVID-19 Relief discount is being offered for full time private practitioners who renew/apply MEDEFEND indemnity before 31st July 2022.

I am of the opinion that with the professional indemnity insurance in place, the medical doctors will be protected and can practice with confidence knowing that all safety precautions have been observed. By having Medical Protection Society (MPS) and MEDEFEND for the benefit of MMA members are the most valuable contribution to support such coverage across their workforce.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MMA Executive Committee members, my fellow committee members and the secretariat staff for their contribution and support rendered throughout the year.

# Dr Vasu Pillai all Letchumanan Chairman



## MMA VOLUNTEER CORPS (VOC)

Chairman Prof Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan

Members Dr Lee Han Kyun @ Joseph Lee

Dr Thanga Ganapathy all Suprumanian

Dr Theyveeka Selvy a/p Rajoo @ Balusamy Radia

Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Mej Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale Dr Krishna Kumaran a/I A Ramasamy

Secretariat Ms Syema Saidu

This year has been literally a virtual year. The only chance we had to offer physical services was when the MMA VoC sent a list of 30 volunteers to Ministry of Health (MOH) to provide assistance for any frontline work. To-date we are still waiting for the clarion call from the MOH.

Just before the pandemic crisis took a turn for the worse, the floods hit Kelantan. The MMA VoC along with MMA Kelantan have been involved over the years in flood relief work in Kelantan. This year MMA VoC and MMA Kelantan launched the flood food basket relief program on 25.2.2021. The handing over of food baskets was held in the Pejabat Jajahan Tumpat, Kelantan. Of the 100 odd families that were allotted food baskets, 20 turned up in person to collect the food baskets directly. The rest had their food baskets delivered to them at home at relief camps by the district health officers.

The MMA VoC has a strong working relationship with the National Cancer Society of Malaysia (NCSM) and has jointly carried out many screening activities across the country over the years. Together with the NSCM, the MMA VoC this year launched the "Adopt a Patient Campaign" to seek contributions to cater for the needs of travel, housing other expenses during treatment especially for those who need to come to Kuala Lumpur for treatment. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the programme has been shelved temporarily. This will be relaunched as a major project as the need for assistance to Cancer patients and survivors appears to be urgently needed.

Prof Dato' Dr NKS Tharmaseelan Chairman

#### MPSN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim

Members Dr Raveenthiran Rasiah

> Dr Mohd Zailani Mat Hassan Dr Naveen a/l Rajadurai Prof Dr Vivek Ajit Singh

Dr Ang Tze Yeow

Dr Krishnakumar all Marimutho

Datuk Dr Ameen Shaik bin Sehu Mohamed

Ex-officio Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Secretariat Ms Jalina Taip

The past year has been a very quiet for the MPSN Development Committee (formerly the MMA Fee Schedule Committee, name change was approved at the 60th National MMA AGM). The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic causes several lockdowns and restrictions on holding meetings internally as well as with external organisations. Our main activity in the past couple of years was to get the GPs Fees in the 7th Schedule of the PHFSA approved.

The previous Minister of Health of the Pakatan Harapan Government had announced in 2019, that the 7th Schedule will be withdrawn but no action was taken to degazette the Schedule and for the time being the GPs fees in in status quo. The new Minister of Health has not taken any action due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as all the efforts in the Ministry of Health have been focused on containing the pandemic.

## STATUS OF 5TH EDITION OF THE MMA FEE SCHEDULE

One significant activity with regard to the MMA Fee Schedule is renaming it to Medical Procedures and Services Nomenclature and Schedule of Relative Values (MPSN) 5th Edition and the successful launching of the online edition as 2020 Version 1.2 and licensing of this edition to those who want to use it.

Several health care facilities have already purchased the license, and this has contributed to defray some of the costs for the development of the Schedule. MMA IT unit played a significant role in getting this available online together with the assistance of the IT company, which is the IT vendor for MMA.

#### **FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE MPSN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

As I have been heading this committee for nearly a decade, I feel it is time for me step aside to allow a new person to take charge and lead it with a new vision and vigour. It is essential for the next committee to plan and continue the development of the Schedule as the Sixth edition. It is also essential to be inclusive and to bring in representatives from the various speciality societies to be part of the development project.

I have already discussed this with the Honorary General Secretary of MMA, Dr Thirunavukarasu to liaise with the other medical societies and associations to form a united front and hope this will materialise in the next term.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee, Hon. General Secretary, and the Hon General Treasurer of MMA, PPSMMA Exco for their valuable contributions and unstinting support. Special appreciation is due to Ms Jalina, from the MMA Secretariat, who served admirably as the secretary of the Committee this year.

Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim Chairman



#### NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin

Members Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo

Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam Dato' Dr Ronald Stephen, Mccoy Dato' Dr Abdul Hamid Abdul Kadir

Dr Mary Suma Cardosa

Dr Ashok Philip

Dr Ravindran R Naidu

Dr Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim Dr Krishnamurthy Thuraiappah

Dr Rajamohan Annamalai Dr Peter Gan Kim Soon

Project Coordinator Ms Hanizah Hashim

Secretariat Ms Nur Atikah Mohammad Nashir

When the members of the present National Health Policy Committee (NHPC) first met in December 2017, the members agreed that a holistic review of the Malaysian Healthcare System would be its main focus.

The committee sponsored the resolution passed at the 59<sup>th</sup> National MMA AGM (2018/2019) calling for the MMA to resume and reassert its leading role in advocating, partnering and working towards a national health financing and delivery system that addresses the following 4 questions:

- 1) How is the current situation of health care financing and delivery?
- 2) Where are the gaps or developing gaps in financing and delivery?
- 3) What are the optimum desirable and achievable targets for Malaysia?
- 4) When and How should we get there?

Towards this objective, the NHPC has held several meetings, organised consultations, panel discussions and a public forum with selected experts to find answers to these questions. We successfully coordinated the national response to the Astana declaration in mid-2019 with majority of medical organisations being signatories of the Titiwangsa Declaration 2019 calling for strengthened primary care and public health. With hindsight, this call to arms was poignantly pre-pandemic and significant.

It was agreed that an update of the MMA's "Health for All" book that was published and submitted to the Ministry of Health in 1999 is needed, based on reforms for health financing and MMA to assume its professional medical stewardship to propose and lead any needed intervention.

The members have been fully committed towards the completion of this ongoing project tentatively entitled "Towards Achieving Universal Health Care" that tracks progress since the "Health for All" book.

As for this term, although we have not managed to hold any committee meeting so far due to the Movement Control Orders, the Editorial Committee of the NHPC, which is a subcommittee for this special project consisting of Editors; Dato' Dr Abdul Hamid Bin Abdul Kadir, Dato' Dr RS McCoy, Dr Mary Suma Cardosa, Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin, Dr Ashok Philip, Dr Khor Swee Kheng and Project Coordinator; Ms Hanizah Hashim, has held several hybrid meetings and continued to receive submissions of latest chapters. It was agreed that the report should go beyond the 1999 "Health for All" book with the addition of new chapters to address contemporary issues such as Pandemic Preparedness and Digital Health.



Editors at the Editorial Committee Meeting held on 6th April 2021

In view of the uncertain times we live in, the Editors were of the view that the book should not be rushed but for the project to move forward towards completion and that it be done properly. The views of the MMA would be reinforced in particular chapters and it would be the most vital component of the book.

On behalf of members of this esteemed committee, I wish to reaffirm our collective commitment towards ensuring that health is a national priority. There has never been a more challenging time than the post COVID-19 pandemic to bring the changes we need in healthcare. The NHPC appreciates the leadership of the MMA in making health an important political issue.

Last but not least, I would like to convey my special thanks to all the Committee Members, Editors, Authors, MMA Exco/Council, Project Coordinator and MMA Secretariat Staff for their invaluable contributions and continued support.

Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin Chairman

#### PLANTATION HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman Dr Ravindran R Naidu

Members Dr Adlan Suhaimi bin Ahmad

Dr Ng Zhen Ian

Dr Saravana Kumar a/I Subramaniam

Secretariat Ms Nur Aishah

The committee did not have any meeting due to the pandemic and frequent movement control order (MCO) for this term but has been active in providing input to the Estate Hospital Assistants Board and actively collaborate with the Plantation Paramedic Association Malaysia (formerly known as the Estate Hospital Assistants Association - EHA).

The Committee had been planning to conduct a seminar "A Walk Through Survey" in Johor Bahru to continue a medical education and career advancement including the upgrading of skills and knowledge of the Estate Hospital Assistants (EHAs), Plantation Managers and Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) as part of our social responsibility and service to the community. The seminar had to be postponed due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

The Committee has looked into some of the problems high-lighted by the Plantation Sector and is working with other agencies to address these problems. We continue taking the initiative to compile as many materials involved in the plantation or agriculture health issues for easy references in the future. We would like to see the plantation health care delivery as an integrated part of the National Health Services.

Dr Ravindran R Naidu Chairman

## REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

#### BALAI IKHTISAS MALAYSIA (BIM)

#### (I) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020/2021

President Ar. Abu Zarim Abu Bakar (PAM)
Deputy President Dr. Wilmot Sasindran Dass (VAM)
Vice-Presidents Assoc Prof Dr Juan Joon Ching (IKM)

Ts Hj Mohd Nasir Bin Alias (CILTM)

Honorary Secretary Dr. Wan Rashidah binti W Ab. Kadir (MSSS)

Honorary Treasurer Ir. Gunasagaran Kristnan (IEM)
Ordinary Member Mr Wong Khing Yip (CIOBM)

Sr Lim Kok Sang (RISM)
Dr Rosazlin Abdullah (MSSS)
Mr Lam Kai Kun (MPS)
Dr Chee Liung Wun (VAM)

Immediate Past Presidents Mr John C.P. Chang (MPS

Sr Lim Kok Sang (RISM)

Dr Rosazlin Abdullah (MSSS)

Mr Lam Kai Kun (MPS)

Dr Chee Liung Wun (VAM)

Mr John C.P. Chang (MPS

### (2) **DATE OF MEETINGS for 2020 & 2021**

All meetings for 2020 were conducted virtually.

EXCO MEETINGS			
2020	8 September, 6 October, 10 November, 8 December		
2021	12 January, 2 February, 9 February, 9 March, 6 April, 28 April, 9 June, 24 November		

#### (3) ACTIVITIES OF BIM FOR 2020/2021

#### I. Presidential Advisory Council

The committee successfully conducted a meeting with the Past President on 13 January 2021, through a zoom meeting, the meeting was attended by PP Mr John Chang, Dato Sr John Loh, Datuk Vellayan.

#### II. Corporate Affairs

The committee had organised:

(a) Talk on Recovery Plan – Post MCO, Thursday, 13th August 2020, 10.30 am at Malakoff Auditorium, Wisma IEM, Petaling Jaya, the event was well attended by 40 participants from various professionals. The program started with welcome address by President Ar Abu Zarim

## REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Abu Bakar to all members. The speaker Puan Wahida Abdul Rahman, Director of Business Services and Regional Operations Division, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) was invited to deliver her talk on Recovery Plan – Post MCO due to the Covid 19 pandemic that is plagued in Malaysia to date.

There were presentations by 4 panelists from various sector including:

I. Medical & Healthcare

Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Azmi bin Mohd Lila, President Elect, Veterinary Association Malaysia (VAM)

Engineering, Construction & Property
 Datuk Ar Ezumi Harzani bin Ismail,
 President of Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM)

3. Pure & Applied Science
Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr Juan Joon Ching, Honorary Secretary, Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM)

4. Accounting, Business, Commerce, Legal and Social
Dato' Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek, International President of The Chartered Institute of
Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILT-M)

It was followed by Q & A Session. There was satisfactory response to the many questions fielded from the floor. The event ended with the organizers giving souvenirs to the Speakers as a token of appreciation.

(b) On-Line Talk on The Role of Malaysia Bioeconomy Corp in Supporting the SMEs in Current Economic Scenario, in conjunction with PAC meeting on 13 Jan 2021, delivered by Dr Harcharan Singh of Malaysia Bioeconomy Corp.

#### III. Training

The committee in a collaboration with Teknoputra Division, Universiti Kuala Lumpur organized a Digital Retailing & Digital Marketing Training Programme which covered the topic on digitalization and how to conduct business online, especially needed in this new normal of Covid 19. The training was held in two sessions:

- (a) Business Start Up for Entrepreneur, the Istsession which is fully sponsored by BIM is fixed for 6 & 7 March 2021.
- (b) Business Accelerator Program, the second session will be a follow up session; the 2<sup>nd</sup> session, on which the participants to pay 50% and 50% of the fee is to be sponsored by BIM is fixed for 20 & 21 March 2021.

## REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

#### IV. Youth

The committee had organised a Webinar session on "Youth Sustainability Leadership Webinar" by involving the youth among the universities on 3 March 2021, with the objectives:

- (i) To spread awareness on environmental change among youth;
- (ii) To encourage more youth to participate in environmental conservation efforts;
- (iii) To provide a platform for engagement with youth audience from different professional sector.

Moderator: Environmental Management Club UM

Panel : UM Medical Society

Permatani Persatuan Mahasiwa Fakulti Pertanian, UPM

Persatuan Mahasiswa Fakulti Sains dan Teknologi (PMFST), UKM

Persatuan Kejuruteraan Awam UTM

Poison Centre, USM

#### V. Gender Committee

The committee organized the Green issue for this term of 2020/21. Upon approval by the Exco, the committee has opted for the CSR programme, whereby BIM sponsored the sum of RM5,000.00, which come along with the tree planting activities, which was successfully organized on Satuday, 10 April 2021, the number of participants were limited due to the SOP of the Movement Control Order. Nevertheless, the event was attended by 20 participants from the members of the Exco, and BOM along with some members of the Member of Institutions.

## VI. Loans for Students in Tertiary Institutions

The board has advised representatives to identify candidates in tertiary institutions needy of financial assistance. An amount up to RM 10,000 is available to each student.

Dr Gunasagaran a/I N Ramanathan MMA Representative

# CONFEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS IN MALAYSIA (COSTAM)

### **MEETING REPORT:**

NAME(s)	Dr Koh Kar Chai, Dr Yeap Gim Ean
DATE	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
LOCATION	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
TITLE	COSTAM 1st EXCO Meeting

## **Purpose/ Objective of the Meeting:**

Getting to know all the current EXCO line-ups for the year.

The meeting was hosted by Stephen Wong KS. There was a total of 13 participants. Dr Koh and I are from MMA. Other participants are Stephen Wong (host), Aaziz Mat, Tan Boon Kong, Dato Dr Yew, Leo Ann Mean, Ruslan Hassan, Vellayan Subramaniam, Wee Hui Bieh, Chew fan Chong, Dr Mansor and Thong Meow Keong.

Everyone Is happy that the virtual meeting runs smoothly. It will be the mode of meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Summary of the Meeting:

The objectives were met despite of the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected travelling and meeting up. The virtual mode of meeting will be continued during the pandemic. It was good to know other Excos in the meeting.

Dr Yeap Gim Ean MMA Representative

# EHA REGISTRATION BOARD, MINISTRY OF HEALTH (LEMBAGA PEMBANTU HOSPITAL ESTET)

EHA Registration Board, Ministry of Health held one virtual meeting for the term 2020/2021 on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The discussion was on the function of the board, structured training for Estate Hospital Assistants (EHAs), estate clinic monitoring audit, to introduce wearing of uniform and badges for all EHAs and Medical Assistants, management and operation of clinical waste and also proposing an Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) be introduced for EHAs following the Sabah Medical Department's (JKNS) effort of having introduced an Annual Practicing Certificate for EHAs and MAs working in the Plantation Sector in Sabah. It has been a great success in Sabah.



We had a serious discussion with the Plantations Paramedic Association Malaysia to write a letter to YBhg Dato' Dr Norhizan Ismail (Deputy Director General of Health Malaysia) to urge them to be more effective and assertive in resolving issues raised in the past few meetings.

This is to ensure maintaining good standards in patient care with improvements and changes to the Estate Hospital Assistants in the future. All parties need to share responsibility in ensuring that we can provide the best services to the Estate community.

Once again thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as MMA representative to EHA Registration Board, MOH.

Dr Ravindran R Naidu MMA Representative

## LEMBAGA RACUN

The Poisons Board or Lembaga Racun of the Ministry of Health meets to determine the classification of drugs that have been approved for use in Malaysia. Generally, it makes decisions on whether a drug should be prescription only, or allowed to be sold by a pharmacist or over the counter.

The current representative to the Lembaga Racun from MMA is Dr Ashok Philip. His appointment will run until November 2023.

The Board usually meets twice a year – in June and November. A meeting was held online in November 2020, and another is scheduled for June 2021. Membership of this board is valuable in bringing forward the views of doctors on the classification of drugs.

Dr Ashok Philip MMA Representative



## MALAYSIAN RESUSCITATION ASSOCIATION (MRA)

I had attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of MyRES (Malaysian Resuscitation Association) as representative of MMA (in his capacity as MMA CPR Committee Chairman) on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020, which was held via online meeting. The AGM was Chaired by Dr Sabariah Faizah, who is the Chairperson and Head of Emergency Department Hospital Sungai Buloh. The AGM was attended by Emergency Physicians and other Drs from throughout Malaysia. During the AGM, Dr Theyveeka Selvy was elected as the Secretary, and I was elected as an Executive Council Member for the year 2020-22.

Subsequently, Dr Theyveeka and I also attended a Webinar on Resuscitation Updates on 19 June 2021. This program was Co-organized by MyRes and UITM. We, on behalf of MMA had supported the program by promoting the Webinar among the MMA members and received overwhelming participation from the members.

# Dr Sugumar Samogam MMA Representative



## MALAYSIAN SERVICE PROVIDERS CONFEDERATION (MSPC)

MSPC had meetings both physical and virtual during the year 2021. It was decided to have an export accelerated mission to Myanmar sometime in 2021. A dry run was held virtually in January 2021. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trip was postponed. MSPC Annual General Meeting was held in March 2021. MMA representative to MSPC, Datin Dr Jayanthi Krishnan was elected to the Council as a Council member, and also as its Treasurer.

The 36<sup>th</sup> MSPC General Council Meeting was held virtually on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Activities of MSPC were presented - consisting of the Annual General Meeting, Myanmar Engineering Council virtual meeting, and breakfast talk. At this meeting, the MMA representative who is the Treasurer of the MSPC Council, was appointed as the Chairperson for the Finance Committee.

Datin Dr Jayanthi Krishnan MMA Representative



## ST JOHN AMBULANCE OF MALAYSIA (SJAM)

## Report on Virtual AGM of St John Ambulance of Malaysia:

The 29th SJAM AGM was held on 8th May 2021 at 10.30 a.m. virtually. The AGM began with a welcome speech from the Chairman, Dato' Lai See Meng. He addressed the members and briefed about the performance and achievements of SJAM during 2019 & 2020.

Following the Chairman's speech, Honorable Health Minister, YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham bin Baba, Deputy President SJAM, who was the Guest of Honour, officiated the 29th AGM.

Apart from reviewing the minutes and financial report from the years 2019 and 2020, a special mention for SJAM's achievement on "DIY" PPE which were distributed to the local hospitals. In the same year 2020, SJAM managed to collect 11,000 bags during blood donation campaigns.

There was a voting process and elected candidates for the post of the honorary Secretary General, Honorary General Treasurer and Exco positions.

The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) thanked SJAM for inviting us to the 29th SJAM AGM and for their service in carrying out their duties, protecting the Rakyat and for keeping cities and towns safe by producing "DIY" PPE during these difficult times. MMA also requested SJAM to extend this noble service to smaller cities/ towns/ rural areas as well with the help of SJAM state and area commanders.

MMA will continue to support SJAM's service to the mankind and advise all the members to adhere, observe the Ministry of Health (MOH)'s guidelines and stay well informed by verifying news. SJAM can also contact MMA if there is any doubt, we will try to provide the latest information obtained from the MOH.

With all the items on agenda being transacted, the Chairman thanked the members for making it convenient to attend the AGM and also thanked them for their active participation in the AGM.

Thereafter, the Chairman declared the meeting as concluded. The AGM adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

Prof Dato' Dr Shankar Sayapathi MMA Representative

## PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS SECTION MMA (PPSMMA)

The following were elected to the PPSMMA Exco at the 39th Annual General Meeting of the PPS held at MMA House, on 25/09/2020:

Chairman Dr Sivanaesan a/l Letchumanan Vice-Chairman Dr Balachandran a/l S Krishnan

Honorary Secretary Dr Teo Beng Ho, John

Honorary Treasurer Dr Gunalan a/l Palari @ Arumugam Palari

Honorary Assistant Secretaries Dr Attell all Gladstone Pereira

Dr Noriha bt AB Ghani

## The following persons were the PPS State Chairman:

Johor Dr Guruparan all S Rajalingam
Kedah Dr J Rajan all A Kochitty John

Kelantan Dr Seri Buana Zainudin

Melaka Datuk Dr Pandurangan all Subramaniam

Negeri Sembilan Dr Ravindran Ramasamy

Pahang Dr Prem Kumar all Gopakumaran Nair

Penang Dr Kulwaran Singh all Daulat S
Perak Mej Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale

Perlis Dr Chew Shi Wei
Sabah Dr Teo Beng Ho, John
Sarawak Dr Liew Shan Fap

Selangor Dr Muhammad Gowdh Muhammed Jaffar

Terengganu Dato' Dr Syed Mohammad Salleh bin Syed Yusof Alzawawi

Wilayah Persekutuan Dr Eratha Krishnan

MMA Secretariat Ms Amalina Yusoff

### **MEETINGS HELD**

Up to the writing of this report, two PPS Exco Meetings and one National Working Committee (NWC) Meetings were held.

PPS EXCO MEETING	ATTENDANCE
Dr Sivanaesan a/l Letchumanan	2/2
Dr Balachandran a/I S Krishnan	2/2
Dr Teo Beng Ho, John	1/2
Dr Gunalan a/l Palari @ Arumugam Palari	2/2
Dr Noriha bt Ab Ghani	2/2
Dr Attell a/I Gladstone Pereira	2/2

NWC MEETING	ATTENDANCE
Dr Sivanaesan Letchumanan	1/1
Dr Balachandran A/L S Krishnan	1/1
Dr Teo Beng Ho, John	1/1
Dr Gunalan A/L Palari @ Arumugam Palari	1/1
Dr Noriha Bt Ab Ghani	1/1
Dr Attell A/L Gladstone Pereira	1/1

## PPSMMA EXCO & NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MEETING	PPSMMA EXCO	PPSMMA NWC
Ist Meeting	01/11/2020	05/12/2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting	24/04/2021	18/07/2021
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting	18/07/2021	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	To Be Confirmed	-

## THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS (TPAs / MCOs)

Medical Practice Division of the Ministry of Health (MOH) acknowledged that long term solution on this issue is the Managed Care Bill. MMA is currently represented in the National Managed Care Committee, Managed Care Sub-Committee on Registration and Managed Care Sub-Committee on Legislation.

MMA has chaired 13 meetings with the TPAs since September 2015.

The MMA-TPA/MCO Engagement is based on 6 principles below:

- Focusing on interest and welfare of patients
- MCO Guidelines
- MMC Code of Professional Conduct
- Private Healthcare Facilities & Services Act (13th fee Schedule, RM30-RM125)
- Good Business Practice
- Good Medical Practice

Medical Practice Division has issued a letter in November 2015 to AIA stating: "We would like to verify that the consultation fee for General Practitioner is RM30-RM125. This will be amended in the 7th Schedule together with the procedures fees soon"

PPSMMA based on the advice from our MMA Fee Schedule Committee Chairman, Dr Mohamed Namazie, has proposed the consultation fees to be as follows:

Simple Consultation : RM30-RM50 Intermediate Consultation : RM51-RM80 Complex Consultation : RM81-RM125

Currently TPAs are not regulated but only required to notify the Medical Practice Division, MOH, and they are required to send certain data to the MOH on a periodic basis. They are also not required to register with Bank

Negara to operate. Act 586 (Section 82 and Section 83) gives ample power for the MOH to act against the TPAs and Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) who do not comply with the PHFSA. There is a provision for penalty in the Act but no regulations on MCO. MMA has been pushing for MCO Regulations since there is none since the Act was enforced in 2006.

Issues that we have brought up were on:

### A. Work Process in Clinic

- Registration (Easier method in patient registration, verification process, patient coverage)
- Submission (Standard data field to reduce errors that may result in 10-12% in loss of income due to rejections in claims and having to handle various systems. High turnover of staffs has also caused challenges in having to keep teaching the new joining staffs the same thing again and again)
- o Payments (To be made within the stipulated time, late payment penalty for TPAs)

## **B. Service Contracts and Agreements**

o Current agreements are lopsided and do not protect the interest of patients and RMPs. To comply with the principles of engagement and to mutually agree, and for Bahagian AMALAN to vet through the agreement before signing. Even though there will be a challenge for a common agreement but mutually 'agreed for' clauses to be inserted to protect the interest of the patients and RMPs.

### C. Consultation Fees - The breakdown of the fees is as below:

- Simple Consultation: RM 30.00 RM 50.00 (less than 10 minutes is spent with the patient)
- o Intermediate Consultation: RM 51.00 RM 80.00 (less than 20 minutes is spent with the patient)
- o Complex Consultation: RM 81.00 RM 125.00 (more than 20 minutes spent with the patient)

The consultation rate will be tied to 153 commonly used diagnosis. This has been agreed by all TPAs.

## **D. Medicine Prices**

- Standardized medicine prices. Proposed a 30% mark up for generic and 18% for patent drugs from the agreed wholesaler's price, except for AIA who only agreed a markup of 15% up to 18% but not fixed at 18% on the patent drugs.
- Medicine prices will be reviewed from time to time (a decision will be made on the duration).
- Both parties agreed that medicine price will be the recommended retail price that the MOH is planning to implement.

## **E. Selection of Clinics**

o Transparency in the selection criteria of General Practice (GP) clinics as service provider.

### F. Grievance Mechanism

- Committee consists of two representatives from MMA, one each from FPMPAM, MPCAM & PERDIM and I each from AIA, PM CARE, RED ALERT, ASP and PCS Rakyat.
- This committee will address various issues which are brought up by GPs and TPAs.
- The committee has been set up with draft TOR.

The current contracts on Service & Terminal Agreements will also be reviewed and the interest of all the concerned parties to be protected.

The lawyer also went through the PMCare agreement on subscription and annual fees.

PPSMMA has also helped many members who had issues on outstanding debts with TPAs.

## G. Malaysian Medical Council has also issued a letter on:

- Fee Splitting
- o Patient Doctor Confidentiality-Consent

## The following circular has been issued:

- Perjanjian Antara Pemegang Perakuan Pendaftaran & Pemegang Lesen Kemudahan & Pekhidmatan Jagaan Kesihatan Swasta Dengan Organisasi Jagaan Yang Diurus.
- Pematuhan Kepada Akta Kemudahan & Perkhidmatan Jagaan Kesihatan Swasta 1998 (Akta 586) Bagi Kontrak
   Antara Pemegang & Perkhidmatan Jagaan Kesihatan Swasta Dengan Organisasi Jagaan yang Diurus.

## **Latest Updates:**

The Ministry of Health has agreed on the principle for the deregulation and MOH need to prepare some paperwork on this matter to be presented to the cabinet.

## **FOMEMA**

MMA had a follow up meeting which was chaired by YBhg Dato' Seri Chen Chaw Min, Secretary General of Health on the 5/12/2018. The policy maker is Bahagian Kawalan Penyakit (BKP), MOH. FOMEMA just implemented what is required as per the concessionaire. Hence, it is prudent to address most of the issues directly with BKP, MOH.

Issues of concern brought up by the MMA:

## A. To Increase Foreign worker screening fees for General Practitioners.

Agreed in principle of the proposal by MMA and other medical associations. Ongoing discussion between the MOH and UKAS. To have a definitive answer after the General Election (GE) 14. The following was proposed in 2017 to UKAS and MOH. The issue is still being deliberated.

Proposed Foreign Workers screening fees:

	MALE (RM)	FEMALE (RM)
FW Medical Screening	172	175
Chest X-Ray	50	50
Total	222	225

Breakdown of the Proposal for Medical Screening:

	MALE (RM)	FEMALE (RM)
History/Physical Examination	125	125
Blood Taking (Venesection)	30	30
Administrative Fees	7	7
Consumables	13	10
Total	222	225

# B. FOMEMA Screening and X-Ray to be allocated solely to the General Practitioners (GPs) and the statistics to be made published.

Agreed that the priority will be given to the GP Clinics and GP Clinics with X-Ray facilities. Statistics will also be made available.

## C. Transparency in the allotment of Labs and X-Ray Centres.

Laboratories should provide the consumables like the vacutainers and blood sample tubes without any cost. Bahagian Kawalan Penyakit took note of it. To inform the MOH and FOMEMA if the labs are not providing the above and compromise services.

## D. Monopoly and High Cost of Digital Chest X-ray Transmission Services.

YBhg. Dato' Seri Dr Chen Chaw Min informed that Salinee has written to the MOH stating that they are willing to match the offer by the proposed MMA vendor. The Salinee system will provide the software for free and RM 2.50 per transmission. Waiting for an official letter from Salinee Healthcare System and MOH.

### E. Freezing of new panel clinic.

FOMEMA has opened for new clinics to be providers.

### **Current Status:**

FOMEMA has a new format on how they will distribute their staff. Previously each clinic will be given 500 workers for examination. With the latest format, FOMEMA will distributing 100 patients per quarter.

## **FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

The GP Consultation Fees to be based on the 13<sup>th</sup> Fee Schedule that is RM 30-RM 125, which will be amended in the 7<sup>th</sup> Fee Schedule together with procedures fees.

PPSMMA proposed the following fees based on the advice from Dr Mohamed Namazie, Chairman of MMA Fee Schedule Committee:

Simple Consultation : RM30-RM50
Intermediate Consultation : RM51-RM80
Complex Consultation : RM81-RM125

#### **Current status:**

The MMA had a meeting with MOH and was informed that the fee schedule will be implemented with the medicine price control.

## PRIVATE SPECIALIST AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The committee is headed by Dr Vasu Pillai a/I Letchumanan, Hepato-Biliary Surgeon in the private sector. Issues being deliberated:

- o Lop sided agreement with Private Hospitals
- o Issues with Insurers/TPAs and Specialist
- Fee Splitting in the contracts.
- o Grievance Mechanism Committee

Currently, PPSMMA has chaired two (2) meetings with TPAs to discuss on the issues faced by them from the administrative part and Private Specialist issues in receiving Guarantee Letter (GL).

PPSMMA has written to MOH on the Clinical Issues between Private Specialists' and MCO/TPAs regarding the request for a formation of Grievance Mechanism Committee with the supervision of AMALAN, MOH. PPSMMA will be asking the same support letter from LIAM and PIAM as a combined effort for more a fruitful result/meeting.

List of letters sent out on Private Specialist Issues:

NO	DATE	SUBJECT	ADDRESS
l.	19.12.2018	Private Hospital Agreement	Tuan Haji Nasiruddin Bin Harun, PIC of KPJ Taiping Medical Centre
2.	27.02.2018	Private Hospital Agreement	Tuan Haji Ahmad Nasiruddin bin Harun, PIC of KPJ Taiping Medical Centre
3.	27.02.2018	Disposal of Work Without a Strong Reason	Dr Mohamed Kamal Mohamed Hisa, Medical Director, Columbia Asia Hospital
4.	08.03.2018	Contract Between Specialist and Private Hospitals	Dato Dr Jacob Thomas, President of Association of Private Hospitals of Malaysia
5.	08.03.2018	Contracts between Specialist and Private Hospitals	Dr Ahmad Razid Bin Salleh, Director of Medical Practice Division
6.	08.03.2018	Contracts between Specialist and Private Hospitals	Dr Muhamad Yazuran Sallij Muhd Yasin, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Malaysian Medical Council (MMC)
7.	15.03.2018	Hospital Contract Issues	Ms Nancy Tan, Executive Secretary, Life Insurance Association of Malaysia (LIAM)
8.	15.03.2018	Hospital Contract Issues	Dato 'Sri Mohamed Hassan Kamil, Group Chief Executive Officer, Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad
9.	15.03.2018	Private Hospital Agreements	Mr Muhammad Bin Ibrahim, Governor & Chairman, Bank Negara Malaysia

10.	02.05.2018	Private Hospital Agreement	Dr Ahmad Razid Bin Salleh, Director, Medical	
			Practice Division	
11.	30.05.2018	Request for Grievance Mechanism	YBhg. Datuk Dr Jeyaindran Tan Sri Sinnadurai,	
			Deputy Director General of Health	
12.	30.05.2018	Disposal of work without a strong	Columbia Asia Hospital	
		Reason		
13.	30.05.2018	Issuance of Circular for Private	YBhg. Datuk Dr Noor Hisham bin Abdullah,	
		Specialist	Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia	
14.	12.02.2020	Clinical Issues Related to Private	Dr Ahmad Razid Bin Salleh, Director of	
		Specialist & MCO/TPA	Medical Practice Division	
15.	13.02.2020	Clinical Issues Between Private	YBhg Datuk Dr Hj Rohaizat Hj Yon, Timbalan	
		Specialist MCO/TPA	Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan (Perubatan)	
16.	15.02.2020	TPA/MCO Interfering in Clinical	Dr Ahmad Razid Bin Salleh, Director of	
		Decision of Patient	Medical Practice Division	

## **PPS-IHEED**

MMA has developed a strong partnership with IHeed in enhancing the postgraduate medical education programmes and qualifications that may be of value to MMA members, GPs and other doctors. Following are the programmes offered by Iheed:

- 1) Postgraduate Diploma
- 2) Master of Science in Diabetes Care.

Both programmes are accredited by the University of Warwick.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

PPS MMA is heavily involved in all aspects of pandemic control from collaborating with MOH, other agencies and public. Notable activities were organising Covid-19 Swab training for GPs, coordinating front liners GP and staff COVID-19 vaccination roll out, supply of PPEs to GPs, donation efforts to MOH, assisting with home monitoring of COVID-19 patients and many more. It has been an extremely challenging year for all and hopefully all PPSMMA efforts have and will continue to save lives and aid in ending COVID-19.

## **CONCLUSION**

PPSMMA Exco and NWC members have worked as a team and received very good support from MMA Exco led by President, Prof Dato' Dr Subramaniam Muniandy, Immediate Past President, Datuk Dr N Ganabaskaran and Honorary General Secretary, Dr Thirunavakarasu Rajoo. The PPS team including the PPS NWC members were able to communicate directly with the MMA Exco members, thus reducing bureaucratic processes. Many members have also expressed their satisfaction as they were able to communicate directly and PPSMMA as a team was able to reach out and solve several issues pertaining to payment by MCOs/TPAs and Business Licensing for GP clinics. As more clinics are generating their income with cashless patients, we are focused in resolving the long-standing issues faced with MCOs/TPAs.

PPSMMA will continue to engage members and non-members via various platforms including the social media to address various issues faced by the fraternity for short-term and long-term solutions.

# PPSMMA Meeting Schedule Term 2020/2021:

NO	DATE	MEETING
1	04.10.2020	1st MMA Council Meeting
2	01.11.2020	1st PPS Exco Meeting
3	05.12.2020	Ist MMA Exco Meeting
4	05.12.2020	Ist PPS NWC Meeting
5	22.01.2021	Expert Health & Science Advisory Group
6	26.01.2021	LIAM & PIAM Meeting
7	10.02.2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> MMA Council Meeting
8	18.02.2021	MCPG- Collaboration Meeting
9	19.02.2021	Joint Meeting: MPS / MMA
10	25.02.2021	MMA - iheed video meeting - 2021 programmes
11	28.02.2021	Meeting with RENG Academy
12	02.03.2021	Meeting with Minister of Health
13	04.03.2021	Mesyuarat MADRAC Ke 177 Secara Teleconference
14	20.03.2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> MMA Exco Meeting
15	23.03.2021	Meeting with RENG Academy
16	27.03.2021	Meeting with PERDIM
17	21.04.2021	Mesyuarat Penyelarasan Semula Borang Pemeriksaan Kesihatan Vokasional (JPJL8) Bagi
		Permohonan Pembaharuan Lesen Memandu Vokasional
18	22.04.2021	Meeting With BPKK KKM on Covid-19 Home Monitoring Programme
19	24.04.2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> PPS Exco Meeting
20	25.04.2021	3rd MMA Council Meeting
21	21.05.2021	MMA Medical Congress 2021
22	22.05.2021	MMA Medical Congress 2021
23	23.05.2021	MMA Medical Congress 2021
24	25.05.2021	Emergency MMA Exco Meeting
25	20.06.2021	3rd MMA Exco Meeting
26	18.07.2021	3rd PPS Exco Meeting
27	18.07.2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> PPS NWC Meeting

Dr Teo Beng Ho, John Honorary Secretary

# SECTION CONCERNING HOUSE OFFICERS, MEDICAL OFFICERS AND SPECIALISTS (SCHOMOS)



#### Ist Row L - R:

Dr. Timothy Cheng, Ms. Rafikah Nordin (SCHOMOS Secretariat), Dr. Velkanthan Muniandy, Dr. Vijay Ganasan, Dr. Vasu Pillai (MMA Hon Gen Treasurer)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Row L - R:

Dr. John Emmanuel, Dr. Harivinthan, Dr. Mohd Zurairie, Dr. Sivabala, Dr. Divagar

## 3rd Row L - R:

Dr. Sentil, Dr. Arvindran (MMA Hon. Dep Secretary), Dr. June Lau, Dr. Leonard Goh, Dr. Ahmad Filza,

## 4th Row L - R:

Dr. Nor Azlina (SCHOMOS Pahang REP), Dr. Mohamad Shariman, Dr. Merlinda Shazellenne

### Not in picture

Dr. Sivasubramniam, Dr. Kartik, Dr. Faisal Norizan, Dr Umairah, Dr Izzatul Nadzirah

## (I) SCHOMOS OFFICE BEARERS 2020/2021

Chairman Dr Vijay a/l Ganasan
Vice Chairman Dr Sentilnathan Subramaniam
Honorary Secretary Mej (B) Dr Ahmad Filza Ismail
Honorary Treasurer Dr Velkanthan Muniandy
Honorary Assistant Secretary Dr June Lau Fei Wen
Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam

## (2) STATE SCHOMOS CHAIRMAN (2020/2021)

Perlis Dr Umairah Norazman Kedah Dr Izzatul Nadzirah Ismail Penang Dr Divagar Varatha Raju

Perak Dr John Emmanuel Gilbert Fernandez

Selangor Dr June Lau Fei Wen

Wilayah Persekutuan Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien

Negeri Sembilan Dr Merlinda Shazellenne James Pillai Melaka Dr Muhamad Shahriman Muhamad Shari

Johor Dr Faisal Norizan

Pahang Dr Sivasubramaniam Balakrishnan
Terengganu Dr Kartik Kaliyana Sundaram
Kelantan Dr Mohd Zurairie bin Mohd Zubir

Sabah Dr Harivinthan Sellappan
Sarawak Dr Goh Zhong Ning, Leonard

## (3) SCHOMOS ACTIVITIES

It is an interesting and full of uncertainty year since the new Exco took over the office. The journey has started with the virtual (or hybrid) SCHOMOS AGM held on 25th September 2020, then all the Exco members were elected unopposed, showing our solidarity and unity for our doctors. With the new norm in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and movement control order in-situ for months (surpassed the second year from 18th March 2020), there were restriction in doing our activities, thus we have to go virtual for seminars and meetings.

## 3.1 EXCO Meetings

SCHOMOS EXCO met 2 times in 2020, and once in 2021. The date for 4th Exco meeting yet to be determined. Below are the EXCO meeting dates:

EXCO Meeting Dates		
Meeting	Date	
Ist EXCO Meeting	MMA House, KL & Online via zoom	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
2 <sup>nd</sup> EXCO Meeting	MMA House, KL & Online via zoom	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
3 <sup>rd</sup> EXCO Meeting	MMA House, KL & Online via zoom	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
4th EXCO Meeting	TBA	TBA

## 3.2 National Working Committee (NWC) Meetings

The NWC which comprises the Exco and state SCHOMOS chairpersons met twice thus far and one more meeting was planned for this year before the National AGM. The dates of the NWC meetings are as listed below.

NWC Meeting Dates			
Meeting Venue Date			
Ist NWC Meeting	Online via zoom	31st October 2020	
2nd NWC Meeting	Online via Microsoft Teams	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	
3rd NWC Meeting	TBA	TBA	

## 3.3 Other meetings attended by Exco members:

- a) Until 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, Exco members have attended 43 meetings in total. For information, SCHOMOS Chairman is also an MMA Exco member, thus he has to attend the MMA Exco and Council meeting too.
- b) We have three representatives in the Majlis Bersama Kebangsaan Pengurusan dan Profesional (MBK P&P), one seat more than previous years, with Dr Arvindran was elected as Deputy Chairman to MBK.
- c) Meeting with Ministry of Health We managed to meet Datuk Dr Rohaizat, the then Deputy Director General (Medical) twice to discuss various issues regarding our doctors from the welfare of contract doctors to the issue of retaining senior specialist and their promotion. The other party that we met from MOH was Bahagian Sumber Manusia (BSM) to discuss issues on promotion, permanent post selection and housemanship.
- d) We managed to have an official meeting with the Prime Minister's Office following our letter to the Prime Minister regarding the issues of welfare of doctors especially issue on contract medical officer.
- e) There were also meetings with several companies to grab them as corporate partners.
- f) Meetings with SMMAMS (Society of MMA Medical Students) were held to discuss on membership and policy matters.
- g) One of the important meetings was an ad-hoc meeting with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) regarding temporary suspension of registration of graduates from 36 medical schools due to the problem with the name of university and their degree conferred. The meeting was attended by the CEO of MMC himself.
- h) The list of the meetings as below:

No	Date	Meeting Details	Attended by
ı	24/9/2020	Lawatan Kerja Bayaran Insentif Penempatan Pakar (BIPP) ke	Dr Vijay & Dr Gregory
		Fasiliti Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak, MOH	
2	4/10/2020	Ist Council Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Vijay, Dr Sentil & Dr
			Velkanthan

3	4/10/2020	i) Meeting with Proton	Dr Vijay, Dr Arvind &
	F / L O / O O O O	ii) Meeting with Toyota	Dr Kevin
4	5/10/2020	<ul><li>i) Meeting with Datuk Dr Rohaizat, Deputy Director General, MOH</li><li>ii) Mesyuarat Khas Majlis Bersama Kebangsaan Sesi 2018- 2020</li></ul>	Dr Vijay & Dr Arvind
5	10/10/2020	<ul><li>i) Ist SCHOMOS EXCO Meeting 2020-2021</li><li>ii) SCHOMOS-MMA Doctors Day Celebration 2020</li></ul>	SCHOMOS EXCO Members
6	22/10/2020	URGENT Meeting with MMA Foundation and MMA Pertaining to MMA SABAH COVID Fund	Dr Vijay & Dr Sentil
7	31/10/2020	Ist SCHOMOS NWC Meeting 2020-2021	SCHOMOS NWC Members
8	19/11/2020	Corporate Partnership Meeting with Savage Gears	Dr Arvind, Dr Kevin & Dr Timothy
9	30/11/2020	Emergency SCHOMOS Virtual Meeting - To Discuss related Issues to be brought up in the meeting with Prime Minister's office tomorrow	SCHOMOS EXCO Members
10	1/12/2020	Meeting with Prime Minister's office	Dr Vijay & Dr Sentil
H	5/12/2020	<ul> <li>i) 2<sup>nd</sup> EXCO Meeting 2020-2021</li> <li>ii) Invitation as a Panelist for the National Contract Doctors</li> <li>Day Panel Discussion by Malaysian Medics International (MMI)</li> </ul>	Dr Vijay Dr Vijay
12	14/12/2020	Meeting with TalentCorp, JPA	Dr Sivabala
13	16/12/2020	SCHOMOS Meeting with SMMAMS	SCHOMOS EXCO Members
14	19/12/2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> SCHOMOS EXCO Meeting 2020-2021	SCHOMOS EXCO Members
15	21/12/2020	Meeting with Datuk Dr Rohaizat, Deputy Director General, MOH	SCHOMOS EXCO Members
16	22/12/2020	Meeting with A to Z Books My Sdn Bhd	Dr Sentil & Dr Sivabala
17	29/12/2020	IDR Dispute	Dr Vijay
18	9/01/2021	DOBBS Talk on Bullying	Dr Vijay
19	10/01/2021	2nd Council Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Vijay
20	22/1/2021	Conversation with the Experts: COVID-19 Vaccine 101 Dr Vijay	
21	23/1/2021	Sesi Libat Urus KKM Dengan Sektor Swasta Berkenaan Dr Vijay Pengurusan COVID-19	
22	30/1/2021	SMMAMS online membership drive	Dr Vijay
23	30/1/2021	2nd SCHOMOS NWC Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Vijay
24	4/2/2021	Meeting with Cuepacs	Dr Vijay
25	4/2/2021	Study Collaboration with IMU	Dr Vijay
26	7/2/2021	Website Revamp	Dr Vijay
27	9/2/2021	Website Revamp Dr Vijay	

28	11/2/2021	Technical Working Group for Health and Science Covid-19 Advisory Group	Dr Vijay
29	17/2/2021	Mesyuarat Penambahan Senarai Syarikat Insurans Bagi Liputan Pembayaran Rawatan Kesihatan Di Bawah Perkhidmatan Pesakit Bayar Penuh (FPP) Di Fasiliti Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM)	Dr Vijay
30	19/2/2021	Meeting with MPS	Dr Vijay
31	27/2/2021	3RD SCHOMOS EXCO Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Vijay
32	28/2/2021	MMA Virtual Forum Meeting	SCHOMOS EXCO
33	11/3/2021	Sesi Perbincangan Berhubung Isu-Isu Pegawai Perubatan Untuk MMA SCHOMOS Virtual Forum 2021 with Bahagian Sumber Manusia, KKM	SCHOMOS EXCO
34	16/3/2021	SCHOMOS meeting with SMMAMS	SCHOMOS EXCO
35	18/3/2021	Mesyuarat Majlis Bersama Kebangsaan (MBK P&P)	Dr Vijay, Dr Arvind & Dr Kevin
36	20/3/2021	i) 2ND MMA Exco Meeting 2020-2021 MMA Building Committee	Dr Vijay
37	25/4/2021	3rd Council Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Sentil
38	11/5/2021	Consultation on Climate and Health - WHO	Dr Vijay & Dr Sentil
39	31/5/2021	MBK P&P Meeting 2021	Dr Vijay, Dr Arvind & Dr Kevin
40	1-2/6/2021	MBK P&P Meeting 2021	Dr Vijay, Dr Arvind & Dr Kevin
41	14/6/2021	Meeting with Prof Dr Zabidi	Dr Vijay
42	17/6/2021	Meeting with MMC to resolve MMC-KKM Issue	SCHOMOS EXCO & Dr Sivanaesan
43	20/6/2021	3rd EXCO Meeting 2020-2021	Dr Vijay
44	24/6/2021	SCHOMOS-IMU Webinar: Bouncing Back Stronger	Dr Vijay
45	25/6/2021	Meeting with MOF Regarding Government Doctors Issues	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
46	1/7/2021	Emergency SCHOMOS NWC Meeting 2020-2021	SCHOMOS EXCOs, NWC & MMA EXCOs
47	7/7/2021	i) BFM Interview	Dr Vijay
		ii) Meeting with YBMK iii) Meeting with Malaysian Pharmacists Society	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
48	8/7/2021	i) Meeting with Academy of Medicine	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
		ii) Meeting with Jason Leong	Dr Vijay
		iii) Meeting with Party GERAKAN	

		iv) Mesyuarat Pasca Majlis Dekan di PPSP, USM	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
		Health and Wellness Show - The Plight of Contract Doctors	Dr Filza
			Dr Sentil
49	12/7/2021	MMA Press Conference - Contract System and The Future of Malaysia's Healthcare Workers	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
50	13/7/2021	MMA SCHOMOS Webinar on Legal Perspective of the Contract Doctors Issue	Dr Sentil
5 I	15/7/2021	Invitation To Speak at Heya Public Forum - Code Black: Future of Malaysia's Contract Healthcare Workers	Dr Leonard Goh
52	15/7/2021	Meeting with KL Bar Committee – Code black solidarity campaign	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
53	17-18/7/2021	MMI 2021 on "Panel Discussion: What Has Changed for Contract Doctors?"	Dr Vijay
54	22/7/2021	Emergency SCHOMOS Meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the Government Doctors Issues for Meeting with the Prime Minister office	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs
55	23/7/2021	Meeting with Prime Minister Office Regarding Government Doctors Issues	SCHOMOS EXCOs & MMA EXCOs

- 3.4 Letters sent by MMA (on behalf of SCHOMOS)
  - a) Until 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, a total of 30 letters have been sent out to various parties including the Prime Minister. Some of the communications were given feedback by the addressees and some are still in 'awaiting' status. If the reply came back as something that need to be made known to all members, the contain of the reply will be made public in our Facebook Page.
  - b) The list of the letters as below.

No	Date	Title
ı	5/10/2020	Corporate Partnership: Letter to The Toyota
2	6/10/2020	Memohon Pertimbangan Cadangan Berkenaan Dengan Peperiksaan MedEx 2020 - Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia (MPM)
3	7/10/2020	Corporate Partnership: Letter to The Inside Scoop
4	8/10/2020	Memohon Untuk Mendapatkan Jumlah Doktor Yang Dijangkiti Tibi/ Barah/ Kusta Semasa Bertugas - Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri (Jkn)
5	14/10/2020	Permanent Placements for Medical Officers in Sabah upon completion of Housemanship training

6	16/10/2020	Memohon Penjelasan Mengenai Pelaksanaan Melakukan Lokum Di Sektor Swasta Oleh Pegawai Perubatan Kontrak - Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM)		
7	21/10/2020	Mma-Allianz Joint CSR Programme - Request to Re-Open Application for Covid-19 Coverage Plan		
8	26/10/2020	Prosedur Kenaikan Pangkat Secara Time-Based Bagi Pegawai Perubatan (Skim Perkhidmatan UD) Di Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia		
9	28/10/2020	Memohon Maklumbalas Mengenai Cadangan Berkenaan Dengan Peperiksaan MedEx 2020 - Majlis Peperiksaan Malaysia (MPM)		
10	3/11/2020	Letter To Pengarah Bahagian Perkembangan, Dato'dr Norhizan Regarding Cuti Tanpa Rekod Untuk Menghadiri Peperiksaan 'Parallel Pathway'		
П	27/11/2020	Memohon Untuk Mengadakan Perbincangan Secara Dalam Talian Bersama Datuk Dr Hj Rohaizat Dan Dato' Dr Norhizan		
12	1/12/2020	Letter To Pengarah Bahagian Perkembangan, Dato'dr Norhizan Regarding Pemindahan Pegawai Perubatan Siswazah Dari Hospital Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom, Kluang, Johor		
13	3/12/2020	Sent Reply Letter to Dato' Dr Norhizan's Office Regarding Perbincangan Perkara- Perkara Berkaitan Dengan Profesion Perubatan		
14	21/12/2020	Memohon Untuk Mendapatkan Statistik Doktor Di Malaysia - Letter to YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohd Khairi, MMC		
15	28/12/2020	Letter To BSM Regarding Permohonan Pegawai Perubatan Yang Berkhidmat Di Sabah Untuk Pulang Ke Semenanjung		
16	15/1/2021	Letter To MPM Regarding Memohon Pertimbangan Berkenaan Peperiksaan C2020 Dalam Situasi Pandemik Covid-19		
17	18/1/2021	Letter To Prime Minister - Mohon Untuk Mengadakan Perjumpaan Dengan Yang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri		
18	22/1/2021	Letter YBhg Dato' Dr Chong Chee Kheong - Maklumbalas Tinjauan Pelaksanaan Sistem Syif Di Klinik-Klinik Kesihatan (Post Shift System Survey)		
19	26/1/2021	E-Mel to YBhg Dato' Dr Norhizan - Memohon Penjelasan Mengenai Perbekalan Cuti Bagi Pegawai Perubatan Siswazah (PPS)		
20	4/2/2021	Maklumbalas Mengenai Kelayakan Tuntutan Elaun Luar Waktu Pejabat Oleh Pengawai Perubatan Dan Pakar Perubatan Keluarga (FMS) Yang Bertugas Di Klinik Kesihatan		
21	5/2/2021	Rayuan Penyambungan Kontrak Pegawai Perubatan Siswazah Dr Muhamad Azhar Bin Saidon		
22	11/2/2021	Memohon Penceramah Untuk MMA SCHOMOS Virtual Forum 2021		
23	19/2/2021	Letter To All Members of Parliament - Unite in Support of Government Healthcare Workers		
24	23/2/2021	Rayuan Penyambungan Kontrak Pegawai Perubatan Dr Nooramad Abbas Bin Ahmad		
25	22/3/2021	Letter To YBhg Dato' Dr. Chong Chee Kheong - Memohon Untuk Mendapatkan Maklumbalas Pelaksanaan Sistem Syif Di Klinik-Klinik Kesihatan		

26	22/3/2021	Letter To Dr Khebir Bin Verasahib (BPKK) - Memohon Mendapatkan Maklumbalas Berhubung Kelayakan Tuntutan Elaun Luar Waktu Pejabat Oleh Pengawai Perubatan Dan Pakar Perubatan Keluarga (FMS) Yang Bertugas Di Klinik Kesihatan
27	19/5/2021	Letter to YBhg Dato' Dr. Mohd Khairi (MMC) - Penangguhan Proses Permohonan Layak Daftar Dan Sijil Perakuan Pendaftaran Sementara Bagi Beberapa Universiti Luar Negara
28	27/5/2021	Letter to Dato' Dr Norhizan regarding Kelayakan Cuti Kanser/Barah Bagi Pegawai Perubatan Kontrak
29	22/6/2021	Letter to YBhg. Dato' Indera Dr. Sha'ari bin Ngadiman, Pengarah JKN Selangor regarding Kelayakan Tuntutan Elaun Luar Waktu Pejabat Oleh Pengawai Perubatan Dan Pakar Perubatan Keluarga (FMS) Yang Bertugas Di Klinik Kesihatan Note: Pakar FMS in Selangor still have issue to claim
30	23/6/2021	Letter to all MP, Political parties, and PM's office regarding Government Doctors Issues

## 3.5 SCHOMOS-MMA Doctors Day Celebration 2020 on 10th October 2020

For the first time, we had our Doctor's Day Celebration. It was conducted virtually and the Minister of Health, YB Dato' Sri Dr Adham bin Baba has given his speech during the celebration which was broadcast from the MMA Building. Other prominent faces present during the celebration were the then Deputy DG (Medical) YBhg Datuk Dr Rohaizat, current Deputy DG (Medical), YBhg Datuk Dr Norhizan, our President and our SCHOMOS Chairman. Since 10th October 2020 was also Mental Health Day, we also have Dr Norhayati from Hospital Bahagia giving a talk on mental health. The celebration was broadcast via Zoom and FB live.

## 3.6 Financial Planning Seminar Series

These webinars were the idea of Dr Senthil, our Vice-Chairman. The objectives were to educate doctors on financial planning. There was a total of 8 seminars with 2 of them were given at free of charge, while the others were payable. The first seminar was on 27th February 2021 and would commence monthly. The income for the seminars were from sponsorship and little from the fee.

## 3.7 Webinars

Due to the MCO, the Right and Responsibility (RnR) and ABC of Housemanship which were our two regular programmes were cancelled, thus were substituted by series of webinars. The webinars were planned as a monthly programme organized by states at one time, and coordinated by Dr June, our Assistant Secretary. The first webinar was organized by Selangor and Wilayah on 27th February 2021.

### 3.8 Women in Medicine Initiative (WMI)

SCHOMOS has come up with this idea to empower the women in the field of medicine. There would be series of webinars on leadership and education.

#### 3.9 Social Media

SCHOMOS social media (FB, YouTube) have started to get their momentum with the increasing number of like and following, for example as on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, the likes for FB was 4923 and the number of followers was 5589. There are current posts that attract the readers.

## 3.10 HO Guidelines Book

The updated version of HO Guidelines Book is still ongoing, led by Sarawak SCHOMOS.

## (4) CORPORATE PARTNERS

- 4.1 SCHOMOS has not stopped maximizing our membership benefits this year. There were various other local offers obtained by the various states in adding value to the MMA Membership.
- 4.2 The list of corporate partners as below:

	Company	Rebate	Remarks	Expiry Date
I	a) Ist Unit and above  BMW M models, I model X2, Z4, 8 Series, MINI 3 Door & Countryman Sports	not applicable for	*new model launch within the license period is subject to BMW Malaysia Sdn Bhd approval to be included in the Fleet Discount Structure  *the car may be registered under spouse's and company's name  *applicable to life members only	31-12- 2022
2	Mercedez-Benz Malaysia Sdn Bhd  All Models  *Request for renewal of agreement has been sent	WA UT OF THE AND	*applicable to life members only	30-06- 2021

3	TC Euro Cars Sdn Bhd Renault	RM 2,000 rebate on top of Prevailing Retail Promotions	*applicable to life members only *fee waiver for one or more of the optional additional add-ons with a cumulative value of up to RM200/month	31-12- 2020
4	Volvo Car Malaysia		*applicable to life members only	31-05- 2022
	All Models except S90, XC90 T5, XC60 T5	6% (valid till 31st December 2020)		
	S90 (from first unit S90)	10%		

5	Volksv	wagen Malaysia			
	Polo I	.6L Comfortline	6%	The monthly promotion will	31-05-
	Vento	I.6L Comfortline	6%	be communicate through email or Volkswagen Malaysia	2021
	Vento 1.2TSI Highline		6%	website on monthly basis or	
	Tiguar	1.4TSI Highline	6%	as is it when is needed	
	Passat	2.0TSI Elegance	6%		
	Golf I	.4TSI R-Line	2%		
	Golf 2	.0TSI GTI	2%		
	Golf 2	.0TSI R	2%		
	Beetle	I.2TSI Sport	2%		
	*reque agreer	est for renewal of ment has been sent			
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	Ticket	: booking	(A) 705	Ongoing	
	a)	Super Saver (Fare Classes V, X,O)	0%	3-103	
	b)	Super Saver (Fare Classes T)	5% U	MALAYSIA	
	c)	Value (Fare Classes M, N, Q)	5%)/4// MEDICAL AS	S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	
	d)	Value (Fare Classes L)	7%		
	e)	Economy Flexi/Shuttle (Fare Classes Y, A, W, S, B, H, K)	7%		
	f)	Business Promo (Fare Classes I)	5%		
	g)	Business Flexi (Fare Classes C, J, D)	7%		
8	Protoi	<u>1</u>			30-06- 2021
	a)	<u>Saga</u>	RM 400.00 rebate		
	b)	Persona	RM 600.00 rebate		

	c) Iriz	RM 600.00 rebate		
	d) Exora	RM 800.00 rebate		
	e) X70	RM 1,500.00 rebate		
	*request for renewal of agreement has been sent			
9	Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lum  pur  (Accommodation)	Corporate Rate		31-12- 2021
10	Honda a)New Honda Car Purchase	Additional 2% rebate	*applicable at Kowamas Edar Sdn Bhd, Shah Alam branch only * after sales: 20% spare parts for servicing at Kowamas Edar Sdn Bhd *5% rebate for car insurance renewal	31-12- 2021
II	Inside Scoop	10% discount off the total bill upon presenting their membership card.	*applicable at all Inside Scoop outlets EXCEPT B.I.G Publika, IPC and The LINC *not applicable for the purchase of cash vouchers. *not applicable with any other in-store promotion	31-12- 2021
12	Ashley Furniture Homestore	30% discount	*applicable to all members of MMA *applicable for Ashley Furniture HomeStore in West Malaysia outlet only	31-12- 2021
13	Yellow Brick Road	10% discount off the bill	*applicable for dine-in only *discount not applicable for all alcoholic bevereges *discount is not applicable on public holidays *not applicable for any on- going promotions or other discounts	31-12- 2021
14	<u>myFITBOX</u>	10% off total purchase		Ongoing

15	CrossFit Pahlawan	RM 297 off 3 month unlimited pass (RM750 after discount) RM 40/ month - Virtual Workouts (Unlimited Access)		Ongoing
16	PTT Outdoor	10% off discount for all item on their official website (coupon code: MMAPTT10)	*no minimum purchase and no brand exclusion *shipping cost to be calculated separately	20-02- 2022
17	ShamrockBotanics	10% off all Shamrock Botanics Products	*shipping cost not included *discount not applicable with any other ongoing promotions on site *applicable only when purchased directly through www.shamrockbotanics.com	Ongoing
18	Pott Glasses (offer starts on 1st July 2021)	20% discount for all glasses and can be extended for family members (online purchase code: PGMMA20)	*free eye test, optical styling and consultation service *free maintenance service (polishing, cleaning, changing nosepad) *applicable tor purchase of prescription glasses and sunglasses *not valid to be combined with any other offers, promotion pr discounts	30-06- 2022

#### (5) **MEMBERSHIP**

## **5.1 Active and New Members**

As of  $23^{rd}$  June 2021, there are 5030 active SCHOMOS and 798 were new members recruited from  $1^{st}$  January 2021 to date.

## **5.2 Life Members**

As of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, the number of life member stood at 2517 which 150 of the were new life members.

## (6) **CLOSING**

SCHOMOS Exco for the term 2020/2021 would like to thank all parties for their cooperation, support and understanding while we were discharging our duty. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are new norms in life and in the way we run the office. We pray for better days ahead.

Mej (B) Dr Ahmad Filza Ismail Honorary Secretary



### MMA PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY

Chairman Dr Thana Sehgaran Shanmugam

Vice-Chairman Prof Dr Sanjay Rampal all Lekhraj Rampal

Honorary Secretary Dr Murallitharan Munisamy

Assistant Honorary Secretary Dr Tharmarajah a/l Nagalingam

Honorary Treasurer Dr Peter Gan Kim Soon

Secretariat Ms Muthuletchumi

The Public Health Society MMA (PHS-MMA) 2020-2021 successfully pivoted itself during the subsequent year of the pandemic. Last year, we had already led our activities online and we are extremely proud of the fact that we did not only survive during the adversity but thrived through it. MMA PHS remains one of the most active wings of the MMA and has done our share in ensuring the MMA itself remains highly relevant, focused and engaged during these challenging times.

PHS-MMA continued to be actively engaged in our core focus areas namely in leading collaborative strategies and initiatives with various health stakeholders, running public health-related activities and actively leading various public health advocacy initiatives.

In terms of continuous media engagement and public health education, PHS-MMA continues to actively administer our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/mmapublichealth/). The page serves to disseminate information on public health and to share news about MMA-PHS and its activities. In addition, the Secretary continues the regular column in Free Malaysia Today, an online national daily, using this as an advocacy channel to educate the public, on public health issues. Our Vice-Chairman, Prof Sanjay Rampal is also active in advocating various public health policies during the pandemic and is a regular sight on mainstream tv and news dailies.

The PHS-MMA has also been active in various stakeholder engagements at the highest levels of government. Over this term, the committee members have represented the society at various working groups and consultative sessions both at the Ministry of Health and in Parliament through our membership in the APPGM-SDG/CSO-SDG Alliance. PHS-MMA continues to be a core member of various stakeholder coalitions including the Malaysian Council for Tobacco Control Council (MCTC), the umbrella organisation for tobacco control in the country; NCD Malaysia, the umbrella organisation for non-communicable disease advocacy in the country; and the Civil Society Organisations.

Our current flagship event is the Infovax: A Dose of Truth series which is a regular session providing CME points to all MMA members and focused on the Covid-19 vaccination. The session is aimed at building vaccine acceptance by way of educating our doctors in the MMA and other healthcare professionals. There have been 5 sessions so far as detailed below:

Infovax Facebook Sessions on MMA's FB page:					
SESSIONS	DATE	TIME			
Ist session	Friday, 5 March 2021	8.30pm – 9.30pm			
2 <sup>nd</sup> session	Friday, 19 March 2021	8.30pm – 9.30pm			
3 <sup>rd</sup> session	Friday, 2 April 2021	8.30pm – 9.30pm			
4 <sup>th</sup> session	Friday, 7 May 2021	3.00pm – 4.00pm			
5 <sup>th</sup> session	Friday, 4 June 2021	8.30 – 9.30pm			

The Infovax sessions are also supplemented by the regular Infovax column running in the Free Malaysia Today which has now covered 10 sessions and is a source of much pride for us since our logo is clearly displayed-providing critical branding of the work that we are doing.

In addition, MMA PHS actively is giving talks and briefings on the Infovax; A Dose of Truth for different sessions and this has been to many layers of society in multiple languages including in BM, English and even Tamil. There has been a total of 36 talks given to the public on vaccination acceptance so far.

Our second flagship event is our CME series monthly with primary care physicians in conjunction with the National Cancer Society of Malaysia. The list of CMEs provided under this packet is as detailed below:

SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series: Primary Care	and Cancer with Nationa	I Cancer Society	
Malaysia			
SERIES	DATE	TIME	
The SKD Lecture Series I: Radiotherapy in the time of Covid-19	Saturday, 30 May 2020	11.00am – 1.00pm	
The SKD Lecture Series 2: Addressing the Rising	Saturday, 13 June 2020	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Burden and Changing Epidemiology of Liver			
Cancer			
The SKD Lecture Series 3: Unveiling Targeted	Saturday, 15 August 2020	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Therapy: Moving into the Era of Personalised			
Cancer Management			
The SKD Lecture Series 4: Guardians of the Gate:	Saturday, 12 September	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Primary Care Management of Cancer in Children	2020		
The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 5: Why are	Saturday, 10 October 2020	11.00am – 1.00pm	
our women still dying? Addressing Challenges in			
Detection of Breast Cancer Care in Malaysia			
The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 6: Early	Saturday, 5 December 2020	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Detection of Lung Cancer. What can you do?:			
The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 7:	Saturday, 19 December	11.00am – 1.00pm	
Development of Robotic Surgery in Prostate	2020		
Cancer: What Should Primary Care Physicians			
Know:			

The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 8: Keeping An Eye & Ear Out: Looking Out for Cancer Recurrence in Survivors	Saturday, 20 February 2021	11.00am — 1.00pm
The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 9: Management of Colorectal Cancer in Primary Care: What We Need To Step Up	Saturday, 20 March 2021	11.00am — 1.00pm
The SK Dharmalingam Lecture Series 10: Lung Cancer in Smokers: The Science of Medicine and the Art of Care.	Saturday, 22 May 2021	11.00am – 1.00pm

PHS-MMA also co-organised the National Tobacco Control Conference 2020 which brought in some much-needed revenue for the organization. This was entirely online, provided 20 CME points for participants and ran over 4 days with more than 300 participants.

## **National Tobacco Control Conference 2020**

One Nation, Two Burdens: Tobacco Control Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic: 14 – 17 October 2020

MMA PHS has also been actively engaged in carrying out the National Colorectal Cancer Screening Campaign together with other partners. The launch of this All About Cancer campaign was attended by our own MMA President Elect representing MMA PHS and MMA. This included the carrying out of three (3) webinars to the public as well as the creation of public booklets which have been shared with all MMA members freely for their use.

All Bout Cancer		
CECCIONIC	DATE	TIME
SESSIONS	DATE	TIME
Semua Yang Anda Mahu Tahu Tentang Kanser	Thursday, 11 March 2021	6.00pm – 6.45pm
Kolorektal		
The ABC's of Colorectal Cancer	Thursday, 25 March 2021	6.00pm – 6.45pm
The ABC's of Colorectal Cancer (Mandarin)	Tuesday, 30 March 2021	6.00pm – 6.45pm

SESSIONS	LINK
Learn. Think. Act. (English)	bit.ly/Colorectal Cancer English
Belajar. Berfikir. Bertindak.	bit.ly/Kanser Kolorektal
Learn.Think.Act (Mandarin)	bit.ly/Colorectal Cancer Mandarin

MMA-PHS was also actively involved in the writing and development of two (2) national level reports over this period. One was on NCD with the NCD Alliance Malaysia which is a global entity, and the other was on the evaluation of country level SDG achievements in terms of SDG 3 (Health).

NCD And the Healthcare Worker: An Introspective Look Into The Malaysian Care Landscape For Non-Communicable Diseases

Link: bit.ly/NCD The Healthcare Worker

Summary Report: NCD And The Healthcare Worker: An Introspective Look Into The Malaysian Care Landscape For Non-Communicable Diseases

Link: bit.ly/Summary NCD The Healthcare Worker

APPGM SDG Working Group Report Civil Society Insights On Country Progress

Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18mpUulmJa3jHs6TtyETXJgWXOpt52rJC/view

Finally, in total the committee wishes to record its gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve the MMA and its members in the cause of public health. The Committee also thanks Ms Muthuletchumi for her continuous support and dedication as the Secretariat for PHS-MMA and the Secretariat of NCSM for their valuable support.

Dr Murallitharan Munisamy Honorary Secretary

## **SOCIETY OF MMA MEDICAL STUDENTS (SMMAMS)**

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Prepared by:

Ms Darethy Aving

Verified by:

Mr Tan Chee Yang

MONTH / YEAR	DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	EVENT TYPE (INTERNAL / PUBLIC)	VENUE / PLATFORM	COLLABORATION	sco	REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2020	22	0900 HRS - 1200 HRS	I ITH SMMAMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	ADOPTING THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICE BEARER FOR THE TERM 2020/2021	PUBLIC (OPEN TO ALL SMMAMS MEMBERS)	ZOOM	N/A	N/A	
	26 & 27	0900 HRS - 1100 HRS	get to know smmams	A TWO DAY ONLINE INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMME OF SMMAMS AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH IFMSA TO ALL MEDICAL STUDENTS IN MALAYSIA	DAY I – PUBLIC  DAY 2 - PUBLIC (OPEN TO ALL  SMMAMS MEMBERS AND  LOCAL  OFFICERS)	GOOGLE MEET	N/A	DAY I - N/A DAY 2 - ALL	
	30 I	1000 HRS - 1200 HRS	SMMAMS GOAL SETTING & CAPACITY BUILDING SESSION	BONDING TIME WITH ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SETTING GOAL BY ADOPTING THE ANNUAL WORKING PLAN FOR SMMAMS 2020/2021	INTERNAL (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL OFFICER)	MICROSOFT TEAMS	N/A	ALL (NATIONAL OFFICERS)	
OCTOBER 2020	19	-	STATEMENT ON THAI PROTESTS	SCORP SMMAMS STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS MANDATED BY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW.		SOCIAL MEDIA	N/A	SCORP	
	21 & 22	2000 HRS - 2200 HRS	POLICY WRITING WORKSHOP	TRAINING AND SHARPENING POLICY WRITING SKILLS	INTERNAL (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEAND NATIONAL OFFICER)	GOOGLE MEET	INCISION MALAYSIA	N/A	
NOVEMBER 2020	24	2000 HRS - 2130 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - COMMUNICATION WITH PATIENTS	COVERING HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH PATIENTS IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS FROM TAKING HISTORY FROM PATIENTS TO BREAKING BAD NEWS	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCOME	
	I	-	WORLD AIDS DAY ASIA-PACIFIC NMO COLLABORATION	SCORA FROM ASIA PACIFIC REGION JOIN FORCES TO REMIND THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DISEASE, ROUTES OF TRANSMISSION, THE IMPACT OF HIV INFECTION ON THE HUMAN BODY, SYMPTOMS, TREATMENTS AND PREVENTION OF HIV.	PUBLIC	SOCIAL MEDIA	SCORA ASIA PACIFIC	SCORA	
DECEMBER 2020	16	2100 HRS - 2300 HRS	SCHOMOS MEETS SMMAMS	AS AN OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION FOR SCHOMOS AND SMMAMS TO EXPRESS THEIR EXPECTATIONS AND PLANS, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND WEBSITE REVAMP.	INTERNAL (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEAND NATIONAL OFFICER)	ZOOM	schomos	N/A	
	19 & 20	1000 HRS - 1200 HRS	HIV & AIDS: IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC	IN CHANGING TIMES, WE REMAIN VILGILANT OF NEED TO TAKE ERASE EVENT. OUR TOPIC, MARRIES THE IDEA OF ADAPTING TO THE GLPOBAL PANDEMIC, ESPECIALLY WITH THE DIFFICULT LIVES OF PEOPLE	PUBLIC	ZOOM	UM MEDSOC	SCORA	
	28	2100 HRS - 2300 HRS	SCOME CAPACITY BUILDING: WELCOME TO SCOME	TO TRAIN SCOME COMMITTEE TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIC ASPECT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, JOB SCOPE, BONDING TIME AND PLANNING OF THE ANNUAL WORKING PLAN FOR SCOME 2020/2021	INTERNAL (SCOME COMMITTEE)	GOOGLE MEET	N/A	SCOME	
	9 & 10	2000 HRS - 0000 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "MSI 4 ALL"	COLLABORATION AMONG 4 NMO (MALAYSIA, INDIA, BANGLADESH, PHILIPPINE), AIM TO PROVIDE SKILLS TO PARTICIPANTS IN A WAY THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO LEAD, ADVOCATE, EMPOWER AND MAKE A CHANGE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AFTER THE WORKSHOP.	Member	ZOOM	MSAI INDIA, BMSS BANGLADESH, AMSA PHILIPPINE	SCOME	

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	23	0900 HRS - 1300 HRS	KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE	AIMS TO CREATE AWARENESS ON CHILD HEALTH AND RIGHTS AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCORP
JANUARY 2021 -	25	-	CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (BILINGUAL)	JANUARARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WORLDWIDE. SCORA MALAYSIA PRESENTS POSTERS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON CERVICAL CANCER, PREVENTION, AND PAP SMEARS.	PUBLIC	SOCIAL MEDIA	N/A	SCORA
	30	0930 HRS - 1130 HRS	GET TO KNOW SMMAMS 2.0	A ONE-DAY ONLINE INTRODUCTORY PROGRAMME OF SMMAMS AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH IFMSA TO ALL MEDICAL STUDENTS IN MALAYSIA	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	ALL
	31	1400 HRS - 1830 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "MASTERING ECG"	AIMED TO TRAIN MEDICAL STUDENTS TO RECOGNIZE, INTERPRET AND CORRELATE THE ECG FINDINGS TO THE CLINICAL SYMPTOMS OF A PATIENT SYSTEMATICALLY. WE WERE ABLE TO INVOLVE ABOUT 4000 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING MEDICAL STUDENTS, DOCTORS AND NURSES IN MALAYSIA.	PUBLIC	ZOOM & FB LIVE	N/A	SCOME
FEBRUARY 2021	6	2000 HRS - 2300 HRS	SCOME CAPACITY BUILDING: NON-FORMAL MEDICAL EDUCATION PRE-TRAINING WORKSHOP	TRAINING SCOME COMMITTEE TO UNDERSTAND THE BASIC CONCEPT OF NFME AND BECOMING A FACILITATOR IN NFME WORKSHOP	INTERNAL (SCOME COMMITTEE)	ZOOM	N/A	SCOME
	21	0830 HRS - 1030 HRS	BRIDGING WITH GESTURE	AIMS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF HEARING LOSS AS WELL AS TO TEACH THE MALAYSIAN SIGN LANGUAGE TO THE PUBLIC	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCOME & SCORP
	26	-	IFMSA ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MARCH MEETING 2021	16 MEMBERS REPRESENT SMMAMS IN THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS IFMSA FULL MEMBER, WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN WITH 3 STATEMENTS: I. IFMSA CONSTITUTION ANNEX 2.11 & MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2. USAGE OF 'IFMSA' IN ORGANISATION NAMES 3. VACCINATION INEQUITY		N/A	N/A	N/A
	2	-	STATEMENT ON THE MILITARY SEIZURE OF POWER IN MYANMAR	SCORP SMMAMS EXPRESSED OUR DISCONCERTMENT OVER THE ATROCIOUS INFRINGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS WROUGHT UPON BY THE coup d'état	ON	SOCIAL MEDIA	N/A	SCORP
MARCH 2021	8		INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY	INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY FALLS ON THE 8TH OF MARCH, SCORA IN COLLABORATION WITH SCOPH WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE TO WOMEN, GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, AND EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN THE COVID ERA THROUGH INFOGRAPHICS	PUBLIC	SOCIAL MEDIA	N/A	SCORA SCOPH
	13	1400 HRS - 1700 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "COMING TO GRIPS WITH THE LAW & ETHICS"	INCREASE AWARENESS OF MEDICO-LEGAL KNOWLEDGE IN CLINICAL AND ITS IMPORTANCE AS WELL AS EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF MMC IN HANDLING MEDICO-LEGAL CASES IN MALAYSIA	PUBLIC	ZOOM & FB LIVE	N/A	SCOME
	16	2100 HRS - 2300 HRS	SCHOMOS MEETS SMMAMS	TO DISCUSS POLICY DOCUMENT ON MENTAL HEALTH OF JUNIOR DOCTORS	INTERNAL (SCOME, SCOPH COMMITTEE)	ZOOM	SCHOMOS	SCOME SCOPH

	20 & 21	2000 HRS - 2300 HRS	SCOME CAPACITY BUILDING: SCOME & NMO MANAGEMENT MM21	TO TRAIN SCOME COMMITTEE ON  1. GLOBAL MOBILITY OF HEALTH WORKFORCE  2. MEANINGFUL PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN MEDICAL EDUCATION  3. TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND E-LEARNING  4. ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE THEN, NOW AND THEREAFTER  5. MEDICAL EDUCATION AND COVID-19  6. STRATEGIC PLANNING  7. FINANCE MANAGEMENT	INTERNAL (SCOME COMMITTEE)	GOOGLE MEET	N/A	SCOME	
	20 & 27	0900 HRS - 1530 HRS	research 101 Workshop	AIMS TO INTRODUCE THE BASIC OUTLINE OF RESEARCH TO MEDICAL STUDENTS SO THAT MEDICAL STUDENTS HAVE THE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH SKILLS REQUIRING TO PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS.	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCORE, SCOPE & SCOME	
	26	2000 HRS - 2200 HRS	MAKING HERSTORY	IN CONJUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY, SCORA ALONG WITH SCORP HAVE AN INTERNAL DISCUSSION ON WORKPLACE INEQUALITY.	SMMAMS COMMITTEES	GOOGLE MEET	N/A	SCORA SCOPH	
	28	1400 HRS -1600 HRS	STOP HIVAND AIDS DISCRIMINATION THROUGH EDUCATION (SHADE): CSE WORKSHOP	SHADE IS A EVENT ORGANISED BY AMSA UMS, SCORA SMMAMS IS INVITED TO CONDUCT AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP DESIGN TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ISSUE, TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN MAKE PROPER INFORMED DECISION WITH REGARDS TO THEIR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS	PUBLIC & MEDICAL STUDENT	ZOOM	AMSA UMS (SHADE)	SCORA	
	14 & 28 11 & 25	1430 HRS - 1600 HRS	BRIDGING WITH GESTURES - SERIES WORKSHOP	AIMS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF HEARING LOSS AS WELL AS TO TEACH THE MALAYSIAN SIGN LANGUAGE TO THE PUBLIC	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCORP & SCOME	
	20 MARCH - 31 MARCH & I- 31	-	PLANETARY HEALTH	TO EDUCATE MEDICAL OR NON-MEDICAL STUDENTS ABOUT AN OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN MALAYSIA WITH REGARDS TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND HEALTH AS WELL AS EXPOSING PARTICIPANTS TO VARIOUS WAYS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE	PUBLIC	CLUBHOUSE, ZOOM, SOCIAL MEDIA	N/A	SCORP & SCOPH	
APRIL 2021	10, 11 & 17	0900 HRS - 1600 HRS	GATHERING OF THE GREAT MINDS 2021	SCOME SMMAMS WAS INVITED IN FACILITATION OF THIS EVENT WHICH AIMS TO EMPOWER MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH KNOWLEDGE REGARDING CHANGES AND IMPACT THE PANDEMIC HAS ON THE MEDICAL FRATERNITY.	PUBLIC	ZOOM	UM MEDSOC	SCOME	
	18	1400 HRS - 1600 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "ABG SIMPLE AS ABC"	TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON THE BASIC ASPECT OF ARTERIAL BLOOD GAS (ABG) AS WELL AS ITS INTERPRETATION, CLINICAL USAGE AND MANAGEMENT	PUBLIC	ZOOM & FB LIVE	N/A	SCOME	
	23	-	PRIORITISE MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR COVID- 19 VACCINATION - CODEBLUE	SMMAMS URGES THE AUTHORITIES TO CONSIDER INCLUDING MEDICAL STUDENTS IN PHASE TWO OF NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME.		CODEBLUE	N/A	N/A	
MAY 2021	29	0900 HRS - 1230 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "OPPORTUNITIES BY PATHWAYS"	ONE-STOP PLATFORM FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND VARIOUS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY DIFFERENT PATHWAYS IN MALAYSIA AND OVERSEAS	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCOME	

JUNE 2021	19,20 & 27	-	SMMAMS CB FEST: OVERCOMING VACCINE HESITANCY IN MALAYSIA (SCOPH)	THE PREVALENCE OF VACCINE HESITANCY AMONGST MALAYSIANS DUE TO THE LACK OF EDUCATION FROM CREDIBLE SOURCES, MISINFORMATIONDISSEMINATED ON DIFFERENT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ABOUT THE SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF VACCINES AND PRIORITIZATION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OVER ADVICE BY HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAS HINDERED THE NATIONAL VACCINATIONRATE.  HENCE, IT IS VITAL FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALITY OF VACCINE HESITANCY AND DISCOVER EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO EDUCATE AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ANTI- VACCINATION FOLLOWERS IN MALAYSIA.	MEDICAL STUDENTS	ZOOM	Amboss (sponsor)	SCOPH	LINK
	12, 13, 19, 20	1500 HRS -1700 HRS	SMMAMS CB FEST: EMERGENCY MEDICINE & DISASTER MEDICINE [SCORP]	TRAIN PARTICIPANTS IN BASIC CONCEPTS UNDERLYING EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND DISASTER MEDICINE.	MEDICAL STUDENTS	ZOOM	N/A	SCORP	<u>LINK</u>
	-	-	SMMAMS CB FEST: CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES IN MALAYSIA COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL EDUCATION POLICY WRITING IN SCORA	OUR CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS ARE CENTERED AROUND EMPOWERING OUR SCORANGELS BY INCREASING THEIR CAPACITIES IN TERMS OF YOUTHLED COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE TOPICS COVERED.	MEDICAL STUDENTS	GOOGLE MEETS	N/A	SCORA	
	26	1400 HRS - 1800 HRS	SCOME WEBINAR - "THE THEORY OF BLS"	TRAIN PARTICIPANT THE THEORY BEHIND THE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT SUCH AS CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR), AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED), AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IS USED, HOW IS IT USED AND THE THEORY BEHIND EACH BASIC LIFE SUPPORT IS PERFORMED FROM SPEAKERS WHO ARE EXPERT IN BASIC LIFE SUPPORT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.	MEMBER	ZOOM	N/A	SCOME	LINK
	26	1345 HRS - 1625 HRS	HOW DOES MALAYSIA PROVIDE RM I MEDICAL SERVICES TO EVERYONE?	EDUCATE REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHCARE FINANCING, CURRENT ISSUES AND THE STRATEGIES FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE IN MALAYSIA	PUBLIC	ZOOM	N/A	SCOPH	

# SOCIETY OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE, MMA (SOEM)

#### I. OFFICE BEARERS

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the SOEM-MMA was held from 11.00 am -1.00 pm on the 15th of August 2020 (Saturday) at the Royale Chulan Damansara Hotel, Petaling Jaya. The following were elected as Office Bearers for the term 2020/2021.

Chairperson Dr Priya Ragunath

Vice Chairman Dr Jaseema Begum Nazir Khan

Honorary Secretary Dr Ganesh Balasingam

Honorary Treasurer Dr Santhana Mohan Nagesperam

Assistant Secretary Dr Dayanath Manivasagam

Committee Members Dr Lim Jac Fang

Dr Kumaran Krishnan

Dr Christine Yeow Siew Lin

Dr Gowreesan Ariaratnam

Dr Tam Jenn Zhueng

Secretariat Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor



Picture 1: SOEM CPD Series 1 Webinar Backdrop

## REPORT OF THE SOCIETIES

#### 2. MEETINGS

Two meetings were held during the term of 2020-2021 via zoom on the 16th February 2021 and 11th May 2021. The meeting was held to discuss the activities for the upcoming year which included the SOEM seminars, financial matters and other occupational related matters. The attendance of the members for the committee were recorded as below:

Committee Member	Attendance
Dr Priya Ragunath	2/2
Dr Jaseema Begum Nazir Khan	2/2
Dr Ganesh Balasingam	2/2
Dr Santhanamohan Nagesperam	2/2
Dr Dayanath Manivasagam	1/2
Dr Lim Jac Fang	2/2
Dr Kumaran Krishnan	1/2
Dr Christine Yeow Siew Lin	2/2
Dr Gowreesan Ariaratnam	2/2
Dr Tam Jenn Zhueng	2/2

## 3. ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Occupational Health and Safety webinars were organised for occupational health practitioners throughout the term as per below.

NO	EVENT/SEMINARS	CO-ORGANIZED BY	DATE/DAY	PLATFORM
ı	SOEM CPD SERIES 1: The Unanswered Questions Related to COVID-19	SOEM & SOCSO	19/6/2021	Via Zoom
2	28th SOEM Annual General Meeting & Occupational Health webinar	SOEM & SOCSO	7/8/2021	Via Zoom

## 4. CASE SERIES BOOK

Second edition of the Occupational Medicine case series book are at the final stages. Presently the book is being edited for its format.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no issues highlighted during the 27th SOEM AGM.

# REPORT OF THE SOCIETIES

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chairman and its committee members extend their thanks to its members for the continuous support to the Society and its programs. Also, the Society extends its sincere appreciation to SOCSO, DOSH, MOH and MMA for their continuous support on the SOEM activities. A special thanks to the MMA secretariat, Ms Nursalimi Mohd Noor (Sal) for assisting in the administrative matters of the Society. On behalf of the Society, sincere gratitude is extended to MMA and SOCSO for their continuous support.

Dr Ganesh Balasingam Honorary Secretary



# MMA JOHOR BRANCH

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Honorary Treasurer Datuk Dr Mohan Kandasamy

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SCHOMOS Chairman Dr. Faisal Norizan

**CME Chairman** \*TBA after the 1st committee meeting

Committee Members Dr Ananthisvary Ramalingam

Dr Vijayan Veeramalai

Dr Tan Zi Han

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Internal Auditors Dr VK Ravindran

Dr MM Smith

# CME ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020 JOHOR BAHRU, BATU PAHAT, MUAR, SEGAMAT & KLUANG

24 CME Programs and workshops were conducted by MMA Johor with various multinational pharmaceutical companies as well as Monthly Joint Clinical Meeting with Johor Specialist, Puteri Specialist Hospital, KPJ Pasir Gudang Specialist Hospital, Regency Specialist Hospital Hospital Sultanah Aminah, Colombia Asia Hospital and Gleneagles Medini Hospital.

NO	DATE	INV NO	MEETING TOPICS	
1	05/01/20	MMAJ-1188A	THE PROMISE OF A NEW THERAPY :A SIMPLER WAY TO BE SMART ABOUT BASAL AND BOLUS	
2	20/01/14	MMAJ-1291	ACHIEVING TARGETED ASTHMA CONTROL WITH FIXED DOSE REGIME OF ICS/LABA	
3	20/01/14	MMAJ-1292	RAMADAN & DIABETES : PRACTICAL APPROACH IN OPTIMISING PATIENTS CARE	
4	20/01/14	MMAJ-1294	SPECTRUM OF PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS	
5	20/01/29	MMAJ-1295	MANAGING HYPERACTIVE AIRWAY DISEASE & ROLE OF PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE	
6	20/01/29	MMAJ-1296	WHY WE NEED FOR BALANCE : BALANCING EFFICACY & SAFETY IN PAIN MANAGEMENT	
7	20/01/29	MMAJ-1297	PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE	
8	20/02/02	MMAJ-1298	DIEBETIC - CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR GPS     CHRONIC GUT DISEASES - CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR GPS     OBD - FUTURE PERSPECTIVE IN MEDICAL USE     HYPOTHYROIDISM - CLINIC	
9	20/02/12	MMAJ-1300	BLOOD INDICATOR FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC DEALTH	
10	20/02/12	MMAJ-1301	BLOOD INDICATOR FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC DEALTH	
11	20/02/12	MMAJ-1302	DIFERULOYLMETHANE & OSTEOARTHRITIS CHANGING THE PARADIGM	
12	20/06/30	MMAJ-1314	RETHINK OBESITY 1) OBESITY : LIFE STYLE CHOICE OR 2) SIMPLIFYING OBESITY MANAGEMENT	

13	20/07/19	MMAJ-1304	CURRENT CHALLENGES IN MANAGING T2D PATIENTS AND HOW TO OVER COME
14	20/07/19	MMAJ-1305	1) GLICLAZIDE MR OR DPPIV-i FOR HYPERGLYCEMIA 2) HOW TO FLATTEN THE A1C CURVE IN THE NEW NORMAL
15	20/08/16	MMAJ-1306	1) FITS, FAINTS AND FUNNY TURNS : APPROACH TO EPILEPSY 2) ROLE OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY IN PALLIATIVE CARE
16	20/08/26	MMAJ-1307	LATEST EVIDENCE FROM STEGLATRO, A NEW SGLT2 INHIBITOR FOR PATIENTS WITH T2DM
17	20/09/01	MMAJ-1308	HEMMORRHOIDS, SIGN, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENTS     BODY PAIN, ARISING FROM SPINAL DISC DEGENARATION     THE PAINFUL SHOULDER - CLINICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT
18	20/09/13	MMAJ-1309	REP BREAK THE SEQUENTIAL T2D TREATMENT WITH IGLARLIXI , AN INNOVATIVE FRC & CASE SHARING
19	20/09/13	MMAJ-1310	REP RECENT UNDERSTANDING OF SGLT2 - INHIBITORS IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH T2DM: FOCUS ON STEGLATRO
20	20/09/13	MMAJ-1311	1) BASIC PHYSIC PRINCIPAL OF RADIATION PROTECTION 2) RADIATION HAZARD & BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF IONIZING RADIATION 3) X RAY EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES 4) QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME (QAP) IN GENERAL RADIOGRAPHY / UPDATES 5) CURRENT LECISLATIVE REQUIREMENT UNDER ACT 304 FOR MEDICAL PURPOSE.
21	20/09/13	MMAJ-1312	REDUCING CARDIOVASCULAR RISK: A PARADIGM SHIFT IN T2DM     MANAGEMENT     TIMELY INTERVENTION IN T2D: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN ACHIEVING EARLY AND SUSTAINED GLYCAEMIC CONTROL
22	20/09/28	MMAJ-1313	I) INDIVIDUALIZING HYPERTENSION TREATMENT WITH EVIDENCE - BASED APPROACH CASE STUDIES     A PARADIGM SHIFT : FIXED RATIO COMBINATION TP ACHIEVE GLYCEMIC TARGET.
23	21/04/25	MMAJ-1315	COVID 19 & DEPRESSION: THE DOUBLE WHAMMY ACHIEVING REMISSION IN MDD: ARE WE THERE YET?
24	21/05/02	MMAJ-1316	SEMAGLUTIDE IN T2DM - KNOW THE POTENTIAL

# CME ACTIVITIES GALLERY THROUGHOUT 2020 - 2021



Since the commencement of the Movement Control Order (MCO) in March 2020, most of the CME talks and meetings were carried out via virtual platform and only 21 CME meetings were conducted physically throughout the year.

#### **PPSMMA REPORT**

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic since March 2020, MMA Johor preferred to put on hold all physical gatherings or activities. The annual PPS activities will only be organized when the circumstances permit.

PPSMMA has assisted the GPs who have missed the phase I of the Frontliners' registration and successfully compiled 195 medical practitioners and health workers and remitted the name list to Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Johor for Vaccination appointment through the relevant Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah.

PPSMMA prays and hopes that this pandemic will be over and damage control measures will come into place soon.

## **SCHOMOS MMA REPORT**

- 1. Attended and gave a talk on Introduction to MMA for House Officers on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at Hospital Sultan Ismail Total of 15 House Officers were addressed.
- 2. Attended and gave a talk on Introduction to MMA for House Officers on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Hospital Sultan Ismail Total of 16 House Officers were addressed0
- 3. Attended and gave a talk on Introduction to MMA for House Officers on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Hospital Sultan Ismail Total of 13 House Officers were addressed.
- 4. Attended multiple online CMEs organised by MMA Johor.
- 5. Attended NWC SCHOMOS meeting whenever hosted.
- 6. However, due to Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) any further activities nationwide to be postponed (R&R, ABC and cybersports will be re-evaluated)



Introduction to MMA for House Officers on 30<sup>th</sup> August & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Hospital Sultan Ismail





Introduction to MMA for House Officers on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Hospital Sultan Ismail

# REPORT FROM THE TABLE OF MMA JOHOR CHAIRMAN

Since the commencement of the MCO in March 2020, MMA Johor has been closely working with Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Johor (JKNJ) to compile all the Registered General Practitioners (GPs) and ensure that all front liners have been vaccinated in the 1st batch vaccination process.

Based on the information gathered, MMA managed to list down 3912 front liners to be registered and the details are as follows:

DISTRICT	DOCTOR	STAFF	TOTAL
Johor Bahru	678	1488	2166
Batu Pahat	84	216	300
Kota Tinggi	39	99	138
Kulai	79	177	256
Segamat	62	159	221
Tangkak	81	212	293
Muar	61	206	267
Kluang	19	51	70
Pontian	57	144	201
Total			3912

Dr Kalpana Ramasamy Honorary Secretary

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#### MMA KEDAH BRANCH

Chairman Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw

Vice Chairman Dr Khiritharan Mannie Rajah

Honorary Secretary Dr Megat Muhammad Kamil Bin Kamarulzaman

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SCHOMOS Representative Dr Izzatul Nadzirah Binti Ismail

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Dr Gerard Jason Mathews

CME Coordinator Dr Annuar Husainy Hussein

Internal Auditors

Dr Nesamani alp KS Vengadasalam

Dato' Dr Shah Kamal Khan B Jamal Din

We have had a total of four (4) committee meetings to date.

NO	NAME	15.10.2020	22.1.2021	28.3.2021	19.5.2021
1.	Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw	Present	Present	Present	Present
2.	Dr Khiritharan Mannie Rajah	Present	Present	-	Present
3.	Dr Megat Muhammad Kamil Kamarulzaman	SAN MEDIC	AL ASSO	Present	Present
4.	Dr. Ku Khairul Izzati Ku Shariman	Present	Present	Present	Present
5.	The Late Dr Rajan John A Kochitty John	Present	Present	-	-
6.	Dr Izzatul Nadzirah bt Ismail	Present	Present	-	-
7.	Dr Annuar Husainy Hussein	Present	Present	Present	-
8.	Dr Cyril Mohan Kumar Natarajan	-	Present	-	Present
9.	Dr Edwin Jude Gnanasegaran	Present	Present	Present	Present
10.	Dr Sujesthra Rao Krishnamurthy	Present	Present	-	Present
11.	Dr Gerard Jason Mathews	-	-	Present	Present

MMA Kedah has tried its best to carry out various activities despite the hindrance of COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing Movement Control Orders (MCOs).

The face-to-face CME has been postponed till May 2021.

An MMA Charity Centre has been formed in Sungai Petani Kedah under the funding of MMA Foundation. The Ist Community activity planned was cancelled at the last minute due to the MCO. If situation permits it will be carried out in May 2021.

Activities carried out till date:

## **Membership Drives by SCHOMOS**

SCHOMOS has been given time slots during HO orientation in Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah for 30 minutes for each House Officer (HO) orientation. So far only two (2) batches of HO: November intake and April intake.

#### **MMA** Kedah Badminton Tournament

This event was organised on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at Darulaman Sports Arena, Jitra, Kedah. There were 12 teams comprising 32 participants.

# Majlis Berbuka Puasa Bersama Pengarah JKN Kedah

Held on 29th April 2021 in Jerai Hotel, Alor Setar, Kedah. It was attended by MMA Kedah Exco members, Internal Auditor, District Hospital Directors, Kulim Hospital Director, National Head for FMS, Deputy Director of State Health Department.

#### Virtual Public Forum on Adolescent Health

Held on 7th June 2021 by Dr Thiyagar and Dr Tharmalingam.

## Virtual Public Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine

Held on 20th June 2021 by Dr Tharmalingam.

Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw Chairman

#### MMA KELANTAN BRANCH

# 1. MMA Kelantan Membership (as of 31 December 2020)

Grand total (HO, MO, OM, Life Member, Exempted, Associate and Honorary): 381 members

Total Ordinary Member : 127 members
Total Medical Officer : 63 members
Total House Doctor : 9 members
Total Life member : 174 members
Total Exempted members : 8 members
Student members : 9 members

# 2. <u>Branch Working Committee 2020/2021</u>

Chairman

Vice-Chairman/Alternate Representative

Honorary Treasurer Honorary Secretary SCHOMOS Chairman PPSMMA Chairman

Committee members

Dr Rosnelifaizur Bin Ramely

Dr Mohd Rahimie Bin Sayutti

Dr Mohd Zulfakar Bin Mazlan

Dr Asliza Zuraini Bt Mohd Yunus

Dr Mohd Zurgirie Bin Mohd Zubir

Dr Seri Buana Bin Zainudin

Dr Ahmad Muhaimin Bin Mustapha

Dr Nik Naeimah Bt Nik Soh

Dr Wan Namaziah Binti Azahari

Dr Norsuhana Binti Omar

Dr Tuan Zamani Amir Tuan Zakaria

## 3. Branch Working Committee 2020/2021 Exco Meetings

NO.	PROGRAMME	DATE / PLACE			
I.	Ist Exco Meeting 2020/2021	Date: 16th October 2020			
		Time: 2.45 pm			
		Place: Kafe Primer Cherang, Kota Bharu			
2.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exco Meeting 2020/2021 (Virtual)	Date: 12th February 2021			
		Time: 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm			
3.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Exco Meeting 2020/2021 (Virtual)	Date: 30th April 2021			
		Time: 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm			

# 4. Special Exco Meetings 2020/2021

NO.	PROGRAMME	DATE / PLACE
I.	A meeting between Section Corcerning House Officers,	Date: 24th August 2020
	Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) MMA and	Place: PPKT Meeting Room, USM
	Persatuan Alumni Doctor USM (PADU) on the subject of	
	contract house officers and medical officers	

2.	Dinner and Dialogue with YB Dato 'Mohd Amar bin Abdullah organized by the Kelantan Entrepreneurs Coun Kelantan MMA is represented by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.	Time: 9.15 pm — 11.15 pm
3.	Meeting for AGM Branch 2020/2021 (Virtual)	Date: 4th June 2021 Time: 2.30 pm

# 5. MMA Kelantan Report Activities 2020/2021

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NO.	·	DATE / PLACE			
I.	Customer Friendly Program of the Malaysian Medical Council at the Kelantan State, organized by MMA Kelantan  # Detail please refer SCHOMOS Report	Date: 4&5th October 2020 Place: Auditorium ACC, Level 5, Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II, Kota Bharu Time: 9 am – 4.00 pm			
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2.	Career Development Program for HO & Junior MO (Virtual)  # Details please refer Community Service Report	Date: 5th & 12th December 2020 Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm			
3.	Presentation of Face Shield donation from MMA Kelantan	Phase I: 5th year			
	to Medical Students	Date: 20th December 2020			
		Phase 2: I-4th year			
	# Detail please refer Membership Drive Report	Date: 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2021			
4.	A ceremony between the previous and new exco in	Date: 25th December 2020			
	addition to presenting souvenirs to the previous	Place: Ibis Style Kota Bharu			
	committee.	MAIN ON SHOW SHOW			
5.	Food packs handover ceremony for frontliners by Lions	Date: 25th February 2021			
	Club to MMA Kelantan	Time: 2.30 pm			
	# Details please refer Community Service Report				
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6.	Donation of 4 Smartphones and 2 printers to the PKRC	Date: 12th May 2021			
		Time: 9.30 am			
	# Detail please refer Community Service Report	Place: PKRC USM			

# 6. CME Report 2020/2021

Since the country was hit by the COVID-19 outbreak in early 2020, only one CME was held, on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020, which was implemented in practice because at that time the number of cases was somewhat declining. A large number of drug companies that once organized the CME under Kelantan MMA, now has been organizing CME virtually. So there is no income for MMA Kelantan Branch.

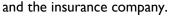
## 7. SCHOMOS Activities

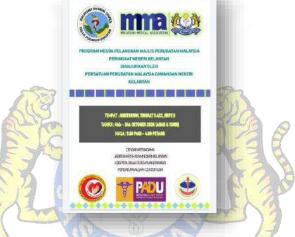
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a) Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) Customer Friendly Program, jointly organized with Kelantan MMA, Kelantan State Health Department (JKNK) and PADU, USM.

To help launch the affairs of APC Medical Practitioner applicants for the year 2021 under the direct supervision of the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).

To provide opportunities for the Medical Practitioners to obtain information related to MMC and the profession through briefing and question and answer sessions with the MMC, Kelantan State Health Department, HRPZII





# b) 100 Kitchen Baskets for Flood Relief

On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, located at Pejabat Tanah, Tumpat, the MMA Kelantan Branch with the Kelantan State Malaysian Red Crescent completed a trust from the MMA Foundation to help donate kitchen baskets to 100 families affected by floods and COVID-19 crisis as well as the *asnaf* (poor and needy) in Tumpat district.

The MMA Foundation's contribution in the amount of RM10,000.00 has received strong cooperation from volunteers from BBSM Kelantan in identifying the families involved as well as the preparation and distribution of the 100 kitchen baskets.



c) MMA Kelantan Virtual Ride 2021 # (Combined with the report on Sport Activities)

#### 8. PPSMMA Activities

# a) Swab Test Course for GPs

This program was a proposal from JKNK, but has been canceled due to the MCO. Majority of the GPs were not interested in doing swab test due to limited space and resources.

# b) National COVID-19 Immunization Program (PICK)

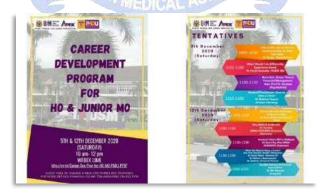
The Special Meeting of the COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Assurance Special Committee (JKJAV) has agreed to involve the GPs to maximize access to vaccine distribution more widely to the people. The involvement of the GPs is under the National COVID-19 Immunization Program (PICK) Phase 2 and Phase 3.

For this purpose, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) has appointed ProtectHealth Corporation Sdn Bhd (ProtectHealth) as the executor of GP involvement in PICK. ProtectHealth was incorporated in 2016 under the MOH as a non-profit company.

GPs who are interested in participating in PICK for Phases 2 and 3, need to register with ProtectHealth starting 8th March 2021 through the website <a href="https://www.protecthealth.com.my">www.protecthealth.com.my</a>. More information will be updated from time to time.

# 9. Membership Drive

a) Career Development Program for HO & Junior MO (Virtual)



The two-day program organized by PADU in collaboration with MMA Kelantan Branch, has attracted more than 250 participants per day who attended the program virtually. The two slots filled by the MMA Exco (Dr Mohd Zurairie Mohd Zubir and Dr Rahimie Sayutti) were utilized for an introductory session on MMA and the advantages of being an MMA member. The participants became clear of the benefits of MMA membership, and some participants have signed up and/or showed interest in becoming MMA members.

#### b) Presentation of Face Shield donation from MMA Kelantan to Medical Students

In the first phase, the donation was held on 20th December 2020. MMA Kelantan was represented by Dr Rosnelifaizur bin Ramely, Dr Mohd Zulfakar and Dr Norsuhana Omar, the face shield meant to be used by the 5th year medical students who resumed face to face learning starting 21st December 2020. The donation was received by Associate Professor Dr Kamarul Aryffin Baharuddin, Deputy Academic Dean of the School of Medical Sciences, USM.

In the second phase held on 10th January 2021, the face shield donation was represented by Dr Rosnelifaizur bin Ramely and Dr Norsuhana Omar. The donation was intended for the 1st to 4th year students doing the Doctor of Medicine program. It was received by Associate Professor Dr Nik Ahmad Zuky bin Nik Lah, Chairman of Phase 2, Medical Doctor Program, School of Medical Sciences, USM. The total amount contributed was 592.



## 10. Community Service Report

#### a) Food Pack Donations for the front liners:

A small ceremony was held on 25th February 2021 for handing over of the food packs donations from Lions Club Kota Bharu to MMA Kelantan for the front liners.

MMA Kelantan was represented by Dr Nik Naeimah Nik Soh and Dr Asliza Zuraini Mohd Yunus while Lions Club Kota Bharu was represented by Mr Francis Lim Lian Yen as the Club President, Dr Ezanee Isahak and other committee members.

A total of 90 food packs were donated and distributed to the front liners at Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia (HUSM), Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II (HRPZ II) and Klinik Kesihatan Kubang Kerian (KKKK). 40 packs were delivered to the front liners at HUSM, 40 packs were delivered to the front liners at KKKK.

Food packs were later distributed to HUSM representatives, Dr Mohd Zulfakar Mazlan, Dr Than Yun and Dr Fatin Hanani Che Juha and also HRPZ II representatives, Dr Mohd Zurairie Mohd Zubir. Food packs were also delivered to KKKK via person in charge Dr Faizul Aida Nawi.



# b) Donation of 4 Smartphones and 2 printers to the PKRC

On 12th May 2021, MMA Kelantan represented by the State Chairman, Mr Rosnelifaizur and the Exco members donated two (2) units of Laser Printers and four (4) units of smart phones for use at PKRC USM and PKRC Gelanggang Seni. Donation was made to PKRC Kelantan Director, Dr Mohd Azman Yacob at PKRC USM.

Previously, MMA Kelantan was informed that medical officers on duty have to use their personal phone to communicate with the patients to reduce the risk of infection during the session especially when they want to collect patients' information. Apparently, the use of personal phone has exposed personal phone number and private information of the medical officers on duty.

The whole item is priced at RM 3,000. It is hoped that these contributions can benefit all of them. Together, let us fight against the COVID-19.





# 11. Sport Activities

MMA Kelantan held two programmes as follows:

- a) Collaborated with Fit Synergy Hub with the support from Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Kelantan to organize "STRONG VIRTUAL RUB 2021 AMONGUSXFRONTLINERS EDITION" from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- b) Organised "MMA KELANTAN VIRTUAL RIDE 2021" led by Dr Razzi Masani and his team from 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Both programs were targeted at Health Care Worker in and outside of Kelantan and offered various prizes and finisher medals. The objectives of the programs are to promote healthy lifestyle among the health workers as well as to reduce work stress from the COVID-19 pandemic. The programs also aim to promote new MMA membership for the state of Kelantan.





## 12. Welfare Report

- a) September 2020:
- Visited Dr Yasiman's daughter at HUSM who had undergone a brain surgery to remove brain tumour.
- Visited the eldest son of Dr Hafidzah and Dr Rosdan at HUSM. He needed regular treatment at HUSM.
- b) October 2020:
- o Visited Dr Shasha at her Dewan Beta home after she had delivered her third child.
- c) 16th December 2020:
- Dr Mohd Zain of Tanah Merah died "peacefully" of a heart attack in the seat of his car while on his way to the hospital.
- d) <u>lanuary 2021:</u>
- o Dr Kamal of Klinik Haydar Kamal passed away after a brief illness.
- e) MMA Kelantan Chairman, Mr Rosnelifaizur and SCHOMOS Kelantan Chairman, Dr Zurairie visited the following doctors:
- Dr Azmi of Pancho Clinic at KPJ Perdana after he went through a coronary bypass operation. The operation was successful, however he died in March 2021 in his home, may be due to an acute coronary syndrome or

a pulmonary embolism. 30th January 2021, MMA Kelantan Chairman Mr Rosnelifaizur and SCHOMOS Kelantan Chairman Dr Zurairie visited Dr Azmi.

o On 28th March 2021, Ms Natrah, the MMA Kelantan secretariat staff visited Dr Abdul Wahab bin Ali at HUSM who had a fall and sustained a temporary brain injury. He has recovered and able to work as usual at the moment.

## o April 2021:

- Mr Rosnelifaizur and Dr Zurairie paid a visit to Dr Rohana at her home. She has been bedridden due to multiple comorbidities.
- Mr Rosnelifaizur and Dr Zurairie paid their respect to Dr Hillaludin's family who had succumbed to prostate cancer.

## o 6th May 2021:

i. A monetary donation was made to Dr Ganabaskaran Nadason, MMA Immediate Past President due to his recent illness.



Dr Asliza Zuraini Bt Mohd Yunus **Honorary Secretary** 

#### MMA MELAKA BRANCH

Chairman Dr Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal

Vice Chairman Dr Sivananthan all Periethamby
Honorary Secretary Lt Col (Dr) Eugene Tan Choon Li

Honorary Treasurer Dr Sivasuthan Letchumanan

PPSMMA Chairman Datuk Dr Pandurangan Subramaniam

SCHOMOS Chairman Dr Lynette Sheena Dewa Rajo – (resigned WEF Nov 2020)

Dr Muhamad Shahriman Muhamad Shari – (WEF Dec 2020)

Committee Members Dr Gunasekaran all Ramasamy

Datin Dr Sivasakthi Velayuthapillai

Dr Mitesh Chandrakant Dr Gayathri K Kumarasuriar Dr Karamjit Kaur Sarban Singh

Co-opted member

Student Representatives from Melaka Manipal Medical College Aswin V <mark>Vengade</mark>shwara <mark>Nur</mark>ulragih<mark>ah b</mark>t Ibrahim

Honorary Internal Auditors

Professor Dato' Dr N.K.S. Tharmaseelan
Professor Dr Jayakumar all Gurusamy

#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### I) BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Barring any unavoidable circumstances, the monthly Branch Committee Meeting are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month. However, during this term, to date, the committee had managed to meet successfully, either physically but most of the time virtually, in total eight (8) times to discuss branch matters and organize branch activities as we dealt with the nation's Movement Control Order (MCO).

# 2) <u>CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION - SUPPORTED BY PHARMACEUTICAL</u> COMPANIES

- Six CME sessions were held during the term January to December 2020, which was organized by the pharmaceutical companies.
- Two pharmaceuticals' companies organized round table talks due to budget restraints.
- o MMA Melaka Branch organized the 1st GP Teaching Symposium which was held on the 3rd & 4th October 2020. The 2-days workshop was all attended by both local and outstation participants.
- Overall, all the talks organized were well attended by members.

## 3) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS - ORGANISED BY MMA MELAKA

- Day I 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 07.30am 05.15pm
- DAY 2 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 08.00am 05.15pm

# Facts & Figures

- Total pre-registered 189
- Total attendees 146
- Oldest participants 78 years old
- Youngest participants 29 years old
- Total E-certificates submitted 131
- Total feedbacks 101

# 4) MEDICAL COMMUNITY CAMPS

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and MCO, there was no medical camp organised for the year 2020.

## 5) 38TH ANNUAL DINNER AND INSTALLATION NIGHT

- The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Installation Night for 2020 was deferred due to the current MCO and abiding the SOPs of avoidance of social gathering.
- O However, with hopes of battling the pandemic and achieving the herd immunity by the second half of the year, the 39th MMA Melaka Branch Annual Dinner/ Installation Night will be organized alongside with the 2nd GP Symposium and it will be tentatively held in October/ November 2021.

# 6) OFFICIAL VISITS / EVENTS

- O 12 August 2020 A team consisting of Dr. Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal, Dr. Sivananthan Periethamby and Lt Col (Dr) Eugene Tan Choon Li had paid an official visit to the Governor's Office of Melaka. They had met with the Governor, TYT Tun Seri Setia (Dr.) Haji Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam and discussed about the role that MMA Melaka Branch can play in promoting public health in Melaka.
- o 19 January 2021 Dr. Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal was featured as a guest in an hour-long interview, organized by Viral TV Station Malaysia Facebook Page, in which Dr. Jeffri had discussed on the topic of Anxiety. In the introduction, he had also briefly explained the function of MMA to the public.
- O 18 June 2021 A team consisting of Dr. Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal, Dr. Sivananthan Periethamby and Datuk Dr. Pandurangan Subramaniam had paid an official visit to the Office of Chief Minister Melaka. They had met with YAB Datuk Seri Utama (Dr.) Haji Sulaiman Bin Md Ali and discussed the role that private GPs in Melaka in participating in the mass vaccination program as a volunteer and also the possibility of promoting COVID-19 vaccinations in their own respective clinics.

## 7) MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AS AT 31-12-2020

Membership	2020	2019
Ordinary	158	173
Life	262	257
Exempted	22	21
Total	442	451

Government Doctors	128	147
Student	8	53

All committee members had made some efforts to get new members and with this, we hope that it could eventually increase the number of members in the future.

## 8) MMA HOUSE

Activities held in the House which includes:

- i) MMA Branch Committee Meeting
- ii) PPE training for GP's by JKN Melaka held on 5 December 2020 and 9 January 2021.

#### 9) MMA NATIONAL MEDAL AWARD 2020

- Congratulations to Professor Dato' Dr. N.K.S. Tharmaseelan N.K. Sinnadorai who had received the Gold Medal Award.
- o Congratulations to Dr. Gunasekaran Ramasamy who had received the Branch Long Service Award.

# 10) SCHOMOS MELAKA REPORT 2020-2021

SCHOMOS Chairperson : Dr Muhamad Shahriman Muhamad Shari

Sub-Committee Dr. Azliana Liza bt Borhan – Medical Officer KK, Jalan Gereja

: Lt Col (Dr) Mohd Wazir Bin Mohd Azzam - Surgeon, Hospital Angkatan

Tentera Kem Terendak

#### **ACTIVITIES – 2020**

For the year 2020, SCHOMOS Melaka did not have the opportunity to organize activities under SCHOMOS itself but committee members and some SCHOMOS members have contributed through collaboration with the Private Practitioners Section (PPS) of Melaka Branch in making the 1st Melaka GP Teaching Symposium which was officiated by Melaka State Health Director Datuk Dr. Hj Ismail Bin Ali on 3rd October 2020, a success. The 1st Melaka GP Teaching Symposium was held on the 3rd & 4th October 2020 at Holiday Inn Melaka.

#### **ACTIVITIES - 2021**

It was indeed a very challenging term for SCHOMOS Melaka branch as we all were continuously fighting the COVID-19 pandemic locally, the SCHOMOS Chairperson who was initially voted-in was Dr. Lynette Shena Dewa Rajoo, but she had to relinquish the post in November 2020 as she got her placement to be a future General Surgeon and had to be posted to Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah, Klang for her training. In that, the MMA Melaka Branch committee had unanimously elected Dr. Muhamad Shahriman to take over the responsibility of SCHOMOS Chairperson until the next AGM.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mental Health Awareness Seminar for General Practitioners & Primary Care Doctors (MEHAS 2.0) was proposed to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021, however, due to present MCO and since this had to be a physical event, we had decided to postpone it to a more convenient date later this year.

## 11) PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS SECTION, MELAKA REPORT 2020 - 2021

In view of the Pandemic, there were very few activities. The main activities were associated with the pandemic.

Chairman : Datuk Dr. S. Pandurangan PPSMMA sub-committee : Dr. Jeffri Teh Bin Faizal

: Dr. Sivananthan Periethamby : Dr. Gunasekaran Ramasamy

#### COVID-19 SWAB TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN MELAKA

There were two (2) sessions of Covid-19 NP/OP Swab Training Workshop held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the MMA House.

- a) Activities included COVID-19 testing procedure and PPE donning & doffing techniques.
- b) First session of this workshop, the attendance was 21 participants on 5th December 2020.
- c) Second session 70 Doctors had initially registered through Google Form; but only 25 GPs attended.
- d) National MMA had requested 20% of GP involvement. However, Melaka was the first state to reach 50% coverage on GPs JKNM had initially done this training for 30 GPs and the total number of GPs in Melaka stands is 210.
- e) All participants attended this course were awarded a certificate from JKNM.
- f) The feedback from the participants was good.
- g) MMA Foundation had sponsored RM 5,000 for the Covid-19 swab training workshops.

#### 12) FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

- To recruit more members especially from the younger doctors and from the GPs.
- To focus on creating subcommittees for PPS and SCHOMOS so that we are able to generate more activities relevant to them.
- To increase the COVID-19 vaccination awareness amongst doctors.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melaka Health Awareness Seminar 2021
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melaka GP Teaching Symposium 2021.

Lt Col (Dr) Eugene Tan Choon Li Honorary Secretary

## MMA NEGERI SEMBILAN BRANCH

# I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Office Bearers

Chairman Dr Selva Ganapathi s/o Ganeson

Vice-Chairman Dr Andrew Solamadan

Honorary Secretary Dr A Prabakaran all E Arulanandam

Honorary Treasurer Dr Siti Rokiah Bt Kamarudin

SCHOMOS Chairperson Dr Merlinda Shazellenne a/p James Pillai

PPS Chairman Dr Ravindran Ramasamy

Committee Members Dr Tang Jeat Liang

Dr Zuraida Bt Muhamad Dr Shyamala Ponnuthurai

Dr Guganesan all Krishnanmoorthy

Dr Sivakumar Kumarasamy

**Honorary Internal Auditors** 

Dr Yeow Beng Geok @ Peter Dr Beryl Agnes D' Souza

# 2. COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

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NAME / DATE	30/9/2020	4/11/2020 (Virtual Meeting)	12/12/2020	12/5/2021	%
Dr Selva Ganapathi	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Dr Andrew Solamadan	Р	MED CALAS	Р	Р	100
Dr Prabakaran	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Dr Siti Rokiah	Р	Р	Α	Р	75
Dr Ravindran	Р	Р	Α	Р	75
Dr Merlinda Shazellenne	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Dr Guganesan	Р	Р	Α	Α	50
Dr Zuraida	Α	Р	Α	Α	50
Dr Tang Jeat Liang	Р	Р	Р	Р	100
Dr Shyamala	Α	Р	Α	Р	50
Dr Sivakumar	Р	Р	Р	Α	75

## 3. <u>CME/ CPD MMA NS 2020-2021</u>

Cardiovascular Sentral Kuala Lumpur (CVS):15th Aug 2020:

o Topic: "When is surgery the best option for in Heart, Lung and Chest Diseases?" (Webinar).

Sports Medicine, Hospital Tuanku Jaafar Seremban: 31st March &1st April 2021

Topic: "Exercise Prescription – The What's, The How's and The Whys"

JKNS and MMA NS Branch Covid-19 Training session:

- Ist training session has been conducted successfully at the Chinese Maternity Hospital, Seremban on 7th December, 2020. The total number of participants for this training session was 52.
- The training has been conducted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time for the benefit of other participants at the Mawar Hospital, Seremban on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The total number participants who attended this session was 64.
- These COVID-19 sampling training sessions were organized by the PPS MMA NS headed by Capt Dr (Rtd) Ravindran Ramasamy.
- o MMA NS Branch wishes to express its sincere thanks to Professor Dato' Seri Dr. Sree Raman of Chinese Maternity Hospital, Seremban, Dato' Dr P. Vijayasingham of the Mawar Hospital Seremban and the NS State Health Department for their assistance in enabling these two training sessions to be conducted successfully.

# 4. MEETING WITH JKNNS OFFICIALS

The "Mesyuarat Mekanisma Pelaksanaan Vaksin COVID-19" was held on 1st March, 2021 which was chaired by TPKA Dr. Hj Mohammad Faid bin Abd Rashid. The representatives from MMA NS who attended this meeting were:

- o MMA NS Branch Chairman: Dr Selva Ganapathi Ganeson
- o MMA NS Branch Vice Chairman: Dr Andrew Solamadan
- o PPS NS Branch Chairman: Capt Dr. Ravindran.
- Secretariat MMA NS: Madam Thilagam.

The meeting was more on how to distribute the vaccine to the GPs and Private Hospitals and get their staff vaccinated. The meeting was very fruitful and JKNNS was very understanding in this matter.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021, JKNNS invited MMA Negeri Sembilan Branch for a brainstorming session on "Mesyuarat Penyelarasan Perlaksanaan HIO/Pemakaian Gelang Kuarantin Oleh Pengamal Perubatan Swasta Terhadap Kes Positif COVID-19" which was chaired by TPKA Dr. Hj Mohammad Faid B. Abd Rashid, where three main issues were discussed as follows:

- Standardization of the notification using e-Notification which will be more effective among the GPs and Private Hospital in Negeri Sembilan.
- Controlling the movement of RTK / PCR positive patients who come to our clinic for test by giving
   HSO form and pink wristband then update to PKDs. By this method we can stop spreading the virus

within the community. MOH has started the program called "Pendaftaran Home Monitoring & HSO Pengamal Perubatan Swasta" by giving the training to the GPs on how to handle this situation plus a certificate. JKNNS encouraged the GPs and Private Hospitals to join the program and help the situation in handling COVID-19 positive cases in Negeri Sembilan.

 JKNNS encouraged more clinics to register and assist to cover vaccinations for the community in Negeri Sembilan by joining the training session under the ProtectHealth Corporation.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENTS

Two (2) membership drives were held in HTJ Seremban during the introductory session regarding the MMA House Officers. It was attended by the House Officers reporting for duty to Negeri Sembilan.

Officiated the White Coat Ceremony of IMU Students on the 15th of March 2021 and 22nd of April 2021. Also took the opportunity to do a membership drive for the students of IMU several times last year.

Liaised with the IMU, its clinical coordinators, student representatives and briefed them about joining MMA as the student representatives, how to increase the student membership in Negeri Sembilan besides encouraging them to participate in our various yearly activities.

Great effort by SCHOMOS Negeri Sembilan, where we have been given another opportunity to present MMA to junior doctors / Housemen in the introductory session at Hospital Tuanku Ampuan Najihah. Previously we had this session only at Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar Seremban.

MMA Negeri Sembilan branch has also created MMA NS Facebook page and Instagram page. Both these social media platforms were well received by our members and have facilitated MMA NS to disseminate information and regular updates on our Branch activities.

## 6. COMMUNITY PROJECT

MMA Negeri Sembilan branch also organized its 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Run "MMA N9 FIGHT COVID-19 VIRTUAL RUN" which started on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 and ended on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. This was a nationwide run, aimed at the public, to get some funding for our state COVID-19 fund. It was well received by our MMA members and members of the public. It was a successful event organised by the Organising Chairman Dr. Merlinda Shazellenne and assisted by Dr. Tang Jeat Liang, and other wonderful doctors under the chairmanship of Dr. Selva Ganapathi Ganeson.

## 7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Merlinda is also the current Malaysian Representative to the World Junior Doctors Association as well as an Associate Member of the World Medical Association.

The following programs were postponed /cancelled due the current COVID-19 Pandemic and MCO restrictions:

- o The 2<sup>nd</sup> MMA NS Primary Care Symposium scheduled for early 2021.
- o Futsal Tournament scheduled for early 2021.
- Occupational Safety & Health Seminar
- o Community based activities such as Medical Camps and other Health related activities.

Dr A Prabakaran s/o E Arulanandam Honorary Secretary



## MMA PAHANG BRANCH



## I. OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
SCHOMOS Chairman
PPSMMA Chairman

Datin Dr Gowri A/P Sundaram

Dr Yip Kam Hoo Dr Choy Meil Li Dr Lim Wai Tong

Dr Sivasubramaniam all Balakrishnan Dr Prem Kumar slo Gopakumaran Nair

**Committee Members** 

Prof Dr How Soon Hin Dr Nor Azlina A Rahman Datin Dr Fa'iza Abdullah Dr Thillainathan a/I T Pushpanathan @ T Paspanadan Dr Reuben Goh Ern Tze

## 2. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The committee had a total of 3 meetings to discuss arising issues and the programmes that we have planned for our branch during the year. The dates of meetings are as below:

- I. 4th November 2020
- II. 16th December 2020
- III. 28th January 2021

## 3. ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH

#### **YEAR 2020**

September 19th

Membership Drive: MMA4U - Proud to be Doctor

December 6th

Medical symposium (CME): 1st trimester antenatal scan

(It is not only about NT)

#### **YEAR 2021**

January 10th

Medical symposium (CME): 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester antenatal scan

(What primary care should not miss)

January 15th

10th Annual Scientific Meeting & Regional Medical Updates

Pre-Congress Oncology Workshop

January 16th - 17th

10th Annual Scientific Meeting & Regional Medical Updates

lanuary 31st

Medical symposium (CME): Update on cervical cancer screening

#### HOUSEMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Hospital Tengku Ampuan Afzan, Kuantan, Pahang.

We were very fortunate to be able to reach out to house officers during their orientation week in HTAA. A slot was given to speak to these new doctors about MMA & introducing them to our fraternity. Our Branch has successfully conducted 4 sessions last year, many thanks to our Chairperson, Datin Dr. Gowri Sundaram and SCHOMOS state representative Dr. Sivasubramaniam Balakrishnan. The sessions conducted on dates as follows:

- I. 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- II. 10th October 2020
- III. 10th November 2020
- IV. 13th April 2021

# MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM (CME) - COLLABORATION BETWEEN AFPM PAHANG AND MMA PAHANG BRANCH

MMA Pahang has been collaborating with the Academy of Family Physicians, Pahang for regular webinar sessions that are practical to primary care. So far, 3 such sessions, focusing on Obstetrics & Gynecology with the topics and dates as listed above. The response for these webinars were overwhelming, with more than 200 participants

for each webinar, the latest was a whooping 384 attendees. Majority of the participants were pleased that the webinars were of use to them. The presentation by the speakers were good, informative, concise, and impressive. The response to delivery of the content and relevancy is mostly good and excellent.

## PRE-CONGRESS ONCOLOGY WORKSHOP

15th January 2021 at AC Hotel by Marriott, Kuantan, Pahang.

This time around, the pre-congress workshop focused on Oncology topics, with the aim to expose the health community to common oncology problems and advocate early referrals to improve patients' morbidity and mortality rates. The workshop had 80 participants with various talks given by consultant clinical oncologists from Sunway Medical Centre, Beacon Hospital and HKL, to name a few. Many thanks to the sponsors from MSD and MundiPharma to make this event a successful one.

# 10TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & REGIONAL MEDICAL UPDATES 2021

16th & 17th January 2021 at AC Hotel by Marriott, Kuantan, Pahang.

Pahang Branch has been organising a major meeting every year to update the health community on latest managements in healthcare, besides imparting new knowledge to them. After being postponed for a year, we have managed to successfully organise a virtual ASM & RMU. The number of participants were overwhelming, with total of 237 registered. This was made possible by engaging with an Information & Technology company, ALTUS Solutions SDN BHD, who managed the event virtually. From those participants who have registered, it was surprising that 122 of them did not attend our previous ASM & RMU. This is good news as we were able to reach out to more people and still have interesting talks that were able to garner general attentions. A total of 112 participants are of MMA members, all of them from every corner of the country, with 2 participants from Sarawak and 3 from Sabah.

Dr Choy Meil Li Honorary Secretary

#### MMA PENANG BRANCH

## I) BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MMA Penang Branch 37th Annual General Meeting was a hybrid meeting with the Committee members at Bayview Georgetown Hotel, members present virtually through the zoom platform and the overall meeting guided by MMA Headquarter. This was held on 19th July 2020. It was attended by 102 members. The following were elected to the Branch Committee for 2020/2021:

## 2) BRANCH COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

Chairman Dr Indran V Saminathan
Vice-Chairman Dr Kisheaan Devarajan
Honorary Secretary Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai

Honorary Treasurer Mr SP Palaniappan all Suppiah

SCHOMOS Representative Dr Divagar Varatha Raju

PPSMMA Chairman Dr Kulwaran Singh s/o Daulat S

**Committee Members** 

Dato' Dr See Ewe Beng

Dr Gunasekaran all Balasundaram

Dr Kugan Varatha Raju Dr Rinusha Manogaran

Dr Priyatharisini Durganaudu

**Honorary Auditors** 

Dr Sivagnanam Chidambaram

Dr Jitendra Kumar all Shantilal n Tejani

## 3) MEMBERSHIP OF MMA PENANG BRANCH

As of 20th April 2021, there were 1021 members in benefit compared with 1001 tallies the previous year. A total of 71 ordinary and 30 life members joined the branch for the period from 1st October 2020 till 20th April 2021.

#### **Members**

Ordinary : 356 Life : 595 Exempt : 70 TOTAL : 1021

Student : 20

The student membership saw a drop from the previous year tally of 24.

# 4) ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dr. S. Indran	14.10.2020 P	16.12.2020 P	18.2.2021 P	24.3.2021 P	21.4.2021 P	11.5.2021 P
Dr Kisheaan Devarajan	Р	Р	Α	Α	Р	Р
Dr. Saraswathi Bina Rai	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mr. SP.Palaniappan	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr. Kulwaran Singh	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р	Р
Dr. Divagar Varatha Raju	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dato' Dr. See Ewe Beng	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr. B. Gunasekaran	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr. Kugan Varatha Raju	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	Р
Dr Rinusha Manogaran	P	P	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr. Priyatharisini Durganaudu	P	A	A	P	A	Р
A:Absent with apologies	P: Prese	ent C		X 2		

## 5) MMA COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Branch was represented by the Chairman Dr. S. Indran and Vice-Chairman Dr. Kisheaan Devarajan. The two alternate representatives, who were nominated and accepted unanimously at the 37th MMA Penang Branch AGM were Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai and Mr SP Palaniappan.

# 6) SECRETARIAL AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES

PG Corporate Services Sdn. Bhd. continued to provide secretarial and accounting services for the Penang Branch though they have now merged and are called CH Management Consultants Sdn Bhd.

Committee

# 7) EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Name of Doctor

S. Thillaimuthu & Co. Certified Public Accountants were appointed as the external auditors.

## 8) PENANG BRANCH MEMBERS IN NATIONAL MMA COMMITTEES

Dr S Indran	MMA Council		
Dr Kisheaan Devarajan	MMA Council		
Dr B Gunasekaran	Ethics Committee		
Dr Vasu Pillai a/l Letchumanan	MMA Executive Committee		
	(Honorary General Treasurer)		

Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh MMC CPD Committee

MMA Constitution & Resolutions Review Committee

MMA Representative in MMC-CPD Committee

Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai National Health Policy Committee

Dr Kulwaran Singh PPS NWC

Dr Divagar Varatha Raju SCHOMOS NWC

# 9) CONFERRING CEREMONY OF RSCI & UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS (RUMC)

This was held virtually. MMA Penang Branch gave prizes consisting of a cheque for RM500 and a Certificate of achievement, for 1st place in 8 subjects.

Medicine : Halima Haruna Mshelia

Surgery : Yeung Chun Yu
O & G : Yeung Chun Yu
Paediatrics : Pang Zhi Chiing

Psychiatry : Manisha Veanora Coran
Ophthalmology : Sya Mun Kit Julian
Otolaryngology : Sya Mun Kit Julian

Forensic and Legal Medicine : Sabrina Koay Mei Ann

From henceforth the MMA Penang branch would cease handing out prizes to RUMC due to the marked downtown in income this year. This will be reviewed when finances improve.

#### 10) MMA PENANG BRANCH WEBSITE

The website for MMA Penang branch has been reactivated and members can access it at mmapenang.com.

## 11) 23rd PENANG TEACHING CONFERENCE FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

This meeting has been run consecutively every year for the past 22 years and the topics have been specially selected to be of interest to those in primary care medicine. However, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Penang Teaching Conference for General Practitioners scheduled for September 2020 had to be postponed due to the uncertainties of the pandemic. It is now scheduled to be held virtually from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

#### 12) PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS' SECTION

# 12.1. Ist PPS National Working Committee Meeting

Hybrid meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2020, at 3.00pm, MMA House, Kuala Lumpur. Participated in a Zoom meeting on the same date and venue. Topic "President Meet the GPs" session. The meeting was mostly on covid issues.

# 12.2. Update for members:

PPSMMA Penang and PMPS through CKAPS Penang organized covid swabbing training sessions on 15th December 2020 at Island Hospital and 28th December 2020 at Lam Wah Ee Hospital. Around 200 Doctors attended both training sessions.

#### 12.3. CME and Social Activities:

No CME or social activities were organized throughout the year due to Covid Pandemic and strict SOPs.

## 13) SCHOMOS REPORT

#### **Penang SCHOMOS Sub-Committee Members:**

Chairman Dr Divagar Varatha Raju
Vice-Chairman Dr Kisheaan Devarajan
Secretary Dr Priyatharisini Durganaudu
Treasurer Dr Kugan Varatha Raju

Committee members Dr M. Vairavan (Public Relation and Communication Director)

Dr Rinusha Manogaran (Membership Director)

Dr Muhammad Hafiz (Capacity Building and Activity Director)

This term has been a slow one for the SCHOMOS wing of MMA Penang. Many activities were planned however had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the planned activities are as below.

# 13.1. SCHOMOS Penang Houseman Teaching/Consultation Series

A consultation series is being held in small groups among housemen and junior medical officers in Hospital Pulau Pinang. These sessions serve as an avenue for SCHOMOS to continuously engage with the housemen and junior medical officers. Besides that, these sessions also enable us to create a network among the hospitals and health clinics in Penang.

#### 13.2. Houseman Survival Course 2021

This course was initially suggested to the SCHOMOS team by the Director of Hospital Pulau Pinang. It will be held in collaboration with Penang State Health Department (JKN PP) and Hospital Pulau Pinang. The 2 days' course will be divided into talks and soft skills workshops. The workshop stations will include all the essential topics and skills the House Officer are required to know in departments such as Medical, Surgical, Orthopedics, Paediatrics, O & G, Anesthesiology, A & E and Psychiatry.

The talks will include topics such as Career Pathway of a Doctor; Entitlement of House Officers CPD - Why is it important; Financial Management for Doctors; Introduction to MMA; How to be a Team Player and many more. Tentatively planned to be held in May 2021 at Auditorium Hospital Pulau Pinang. However, the exact date will be decided later depending on the COVID-19 situation.

13.3. SCHOMOS Family Day

This event is open to all SCHOMOS Penang members and will be a beach side activity at Batu Ferringhi area. Activities may include beach sports/games and a barbeque session. A nominal registration fee will be charged for all participants. Tentatively planned to be held June 2021 depending on COVID-19 situation.

## 13.4. Adopting Medical School

In line with the SCHOMOS National Working Committee's (NWC) efforts to increase the membership of Society of MMA Medical Students (SMMAMS), SCHOMOS Penang will adopt a medical school in their state. The only medical school in Penang is RCSI and UCD Malaysia Campus (Formerly PMC).

A formal letter has been sent to the Dean of RCSI and UCD Malaysia Campus (Formerly PMC) regarding this matter and to engage further with their student council.

## 14) CPD ACTIVITIES

## Malaysian Medical Association, Penang Branch

The following Seminars and Meetings were organised by the Malaysian Medical Association (Penang Branch). Due to the current pandemic, many programs were postponed or cancelled.





**MMA Penang Branch Committee** 

#### Seated left to right:

Mr SP Palaniappan, Dr S Indran, Dr Saraswathi Bina rai, Sr Kisheaan Devarajan.

#### Standing left to right:

Dr Kulwaran Singh, Dr Kugan Varatha Raju, Dato' Dr See Ewe Beng, Dr Rinusha Manogaran, Dr B. Gunasekaran, Dr.Divagar Varatha Raju

#### Not in picture:

Dr. Priyatharisini Durganaudu

Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai Honorary Secretary

# MMA PERAK BRANCH

# I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF MMA PERAK BRANCH 2020 - 2021

Chairperson Dr Premananda Raja Murugesu
Vice-Chairman Dr Satkunan Mark a/I Gnanapathy

Honorary Secretary Dr Chan Suet Mei

Honorary Treasurer Dr Suresh Subramaniam

SCHOMOS Representative Dr John Emmanuel a/l Gilbert Fernandez

PPSMMA Representative Mej Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale

Committee Members Dr Farah Aishah Hamdan

Dr Mohamed Sidek Bin Ali

Dr Monesh Pillai

Dr Sathesh Babu a/l Subramaniam Dr Sivanandarajah a/l Satgunam

**Honorary Auditors** 

Dato' Dr Vasan s/o P Sinnadurai
Dr Yee Meng Kheong

## 2. ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH

# 2.1 Committee Meetings

MMA Perak Committee had a total of four (4) meetings this term. Attendance at each meeting has been illustrated in the table below.

Office Bearers	st	2nd	3rd	4th
Dr Premananda Raja Murugesu	PALE	Р	P	Р
Dr Satkunan Mark	Р	Р	Р	Α
Dr Chan Suet Mei	Р	Α	Р	Α
Dr Suresh Subramaniam	Р	Р	Р	Α
Dr John Emmanuel	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr Jeyaratnam M Ratnavale	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr Farah Aishah Hamdan	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr Mohamed Sidek bin Ali	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dr Monesh Pillai	Р	Р	Р	Α
Dr Sathesh Babu	Р	Α	Α	Р
Dr Sivananda Rajah	Р	Α	Р	Α

In keeping with recommendations by the National Security Council, these meetings were held on a virtual platform. However, despite the limited number of physical meetings, the committee members were in constant contact with each other through a dedicated WhatsApp group. Each decision or

project was put forward, thoroughly deliberated and vetted before being voted on to ensure it was in the best interest of MMA Perak.

# 2.2 Assisting the Frontliner's Vaccination Process

Since the commencement of the National Immunization Programme (NIP), we have been in communication with Dato Dr. Ding, Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri Perak and CKAPS to coordinate a smooth vaccination drive for our members. Serving as the liaison body between the GPs and JKN Perak, we communicated the proper process, procedures, and timely reminders on the process of vaccination registration. In addition, we assisted individual doctors who contacted us to troubleshoot issues with their registration process.

# 2.3 Membership

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed, we were not able to conduct a regular membership drive in various hospitals but all the committee members had put in an effort to promote membership personally. A total of 94 new Ordinary Members and 39 Life Members joined. In total, MMA Perak has 1170 members.

## 3) SCHOMOS REPORT 2020-2021

A summary of the activities for SCHOMOS Perak is as stated below.

# 3.1 Collaboration with MERCY Malaysia

On the 24th of September 2020, SCHOMOS Perak held a meeting with Ms Chan Li Jin from MERCY Malaysia to discuss production of PPEs for other states which had a high number of Covid-19 cases. We donated a total of 9 rolls of material to MERCY Malaysia for PPE production. Through this collaboration, PPE sets were distributed to multiple clinics and hospitals in other states.

## 3.2 Meeting with Dr Ding Lay Ming, Pengarah Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak

On the 10th of December 2020, SCHOMOS Perak held a meeting with Dr Ding Lay Ming. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the current committee and to discuss the issues involving doctors within the state and get her input regarding the future projects with the state health department. During this meeting, MMA Perak also handed over 200 sets of PPE (gown, head covers, boot covers, face shields) to JKNP Perak for distribution to the PKDs for their use.

## 3.3 "Spread the Christmas Cheer" Party for Pediatric Patients at KWKKK, Ipoh

This event focused on the children admitted to the paediatric wards (surgical, medical, PHDU, PICU, oncology) at the Kompleks Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kardiologi in Ipoh. Each inpatient child was given a Christmas gift and cupcakes to celebrate Christmas. The event was graced by Dr Suresh Subramaniam (MMA Perak Treasurer) and Dr Farah Hamdan. A total of 70 kids was involved in this programme. We also worked with individual external sponsors to broaden the MMA Perak outreach.

## 3.4 Special Lunch Meals for On Call Doctors (Christmas 2020)

All doctors who were on call on Christmas Day (25th December 2020) received a special packed lunch. The religious celebration grant from SCHOMOS was utilized for this in addition to other financing contributions.

These packed lunch boxes were distributed to specialists, medical officers and house officers from the obstetrics and paediatric departments in HRPB, Ipoh.

#### 3.5 MMA Perak Virtual Bariatric Forum 2021

A virtual forum featuring issues related to obesity and bariatric surgery was conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. This forum included talks by family medicine specialists, bariatric surgeons, and general surgeons. The forum attracted 124 participants from all over Perak. CPD points were awarded.

## 3.6 Special Lunch Meals for On Call Doctors (Chinese New Year 2021)

All doctors who were on call on CNY (12th February 2021) received a special packed lunch. The religious celebration grant from SCHOMOS was utilized for this in addition to other financing contributions. These packed lunch boxes were distributed to specialist, medical officers and house officers from the surgical, medical and orthopedic department in HRPB, Ipoh.

#### 3.7 MMA Perak SCHOMOS Webinar – COVID-19: CAC & Vaccination

This was the first of future webinar sessions involving government doctors. The topic chosen was related to the current pandemic and targeted issues surrounding vaccination. Speakers were family medicine specialists from various polyclinics in Perak. A total of 114 participants attended the event. CPD points were awarded.

## 3.8 Pediatric TPN Course 2021

This was the first physical course/event held by SCHOMOS Perak in collaboration with the Paediatric Surgical Unit of HRPB, Ipoh. The objective of the event was to increase the awareness and knowledge among the government medical officers and specialists from Perak who are dealing with Paediatric TPN. MMA Perak hosted a faculty dinner on the 8th of April 2021. The course was held on the 9th of April 2021 at Weil Hotel, Ipoh. A total of 8 speakers from Perak and KL including paediatric surgeons, paediatricians and pharmacists were part of the faculty. Due to the SOPs, we had to limit the number of participants to 60, despite an overwhelming response. The overall feedback was from participants was positive.

## 3.9 Difficult Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Workshop

This workshop was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 at the General Operation Theatre of Hospital Teluk Intan (HTI). It was a collaboration between Department of Surgery, HTI and SCHOMOS Perak. It was a one-day course with the objective to educate general surgeons on having a safe intra-operative approach in complex cholecystectomies. Faculty included Mr Balraj Singh and Mr Aidil from Hospital Selayang. There was a total of 17 participants from within the state of Perak. A total of 7 complex cases were operated on and it proved highly beneficial to the participants. Additionally, they were also exposed to techniques in correctly interpreting cholangiogram images.

#### 3.10 "Jom Berbuka Puasa" Event - Hospital Slim River

In conjunction with the Muslims' holy month of Ramadhan, MMA Perak organized a breaking of fast event at Hospital Slim River on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. A simple ceremony was officiated by Dr Sivanandarjah, Pengarah Hospital Slim River to distribute packed foods to a total of 120 hospital personnel.

#### 4) **PPS REPORT**

#### 4.1 MMC Roadshow & CME Session

On the 18th of September 2020, MMA Perak collaborated with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) to hold a roadshow that featured talks on "Ethics, Law & Practicing", "APC Requirements" and "Medical indemnity" by the top brass from MMC. The event was well attended by doctors. In addition, we organized a dialogues session between the doctors and Dato Dr Mohd Khairi Bin Yakub (CEO Malaysian Medical Council). It was an interesting session that allowed doctors to express issues faced and ask questions with regards to APC renewal, MMC regulations and red tape. The healthy discussion was well received by Dato' Dr Mohd Khairi who provided better insight into the workings of the MMC and also gave assurance on issues that needed to be resolved. We also approached MMC to set up a APC renewal stations over 2 days on the 18th-19th of September 2020. A huge number of doctors benefitted from these stations and had their APCs renewed on the spot.

#### 4.2 Covid-19 Swab Training

On the 17th of December 2020, Malaysian Medical Association, Perak and Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Perak had organized COVID-19 swab training for primary care doctors in Perak at ACC, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun lpoh. There was a good response from the general practitioners who attended the training session. This training would be useful to ensure proper and ideal practices (including donning and doffing of PPE) when medical practitioners conduct swabbing at their respective clinics.

#### 4.3 Re-Look Obesity Beyond Diet & Exercise Webinar

MMA Perak had successfully organized a webinar on "Re-Look Obesity Beyond Diet & Exercise" on the 21st of March 2021. This online event managed to attend a good number of viewers. The aim of the talk was to create awareness on obesity and various treatment options with a special focus on intragastric balloon. Members were exposed to the availability of this novel treatment option in the field of bariatrics. The entire segment proved informative ALAYSIAN MEDICAL P and received positive feedback.

#### 5) **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

MMA Perak would like to record its heartfelt thanks to the following who have constantly given much support to its cause:

Prof Dato' Dr M Subramaniam (MMA President 2020/2021) Members of MMA Council 2020/2021 **Perak State Health Director** All who have rendered kind assistance to MMA Perak in one way or another

Deepest gratitude to MMA Perak members and the committee members for their cooperation and contribution to all the programmes held. I wish the upcoming MMA Perak team a very fruitful and productive session.

Dr Chan Suet Mei **Honorary Secretary** 

#### **MMA PERLIS BRANCH**

# I. OFFICE BEARERS 2020/2021

Chairman Dr Andrew Chin Hock Kee Vice-Chairman Dr Hari Ram a/l Ramayya

Secretary Dr Jayneshthra Rao all Krishnamurthy

Treasurer Dr Ambiggan all Supaya SCHOMOS Chairperson Dr Umairah Binti Norazman

PPSMMA Chairperson Dr Chew Shi Wei

Committee Members Dr Thavamany a/p Kaleesvran

Dr Kharthik Deepan all Murugesu

Dr Young Carmen Winnie

Dr Sathesh Kumar a/l Periyasamy
Dr Nurul'izzati binti Mohd Zulkifli

Honorary Auditors Dr Radzeli Mohd Ramli

Dr Khairul Shakir Ab Rahman

# 2. BRANCH ACTIVITIES

#### **Blood Donation Drive**

This was done during the fasting month of Ramadan.

#### Membership Drive

Routinely, MMA Perlis will hold a membership drive once in every three (3) months. A representative from the committee will give a short speech to the new house officers regarding MMA and the benefits of becoming a member. This year, it was done virtually.

# **SCHOMOS**

SCHOMOS actively participated in meetings with Majlis Bersama Jabatan (MBJ) at the state and hospital level with three (3) meetings per year respectively and discussed various issues affecting doctors.

Dr Jayneshthra Rao all Krishnamurthy Secretary

#### MMA SABAH BRANCH

#### I) MMA SABAH COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2020/2021

Chairman Prof Dr Kew Seih Teck

Vice-Chairman Dr Sentilnathan a/l Subramaniam

PPSMMA Chairman Dr Teo Beng Ho, John SCHOMOS Chairman Dr Harivinthan Sellappan

Honorary Secretary Associate Professor Dr Fredie Robinson

Honorary Treasurer Dr Liaw Yun Haw

Committee Members Dr Ruhaizad Daud

Dr Haslezah Saelih

Dr Henry Rajendra Ponniah Dr Brandon Patrick Senagang

Dr Liew Boon Seng

# 2) MEMBERSHIP MMA SABAH

Sabah MMA had a total of 689 in the Electoral Roll and 87 members in benefit as per 21st May 2021.

# 3) <u>MEETINGS HELD IN 2020-2021</u>

- a. The Sabah MMA AGM was held on 18 July 2020, which was attended by 55 members.
- b. Sabah MMA new Council members conducted three (3) virtual Exco meetings with full attendance on 16/10/2020, 10/3/2021 and 25/5/2021.

# 4) <u>CMEs</u>

Dr Liew Boon Seng took up the responsibility from Assoc. Prof. Dr Fredie Robinson of being the CME Chairman. A total of five online CMEs held between March 2020 to May 2021. These were largely organized by the Central MMA CME committee.

#### 5) PPSMMA REPORT

(Dr John Teo, PPSMMA Chairman, Sabah Branch)

#### Vit. K Project Ongoing

Total no of clinics involved: 32

Total no of injections for the past 12 months: 584

#### HIV Screening Campaign Ongoing

Total no of clinics involved: 40

Total no of test kits distributed: 6370 pcs

#### Food Handlers examination

Further discussion with JKNS & UKAPS to finalise the examination form

# Coordination of Private Frontliners and Staff for Phase I of Covid Vaccination

Majority of GPs and staff have been vaccinated

## HPV CSR Project with Hibiscus Petroleum /JKNS and HUMS

Many discussions and meetings were held. Project would be ready to launch in June 2021. Total no of clinics involved: 28

#### 6) SCHOMOS REPORT

(Dr Harivinthan Sellapan, SCHMOS Chairman, Sabah Branch)

# MMA Sabah COVID-19 Fund: October 2020 - February 2021

MMA Sabah in collaboration with MMA Foundation raised more than RM4 million worth of donations in cash and in kind during the COVID-19 2<sup>nd</sup> wave that hit Sabah. These donationswere used to procure medical equipment, laboratory equipment and PPE for use in healthcare facilities throughout the state.

\*A separate detailed report has been prepared by Dr Sentilnathan Subramaniam

# MMA Foundation - Shopee COVID-19 Fund: October 2020

MMA Sabah coordinated contributions from the MMA Foundation - Shopee COVID-19 Fund worth RM153,700 to Sabah State Health Department. This fund was utilised to purchase medical equipment used in the fight against COVID-19.

#### Respirator Programme for Frontliners: October - November 2020

A total of 540 frontliners throughout the state participated in the Respirator Programme for Frontliners where a set of 3M Half-Face respirators and filters were provided at a heavily subsidized rate of RM50 only.

#### MMA SCHOMOS Sabah Life Membership Drive: November 2020

In conjunction with the National SCHOMOS Shopee Voucher Life Membership Promotion, MMA SCHOMOS Sabah embarked on a state-wide virtual membership drive and successfully recruited 24 new Life Members.

#### MMA SCHOMOS Sabah Health Screening in Conjunction with Blood Donation Drive

MMA SCHOMOS coordinated multiple health screening events in conjunction with blood donation drives organized by various NGOs. Many doctors and medical students volunteered to provide non-communicable disease screening as well as provide counselling for lifestyle modification and dietary advice.

a) <u>Persatuan Kebajikan Cina Sabah & Lions' Club Blood Donation Drive: 18-20 December 2020 at Karamunsing Exhibition Hall Kota Kinabalu</u>

Volunteers: 20 medical doctors and medical students

Health screening: 290 members of public

Blood donation: 250 bags

b) Tzu Chi Sabah Blood Donation Drive: 07 February 2021 at Tzu Chi Likas

Volunteers: 6 medical doctors and medical students

Health screening: 150 members of public

Blood donation: 124 bags

c) Tzu Chi Sabah Blood Donation Drive: 02 May 2021 at Tzu Chi Likas

Volunteers: 6 medical doctors and medical students

Health screening: 120 members of public

Blood donation: 100 bags

d) <u>United Sabah Chinese Community Association Blood Donation Drive: 08 May 2021 at ITCCMall</u>

**Penampang** 

Volunteers: 5 medical doctors and medical students

Health screening: 120 members of public

Blood donation: 150 bags

Webinar for UMS Medical Students in Conjunction with Chinese New Year Celebrations: 20 February 2021

MMA SCHOMOS presented a webinar involving 200 UMS medical students on "Why Join MMA?", in the effort to introduce MMA to the medical students and encourage participation as medical student members.

## MMA SCHOMOS Virtual Forum: March 2021

MMA SCHOMOS Sabah in collaboration with National SCHOMOS organized a 3-part weekly live interactive dialogue session with the Ministry of Health, Sabah and Sarawak State Health Department and Malaysian Medical Council officials. It provided an ideal platform for all doctors in government service to raise issues and clarify a wide range of matters including the contract doctors issues, promotions criteria, transfer and placement criteria, EPF vs Pension, medico-legal issues and many more. It was officiated by the Minister of Health, Dato' Seri Dr Adham Baba. Video recordings are made available on MMA SCHOMOS Facebook and YouTube page, and has garnered more than 20,000 views till date.

It was also an opportunity to promote MMA and SCHOMOS to all doctors and increase our membership base. 30 new life members and 15 ordinary members from around the country signed up during the promotional period. This was also a opportunity for branding and marketing of MMA SCHOMOS in the form of complementary medical scrubs, lanyards and USB drives fornew members.

# MMA SCHOMOS Presentation to New House Officers at Program Transformasi Minda: 7 - 9 April 2021

MMA SCHOMOS was given the opportunity to reach out to 150 new house officers reporting to Sabah. It was an opportune moment to engage these new doctors, address their concerns as well as promote MMA and SCHOMOS to them.

#### Facilitated in Resolving Local Issues within Sabah

- a. Resolved issue of pantry closure in Hospital Keningau
- b. Resolved issue of shortage of Anaesthesia trained medical officers in Hospital Sandakan
- c. Resolved issue of lack of equipment and PPE in Hospital Kudat

#### 7) PENDING EVENTS FOR 2021

- a. Sabah Superheroes Blood Donation Drive
- b. Sabah and Sarawak Games
- c. Interprofessional Body Games

# 7) MMA SABAH COVID-19 FUND (MSCF) REPORT

(Prepared by Dr Sentilnathan Subramaniam)

Set up by MMA Sabah along with MMA National and MMA Foundation to assist Sabah State Health Department in streamlining donations in cash and in kind to be distributed to the various healthcarefacilities in the state (both public and private) particularly for the battle against COVID-19.

Funds were channeled into two (2) MMA Foundation bank accounts, one for local donations and the other for foreign donations. MMA Foundation provided tax exemption receipts for the donations received.

Two committees, namely, MSCF Approval Committee and MSCF Technical Evaluation Committee, consisting of members from MMA Sabah, MMA National and MMA Foundation were set up to monitor, deliberate requests as well as ensure the procurement process for approved requests were carried out in a transparent manner.

All donors were asked to send in proof of bank in / cheque to MMA Sabah for record keeping and forMMA Foundation to issue tax exemption receipts. All proof of bank in received and account summary were submitted to an external auditing firm to be audited in order to ensure transparency and accountability for the funds received. Auditor's report is attached herewith.

#### MSCF Approval Committee

Dr Koh Kar Chai (MMA) - Chairman Datuk Dr Krishnamoorthy (MMAF) Dr Katheeja (MMAF)

Dr John Teo (MMA Sabah)

Dr Sentilnathan (MMA Sabah)

#### **MSCF Technical Evaluation Committee**

Dr Namazie (MMA) - Chairman

Dr Vasu Pillai (MMA)

Dr Katheeja (MMAF)

Dr Harivinthan (MMA Sabah)

Dr Brandon Patrick (MMA Sabah)

Date of Commencement of Fund: 15 October 2020

Date of Closure of Fund: 15 February 2021

MSCF Donations received in cash (A) : RM 2,159,859.49

MSCF Donations received in kind (B) : RM 2,111,210 (value of items received)

Total value of MSCF Donations received (A+B) : <u>RM 4,271,069.49</u>
Total MSCF Donations Utilised as of 25/5/2021 (C) : <u>RM 1,954,232.50</u>

Balance MSCF Funds Available as of 25/5/2021 (A-C) : **RM 205.626.99** 

**Details of Cash Donations Received** 

Donations received with proof of bank-in (audited) : **RM 1,944,650.72**Donations received without proof of bank-in : **RM 215,208.77** 

# DONATIONS IN KIND AS OF 25 MAY 2021 [Donated by various individuals and organisations]

NO	ITEMDONATED	UNIT(S)	APPROXIMATE VALUE (RM)
- 1	Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)	71	426,000
2	High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC)	37	814,000
3	N95 mask	2076	10,380
4	Isolation Gown	2500	12,500
5	Coverall (Class III)	338	10,140
6	Mobile Negative Pressure Isolation Chamber	I	130,000
7	Diapers / Wet wipes / Milk Bottles	N/A	8,000
8	Syringe Pump	2	8,000
9	S-M-S Fabric for PPE	5 rolls	6,500
10	Vaccine Transport Box	20	7,000
-11	Transport Container	20	27,600
12	Vaccine Transport Container	4	12,440
13	Laboratory Refrigerator	1	8,000
14	Blood Bank Refrigerator	1	17,000
15	Pharmaceutical Refrigerator	1	13,000
16	3-Ply Surgical Mask	11400	5,130
17	Vaporiser Disinfection Machine (DisMac)	5	71,000
18	Disinfectant Solution	20 L	12,800
19	XABT RT-PCR Test Kits, RNA Extraction Kits, Automated Nucleic Acid Extraction & Purification Machine (HollyCon AE2100), qPCR Machine (SLAN-96P)	I	500,000
20	Hand Sanitiser	26	260
21	Digital BP monitor with trolley	5	11,460
		TOTAL	RM 2,111,210

# UTILISATION OF CASH DONATIONS AS OF 25 MAY 2021

[Donated by various individuals and organisations]

NO	ITEM PROCURED	LINIT(S)	VALUE (RM)
NO	TIEMPROCORED	UNIT(S)	VALUE (RM)
I	Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)	73	438,000
2	High Flow Nasal Cannula	I	22,000
3	N95 mask	26300	99,940
4	Tyvek Coverall (Class III)	4380	149,796
5	3M Half Face Respirator & P100 Filter Subsidy	550	16,500
6	Biosafety Cabinet [4 feet]	2	56,000
7	Biosafety Cabinet [2 feet]	l	19,950
8	Medical Fridge [2 door / 1000L]	I	18,500
9	Closed Bucket Centrifuge [Rotor with lid,	I	12,000
	15,000rpm, 24 tubes]		
10	Incubator [160L]	I	7,300
П	Microcentrifuge [14,000 rpm, Angle rotor, 48 tubes with lid]	I	18,000
12	Microcentrifuge [15,000 rpm, Angle rotor, 24 tubes with lid]	I	12,300
13	4 feet Laminar Flow Cabinet	I	18,500
14	Microcentrifuge Eppendorf 5430	3	89,400
15	Minispin centrifuge [Tube]	I	5,500
16	Minispin centrifuge [PCR strips]	I	7,800
17	Pipette 0.5uL-10uL	I	998
18	Pipette I 00uL-I 000uL	I	998
19	Heating block [24 holes]	2	7,000
20	Vital Signs Monitor with Trolley (3 Parameter)	30	133,200
21	Peadiatric Ventilators	4	200,000
22	Paeds ICU monitors uMEC 15	4	100,000
23	Automated Nucleic Acid Purification System	l	
24	RT-PCR Thermal Cycler, 96 well, Desktop	I	
25	High Precision Lab Robot	I	442,25
26	Viral Test Kits	20	0
27	Sewing Charges for PPE	64	4,228
28	Android Tab 8" with Sim Card Slot	4	2,200
29	Aerochamber & Incentive Spirometer 20 / 50		2,250
30	Supply & Install Plastic Partitioning & 6 Exhaust Fans for HQE Surgical Ward	-	9,622.50
31	Philips Lumify Mobile Ultrasound	l	35,000
32	MMA Foundation Administrative Fee	-	25,000
		TOTAL	1,954,232.50

Associate Professor Dr Fredie Robinson Honorary Secretary

#### MMA SARAWAK BRANCH

# I) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The hybrid 49<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Imperial Hotel Kuching with an attendance of 77 members, consisting of 6 EXCO members and an Election Officer attending onsite and 70 delegates attending virtually. The office bearers elected are as follows:

Chairperson Dr Teh Siao Hean
Vice-Chairperson Dr Liew Shan Fap
Honorary Secretary Dr Vijay Ganasan
Honorary Treasurer Dr Juslina Omar

SCHOMOS Chairperson Dr Leonard Goh Zhong Ning

PPSMMA Chairperson Dr Liew Shan Fap

Committee Members Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira

Dr Ong Eng-Joe

Dr Gregory Joseph Xavier

Dr Donald Liew Ngian San

Immediate Past Chairperson Dr Morni Abu Samat

**Honorary Auditors** 

Dr Lam Chin Chyou

Prof Dr Thomas Kana @ Kamarudin Bin Kana



Seated Left to Right:

Dr Morni Abu Samat, Dr Vijay Ganasan, Dr Teh Siao Hean, Dr Liew Shan Fap, Dr Juslina Omar

# Standing Left to Right:

Dr Gregory Joseph Xavier, Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira, Dr Donald Liew Ngian San, Dr Leonard Goh Zhong Ning

Not In Picture:

Dr Ong Eng-Joe

## 2) **BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

#### 48th MMA Sarawak Annual Installation Dinner

Due to the COVID-19, the 48th Annual Installation Dinner in 2020 with the highlight of the installation of the Incoming Chairman, Dr Teh Siao Hean was not held as scheduled. However, MMA Sarawak held a scaled down "Annual Dinner" of 30 pax on 5th December 2020 at Rock Road Seafood Restaurant for its committee members and selected guests.

Dr Teh Siao Hean was installed as the Chairman for the term 2020-2021 with a simple handing over ceremony of the Chain-of-Office by out-going Chairman, Dr Morni Abu Samat.

**CPD** - Dr Soon Su Yang remained as the CPD Chairman. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many of the CPD events were postponed or cancelled.

## Academic Symposiums and Seminars:

- a. The virtual "Antimicrobial Stewardship Workshop" organized by the Infectious Disease Unit, Sarawak General Hospital was held on 31st October 2020.
- b. The 9th Sarawak Private Medical Practitioners Conference scheduled to be held in July 2020 was postponed to 16th and 17th January 2021. It was a hybrid event jointly organized by MMA Sarawak and SPMPS.

# 3) OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### Sarawak-Sabah Games 2020

Once again, it was MMA Sarawak's turn to host the Games for 2020. Tentatively scheduled to be held in November or December 2020 but due to the COVID-19 situation, it is now postponed to 2021. The Organising Committee is also looking into the possibility of have an E-Sarawak & Sabah Games given the travelling restrictions. The grant of RM9000 was received in March 2021.

## **Doctors' Family Night**

It was not conducive to hold the Doctors' Family Night given the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Consultative Meeting with the State Health Director

Only one consultative meeting was held with Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Sarawak on 6th October 2020.

#### MMA-UNIMAS Datu Dr Sengupta Lecture Series

No lecture was given for the year 2020.

#### **Donation for COVID-19**

MMA Sarawak received a donation of N95 masks and hand sanitizers worth RM100,000 from Tune Talk Sdn Bhd. As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility, these items were donated to Sarawak General Hospital.

MMA Sarawak also donated RM2000 to MMA Foundation for the MMAF & Shopee COVID-19 Fund.

MMA SCHOMOS Sarawak raised RM2668 form the sales of Christmas Masks and proceeds were donated to the MMA Sabah COVID Fund.

#### **MMA Sub-Committees**

MMA Miri Sub-Committee successfully organized the "Northern Sarawak Cardiology Update" on 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2020 and "Northern Sarawak Dengue and Malaria Update" on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Borneo Diabetes Conference scheduled from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 had to be postponed to 2021.

MMA Sarikei Sub-Committee partnered with the Medical Department of Sarikei Hospital to organise "Mental Health Workshop – Workplace Anxiety and Stress Management Workshop" on 10th Oct 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, MMA Sibu Sub-Committee had a quiet year and did not carry out many activities.

MMA Bintulu Sub-Committee successfully organized a "Deepavali Open House & Membership Drive" on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Promenade Hotel Bintulu with dinner and motivational talk.

# 4) MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

93 new members were recruited. 27 members signed up for Life Membership.

# 5) PPSMMA AND SCHOMOS

Dr Liew Shan Fap was elected as the PPSMMA Chairman while Dr Leonard Goh Zhong Ning was elected as the SCHOMOS Chairman for 2020/2021.

#### 6) MMA SARAWAK HOUSE

The COVID-19 pandemic brought with it much hardship for many. Our tenants, SL Colours Sdn Bhd and Abdul Rahim Sarkawi Razak Tready Fadillah & Co. Advocates were quite badly affected.

As of 31st December 2020, SL Colours had 5 months outstanding rental payment from August 2020 onwards. Abdul Rahim Sarkawi Razak Tready Fadillah & Co paid till November 2020. Both tenants were granted a 10% reduction from the agreed rental.

Dr Vijay Ganasan Honorary Secretary

#### MMA SELANGOR BRANCH

The 38th AGM was held on 26th July 2020 as a Virtual AGM. The following members were elected to the committee:

Chairman Dr Raja Kumar Menon a/l Bhaskaran Vice-Chairman Dr Krishna Kumaran a/l A Ramasamy

Honorary Secretary Dr Edwin Leo Suppiah Honorary Treasurer Dr Keshab Chandran Nair

Committee Members Dr Sivanaesan Letchumanan

Dr Juliet Mathew

Dr Selvamuthu Sellamuthu Dr Arulnathan Arokiasamy Dr Mary Suma Cardosa

SCHOMOS Representative PPS Representative

Dr June Lau Fei Wen

Dr Muham<mark>mad</mark> Gowdh <mark>Moh</mark>ammed Jaafar

This year, the activities of the Association were very limited due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the several Movement Control Orders (MCOs). We only had three (3) Committee Meetings, Two Virtual via Zoom and one Physical Meeting. The committee members attended all the 3 meetings.

#### PURCHASE OF A PROPERTY

At the Branch AGM held on 26th July 2020, it was unanimously agreed that we purchase a building. This decision was accepted and passed at the National AGM.

A building was subsequently identified in Bandar Sunway:

Ground Floor Shop House at Mentari Business Park Address: Unit A 102, Ground Floor Mentari Business Park 2, Jalan PJS 8/5 46150 Petaling Jaya

Lease Hold Property Lease Expiring in 2096 Built Up Area 1259 sq feet

Selling Price: RM 900,000

RM249,000 was received as a grant from National MMA towards the purchase of the building. The building will belong to National MMA, but the Branch will collect the rental. The Branch will pay the remainder, Including all legal fees, and any other miscellaneous fees.

There is an existing tenant who will continue to occupy the building.

Messrs S Mathavan & Nur Hafizah were appointed as our Advocate & Solicitors to handle the purchase of the property. The Sales and Purchase Agreement has been received by the committee. The purchase of the building is progressing well. The consent from the developer has been received and the sale should be completed within a month.

#### **CPD ACTIVITIES**

The committee organised a Webinar on "Management of Low Back Pain in Primary Care" on 24th January from 9am -Ipm. Members were eligible for 4 CPD Points. The speakers were chosen by Dr Mary. They were Dr Ozlan Kamil (ortopaedic and Spine Surgeon), Ms Preesha Adithan (Physiotherapist), Mr Shawn Lee (clinical Psychologist), and our own committee members Dr Mary Cardoza and Dr Juliet Mathew. It was well attended, and we had very good feedback.

#### **FAMILY DAY**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this was deferred to a later date

#### **INSTALLATION NITE**

It was decided that there will be no Installation Nite and instead we will have a Fellowship Nite. However, this was also deferred to a later date due to the COVID-19 situation.

#### **SCHOMOS REPORT**

SCHOMOS Selangor led by Dr June Lau was quite active during the year. They worked in collaboration with SCHOMOS Wilayah to conduct a joint Webinar Series 2021 consisting of I series every 2 months with a virtual membership drive.

23rd January - Cardiac Emergencies and the House Officer (500 Zoom participants and 200 FB Live Streaming)

27th February - Battling Sarcopenia (71 Zoom Participants and 20 FB Live Streaming)

13th March - Mental Health and Older Person (221 Zoom participants and 23 FB Live streaming)

23rd March - Medico legal issues in Emergency Medicine (331 Zoom Participants and 24 FB Live streaming)

3<sup>rd</sup> April - An Introduction to Pediatric Live Support

**Membership:** There were problems in recruiting new members. Existing members were not renewing their membership. SCHOMOS is working with SMAMS to recruit members.

**Instagram:** An Instagram account has been set up. This only contains general information on SCHOMOS activities, webinars and workshops

**Women in Medicine:** This is to encourage women to step up in leadership roles in Medicine. Dr June has written two articles on this topic which were published in Berita MMA.

#### **PPS REPORT**

## **APC** Registration

On 29th November MMA Selangor together with the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) assisted Doctors to register for their APC through the MERITS system. This was held at the MMC office. 125 doctors registered but only 67 turned up, some even from as far as Banting and Bentong. This event was a success due to the assistance of Dr Arulalan Tan Sri Kumaran of MMC and his staff.

## COVID -19 Screening Training

PPS Selangor and Wilayah organised a training programme in December for doctors who were interested to conduct COVID-19 Screening. This was conducted with the assistance of Bahagian Pembangunan Kesihatan Keluarga and Jabatan Kesihatan Wilayah. It was fully sponsored for all doctors who participated.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccination**

PPS Selangor had several meetings with JKNS, chaired by Dr Venugopal, the Timbalan Pengarah. He had a meeting with GPs to explain the Vaccine roll out plans. JKNS worked closely with MMA Selangor to ensure that most GPs and the clinic staff received their Covid Vaccination MMA

ProtectHealth Corporation has been chosen to coordinate the Vaccination through GPs. MMA had 2 webinars on this programme through PPS. About 2,500 GPs have registered. There were several issues to be clarified. Members were required to purchase a special Fridge to store the Pfizer Vaccines. They were required to pick up the vaccines from the Pusat Simpanan Vaccine every Tuesday, need to have adequate staffing and emergency medications if required. CKAPS will inspect the clinics to ensure there are no problems. Doctors will be paid RM 14/- per patient by Protect Health.

Thank you.

Dr Edwin Leo Suppiah Honorary Secretary

#### MMA TERENGGANU BRANCH

#### I) MMA TERENGGANU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020/2021

Chairman Dr Velkanthan all Muniandy Vice-Chairman Dr Abdul Jalal Bin Abdullah Honorary Secretary Dr Halimatun Binti Mansor

Honorary Treasurer Dr Dayal all Krishnan

SCHOMOS Chairman Dr Kartik Kaliyana Sundaram

PPS Chairman Dato' Dr Syed Mohammad Salleh bin Syed Yusof Alzawawi

Committee Members Dr Ahmad Lutfi Bin Mohamed Yusoff

Assoc Prof Dr Anisah Jalaluddin

Dr Samsuri bin Ismail Dr Rosliza binti Yahaya

# 2) **BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

# Change of MMA Terengganu Vice-Chairman 2021/2020

The elected Vice-Chairman for MMA Terengganu was Dr Muhammad Shauqi bin Abd Kadir. He was transferred from Hospital Kemaman to Kedah on 13th August 2020. Thus, in view of him being unable to carry out his duties as Vice-Chairman, the MMA Terengganu committee had a meeting and elected Dr Abdul Jalal to be the Vice-Chairman for the term 2020/2021.

#### Liaising with JKN Terengganu Regarding Vaccination for Frontliners

MMA Terengganu was in regular contact with the officers from Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu regarding the vaccination for frontliners especially General Practitioners.

#### 3) SCHOMOS ACTIVITIES

#### **CME**

Several CMEs were planned for the MMA Terengganu branch, however, it was postponed as the COVID-19 Pandemic worsened in Terengganu.

# 4) PPS ACTIVITIES

#### Discussion regarding COVID-19 between JKNT and PPS MMA Terengganu

JKNT CKAPS had contacted us regarding a meeting between the state health director and representatives for the GPs of Terengganu. We are awaiting the date of the meeting and will send a representative to the said meeting for further discussions.

Dr Halimatun binti Mansor Honorary Secretary

# MMA WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN BRANCH



Front row L-R:

Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien; Dr Eratha Krishnan Gobinadan; Dr Balachandran S Krishnan; Dr Saravanan A Santhirarajan; Kol Dr Gnanamalar Gnanasundram; Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai

#### Back row L-R:

Dr N P Krishnan K V P Menon; Dr Ravi Venkatachalam; Dr S Selvarajah Sathaya

#### Not in picture:

Dr Hardip Singh Gendeh, Dr Varatharaja T. Thirugnanasambantham

# 1) OFFICE BEARERS OF MMA WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN BRANCH

The following office bearers were elected at the 38th Annual General Meeting that was held virtually on 19th July 2020:

Chairman Dr Saravanan A Santhirarajan
Vice-Chairman Dr Ravi Venkatachalam
Honorary Secretary Dr S Selvarajah Sathaya
Honorary Treasurer Dr Balachandran S Krishnan
PPSMMA Representative Dr Eratha Krishnan Gobinadan
SCHOMOS Representative Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien

Committee Members Dr Hardip Singh Gendeh

Dr N P Krishnan K V P Menon

Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai bin Abdullah

Kol Dr Gnanamalar Gnanasundram

Dr Arulalan K Kumaran (Resigned on 2nd March 2021)

Dr Varatharaja a/I T Thirugnanasambantham (Appointed on

10th March 2021)

A total of 8 committee meetings were held as of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. The attendance list is as below:

Name	No. of Attendance
Dr Saravanan A. Santhirarajan	(8/8)
Dr Ravi Venkatachalam	(7/8)
Dr S. Selvarajah Sathaya	(8/8)
Dr Balachandran S. Krishnan	(7/8)
Dr Eratha Krishnan Gobinadan	(7/8)
Dr Timothy Cheng Tsien Jien	(7/8)
Dr Hardip Singh Gendeh	(7/8)
Dr N P Krishnan K V P Menon	(8/8)
Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai	(7/8)
Kol. Dr Gnanamalar Gnanasundram	(8/8)
Dr Arulalan K Kumaran	(3/4)
Dr Varatharaja T. Thirugnanasambantha	m (3/3)

# 2) ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH

## 2.1 Continuous Medical Education (CME)

MMA Wilayah had fostered smart partnerships with various pharmaceutical companies in organizing these CME talks at various hotels in the Klang Valley. There was a total of 38 talks held till December 2020.

# 2.2 The 17th Annual Primary Care Symposium (PCS)

The 17th Primary Care Symposium was held on the 20th of March, 2021 at Royale Chulan Damansara Hotel, Petaling Jaya. A total of 153 doctors participated.

# 2.3 Private Practitioners Section (PPS)

Covid Swab Training attended by 449 participants in November 2020 and December 2020. Initiated vaccination registration for GPs to CKAPS JKWPKL. Attended meeting with BPKK, KKM regarding HSO in March 2021 and KKM/Protech Health regarding enrolling as PPV in April 2021.

### 2.4 SCHOMOS

Visit to Hospital Kuala Lumpur by Dr Saravanan, Dr Selvarajah, Prof. Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wah and Dr Timothy Cheng Tsien Jien on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to discuss collaboration in workshops and activities. No physical activities due to Covid pandemic. Arranged and organized 5 webinars.

#### 2.5 Annual Dinner 2021

The Annual dinner was held at the Double Tree Hilton Kuala Lumpur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2021. The chief guest for the dinner was Tan Sri Doraisingam Rengasamy Pillai, the Chief Executive Officer of Lotus Group and President of Malaysian Medical Association Foundation (MMAF). A total of 250 guests attended.

#### 2.6 Property

The purchase of the Sentul Property is in final stages. The delay was due to various MCOs in between.

#### 2.7 Buka Puasa

Food packs for 140 people was sent on 12th May 2021 to JKWPKL as a gesture of appreciation.

# 2.8 CSR Programme

In collaboration with BAC (GiveBack Campaign) to fund essential provision packs for 200 B40 families and refugees worth RM 10,000.00 during the month of June 2021 to August 2021.

# 3) MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS AT DECEMBER 2020

MMA Wilayah Total Membership

2019			2020		
Total	PPS	SCHOMOS	Total	PPS	SCHOMOS
2,129	1,273	856	2,114	1,323	791



