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Canadian Ophthalmological Society
Société canadienne d'ophtalmologie
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2015
ANNUAL REPORT

COS is committed to highlighting the skill and innovation that ophthalmologists bring as the medical specialists of the eye healthcare team.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Annual reports provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. In 2015, the COS Board of Directors, councils, committees and staff worked to fulfill our mission to assure the provision of optimal eye care for all Canadians by promoting excellence in ophthalmology. Underlying all our activities is a commitment to patient-centred, cost-effective, and evidenced-based care.

In 2013/2014, COS undertook a strategic planning exercise to ensure careful alignment of goals and objectives with available resources. The effective, transparent and responsible use of resources is a top priority as we strive to find efficiencies in the six areas identified by the strategic plan: governance, financial resource management, education, advocacy, membership, and communications and media relations. Outputs and outcomes in each area are measured against key objectives and deliverables using a performance management system.

GOVERNANCE

- At the June 2015 Annual General Meeting, Dr. Guillermo Rocha was elected President-Elect and Dr. Phil Hooper was elected Chair, Council of Advocacy.
- As the recognized authority on eye and vision care in Canada, COS is the go-to resource for government, family and emergency physicians, allied health professionals, optometrists, patients and the public. Advocacy and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) were restructured in order to better meet the needs of our members.

- Under the leadership of Dr. Phil Hooper, a strategic planning session on advocacy was held on October 17, 2015. The identified strategic directions are paving the way for the future of the Society.
- Under the leadership of Dr. Colin Mann, the area of CPD was restructured in 2014 and, since then, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of requests for COS to play a leadership role in educating key stakeholder groups, including those beyond ophthalmology. Ophthalmology is well known for its innovation and COS has the opportunity to play a significant leadership role in this space. The Council on CPD includes the President (Dr. Allan Slomovic) and the Chairs of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Dr. Yvonne Buys), the Maintenance of Certification Committee (Dr. Colin Mann), the Digital Technology Online Learning Committee (Dr. Jonathan Wong) and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology* (CJO) (Dr. Phil Hooper). In time, a Practice Resource Committee will be established under the Council on CPD.

- As part of our Five-Year Strategic Plan, a Governance Coordinator joined COS in October 2015.

FINANCIAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- COS achieved a balanced budget for the **sixth** year in a row, with contributions to reserves. Special thanks to Dr. Geoff Williams, COS Treasurer, for his expert counsel and strategic oversight of COS finances and investments. COS met its goal of having enough in its reserve fund to cover any unforeseen circumstances related to the Annual Meeting 3.5 years ahead of schedule.
- Ties with industry have been strengthened, as our partners in the pharmaceutical and medical device sectors continue to support our activities with higher levels of educational grants. Co-developed accredited symposia held in conjunction with our annual scientific meetings are an important source of revenue for COS. COS is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, following guidelines established by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), and to providing stewardship and accountability to industry for educational grants received.
- Both print and online advertising in the *CJO* increased in 2015.

The Canadian Ophthalmological Society is the principal, national voice for ophthalmology in Canada and the recognized authority on eye and vision care. Our mission is to assure the provision of optimal eye care for all Canadians by promoting excellence in ophthalmology and by providing services to support our members in practice. COS is an affiliate of the Canadian Medical Association and an accredited provider of Continuing Professional Development, as recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. COS works to improve eye and vision care standards for all Canadians through the work of its Board of Directors, councils and committees and through ties with national and international ophthalmological and eye care organizations. Our membership includes nearly 900 ophthalmologists and 200 ophthalmology residents.

EDUCATION

- The 2015 COS Annual Meeting took place in Victoria, British Columbia and exceeded all expectations. COS hosted 18 international guest speakers and 1,300 delegates over four days of workshops, research presentations, plenary sessions, surgical skills transfer courses (STCs), co-developed symposia and networking events.
- A number of innovative learning activities were added to the 2015 Annual Meeting scientific program, including the inaugural Ocular Regenerative Meeting, an STC for family and emergency physicians, a half-day symposium on retinopathy of prematurity, and a half-day symposium for young ophthalmologists and residents.
- Building on the half-day sessions for family and emergency physicians that were held at the COS Annual Meeting in 2014 and 2015, other National Specialty Societies (including the College of Family Physicians of Canada [CFPC] and the Canadian Paediatric Society) have asked COS to organize educational sessions at their upcoming conferences.
- COS co-developed two accredited symposia with industry partners at the 2015 COS Annual Meeting and

another two at the 2015 Canadian Retina Society (CRS) Meeting, offering valuable opportunities to work with our partners within RCPSC accreditation guidelines.

- The RCPSC was on site at the 2015 COS Annual Meeting to present COS with a *Royal College Accredited CPD Provider Innovation Award* for its STCs. This award recognizes Accredited CPD Providers for their innovative educational and administrative policies, processes, resources and tools. Thank you to Dr. Rusty Ritenour for his leadership in the area of STCs.
- A Primary Care Supplement to the *CJO*, guest edited by Dr. Walter Delpero (ophthalmologist) and Dr. Pierre Paul Tellier (family physician) was published in June 2015. The issue republished seven articles from past issues of the *CJO* that were selected for their importance to primary care physicians. The issue was introduced by the guest editors to contextualize the articles and provide value for the family and emergency physician readership. The issue was distributed by Elsevier to 7,000 Canadian primary care physicians.



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PRESIDENT



Jennifer Brunet-Colvey, MA
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/
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Dr. Jonathan Wong and Dr. Rusty Ritenour participate in one of the STCs offered at the 2015 COS Annual Meeting. Photo credit: Heath Moffatt

- A full-colour poster was distributed with the Primary Care Supplement to provide primary care practitioners with a guideline for detecting and referring glaucoma suspects. COS, the Canadian Association of Optometrists, the CFPC and the Canadian Glaucoma Society supported the distribution of this tool. Special thanks to Dr. Yvonne Buys for her leadership in designing this tool.
- The co-developed accredited INSIGHT Cornea and Glaucoma Programs expanded their reach across Canada in 2015. Over 20 events took place, delivering 27 modules, reaching approximately 200 physicians.
- The 2015 CRS Meeting in Whistler, BC was a success with 160 delegates participating in four days of scientific programming on both medical and surgical topics. The inaugural *Dr. Mila Oh Memorial Lecture* was presented by Dr. Brenda Gallie. Special thanks to Dr. James Whelan for his outstanding leadership as President of CRS.
- COS partnered with the Sally Letson Foundation and the University of Ottawa Eye Institute to organize the 46th Sally Letson Symposium: *Incorporating New Developments into Your Ophthalmic Practice*, which boasted just under 700 delegates. The 2016 Symposium is scheduled for September 15–17, 2016.
- As a method to determine unperceived needs of participants, impact on practice, as well as any barriers that may exist to pursuing additional learning, the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Committee implemented the pilot project “Closing the Loop” for the Current Concept sessions and the STCs at the 2015 Annual Meeting.
- The MOC Committee also developed a needs assessment for family and emergency physicians to inform future CPD activities for these members of the eye health team.
- The Digital Technology and Online Learning Committee held its inaugural meeting in June 2015 and commenced working on an online glaucoma CME project with the Professional Development and Conferencing Services of Memorial University.
- COS co-developed two Section 3 online learning modules — *Biometry U* and *Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration*.
- As an Accredited CPD Provider, as designated by the RCPSC, COS accredited 24 CPD activities, nine of which were Section 3, and 15 of which were Section 1 learning opportunities.
- The *Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology (CJO)* received 816 manuscript submissions in 2015 — an increase of 7% from 2014. The rejection rate is 68%



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and the journal’s impact factor rose from 1.299 in 2013 to 1.333 in 2014. The *CJO* is the only Canadian indexed, peer-reviewed journal of ophthalmology research. It is published six times per year. Special thanks to Dr. Phil Hooper, Editor-in-Chief, for his leadership and vision.

MEMBERSHIP

- The current membership of COS stands at 1,084 for the 2015 calendar year. A robust membership base is essential to ensuring a viable and effective national society and its programming efforts on behalf of ophthalmology in Canada.
 - Dr. Zale Mednick of Queen’s University was elected President of the Canadian Council of Ophthalmology Residents at the June 2015 Annual Meeting. COS developed a webpage for residents and young ophthalmologists that includes up-to-date information on resident events, research initiatives, fellowships and job opportunities. Engagement of residents and young ophthalmologists is critical to the future of the Society. COS provides a number of benefits to residents. A half-day symposium for residents and young ophthalmologists was held at our June 2015 Annual Meeting. Special thanks to Dr. Mona Harissi-Dagher, Board Liaison on Resident Affairs and Young Ophthalmologists for her leadership on this front.
 - COS organized its 4th annual *Women in Ophthalmology* educational
- breakfast at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The number of female ophthalmologists in Canada has continued to increase year over year.
- COS provided a number of association management services to the CRS, including governance, strategic oversight, membership renewals and support on key initiatives.
 - COS has developed a number of strategies to ensure membership retention, membership conversion and membership recovery. Membership continues to grow.

ADVOCACY

- In April 2015, COS attended the Canadian Symposium on Single-Entry Models (SEMs) and the Taming of the Queue, which was appropriately titled: *Improving Timely, Appropriate Care for Patients in an Aging Society*. The forum focused on strategies to improve timely access to appropriate care for complex-care patients in an aging society. Discussions centered on successes and challenges experienced by Canadian and international health system stakeholders regarding the management of patients with complex-care needs, including multi-morbidities.
- At a Parliamentary Breakfast in Ottawa on May 5, 2015, Dr. Kashif Baig, along with representatives from the Canadian Association of Optometrists and the Opticians Association of Canada, presented the inaugural Vision Champion Award to Member of Parliament Pat Davidson (Sarnia-Lambton). MP Davidson was recognized for her incredible commitment to her Private Members Bill, Bill C-313, *An Act to Amend the Food and Drugs Act* (non-corrective contact lenses), which elicited non-partisan cooperation and support. The bill, which sought to classify cosmetic contact lenses as class II medical devices under the *Food and Drugs Act*, will ultimately protect the public by allowing only licensed eye care professionals to dispense and prescribe such lenses after a proper eye assessment and fitting.
- On May 29, 2015, COS and the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (EPSO) issued an initial letter to the Ontario government in response to a White Paper by the Ontario Association of Optometrists. A more detailed follow-up response has been developed and sent to government.
- To mark the 2nd annual National Vision Health Month in Canada, representatives from COS attended a special reception on Parliament Hill hosted by CNIB, The Honourable Dr. Asha Seth and The Honourable Tobias C. Enverga, Jr. The motion to establish a National Vision Health Month was championed by The Honourable Dr. Asha Seth and unanimously passed by the Senate of Canada on March 25, 2014. National Vision

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Health Month aims to encourage parliamentarians, non-profit organizations, educators and stakeholders to use the month of May to inform Canadians on eye disease prevention and vision health maintenance.

- As part of National Vision Health Month (May), COS President Dr. Allan Slomovic, along with leadership representatives from the Canadian Association of Optometrists and the Opticians Association of Canada, participated in a special event in Toronto on May 7, 2015 to celebrate the signing of CNIB's *Canadian Patient Charter for Vision Care*. This was the first time CNIB and Canada's leaders in eye health have come together to make a shared commitment to providing optimum patient-centred care across all stages of the vision loss journey — from prevention to diagnosis to treatment and rehabilitation.
- On July 29, 2015, The Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, announced that Health Canada is advancing regulations that will require the same medical-device safety standards for non-corrective or "cosmetic" contact lenses as prescription or corrective contact lenses. As medical devices, cosmetic contact lenses are now subject to specific requirements for licensing, manufacturing, labeling, and instructions to improve their safety before they go on the market. COS President, Dr. Allan Slomovic was quoted in the news release

issued by the Ministry of Health. Dr. Slomovic was also featured in a number of media interviews and in approximately **53 news articles, garnering 34.5 million media impressions**. In response to the announcement, COS took the lead on developing a joint news release (issued on July 30, 2015) with the Canadian Association of Optometrists and the Opticians Association of Canada expressing support for this decision.

- On August 5, 2015, the Canadian Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (CAPOS), in conjunction with COS, issued a statement of support for the RCPSC *Position Statement on Early Childhood Development*, in recognition of the pivotal role of eye and vision health in the development of children.
- On August 16, 2015, COS, CAPOS and EPSO issued a joint letter to the College of Optometrists of Ontario regarding recent changes to the *Optometric Practice Reference* regarding vision therapy. In response to the letter, the College agreed to amend the changes to the *Optometric Practice Reference*.
- On August 18, 2015, COS met with Ontario MPP John Fraser (Ottawa South) regarding longer than average wait times for children's strabismus surgery in Eastern Ontario. As a result of that meeting, MPP Fraser agreed to work with key representatives from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario as well

as his colleagues at Queen's Park on this issue. Of particular interest, MPP Fraser was appointed in 2015 by the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to lead the area of scope expansion for the province.

- On September 22, 2015, COS issued a member survey to update the valuation of select uninsured services in ophthalmology. COS has also sent letters to key members of government, bureaucrats and opposition members to inform them of this study in order to proactively address the issue of patient complaints received by government regarding inconsistent billing of uninsured services across all jurisdictions.
- On October 17, 2015 under the new Council on Advocacy chaired by Dr. Phil Hooper, COS convened physician leaders from across the country to participate in an all-day advocacy strategic planning session in Ottawa. The meeting served to identify key priorities within advocacy and to begin developing action plans for these priorities.
- To help achieve our new advocacy vision, on November 7, 2015 the COS Board of Directors voted unanimously to **invest \$100,000** in foundational advocacy efforts and public awareness efforts to raise the profile of ophthalmology in Canada. This investment is contingent on the participation of a **minimum of four** of our provincial partners. To date, COS has been actively working with our provincial partners in BC, SK, MB,

ON, QC and the Atlantic provinces to engage them in the new vision.

- COS continues to monitor the changing demographics of the Canadian ophthalmologist population, and the impact of expanding scopes of practice, collaborative care models, and physician unemployment/underemployment. In support of this work, COS President Dr. Allan Slomovic, COS Past-President Dr. Lorne Bellan and Dr. Phil Hooper, Chair, Council on Advocacy, attended an RCPSC event in Ottawa on November 5 and 6, 2015.
- On December 2, 2015, COS attended the Canadian Health Leadership Net/HEAL event with Simon Kennedy, Federal Deputy Minister of Health and Krista Outhwaite, President, Public Health Agency of Canada.
- Since December 2015, COS, in partnership with CAPOS and our provincial associations in BC, AB, QC and the Atlantic Provinces, has been in touch with the respective provinces to consult on the evidence with regards to the recommendations put forward in the Canadian Paediatric Society Position Statement of March 6, 2015, *Preventing Ophthalmia Neonatorum*. As a result of these efforts, we received a letter from the Canadian Perinatal Programs Coalition requesting that members from our respective societies convene and work together to attempt to reach a consensus so that work can proceed to most appropriately and safely meet the needs of infants and their families. Dr. Jane Gardiner and Dr. Conor Mulholland will be leading this work.
- As part of COS's commitment to collaborative, evidence-based, cost-effective and patient-centred

care, COS physician leadership has coordinated bi-annual meetings with the leadership from the Canadian Association of Optometrists. As a result of these meetings, COS and the Canadian Association of Optometrists have developed draft guiding principles on how to work collaboratively to enhance patient care and are finalizing language to better differentiate the roles of ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians. COS and the Canadian Association of Optometrists have also agreed to partner on the development of a clinical practice guideline on the periodic eye examination in Canada; representatives from CAPOS, the Canadian Paediatric Society and the CFPC also serve on the Expert Committee.

- On January 15, 2016, COS worked with the CRS to submit an initial letter to the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) in response to their December 2015 Recommendation Report entitled *Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) drugs for the treatment of retinal conditions*. Following further consultation with CRS members prior to, during, and after the CRS Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016, COS also worked with the CRS to develop a final response for CADTH, which was submitted on March 18, 2016.
- Supported by an educational grant, COS has committed to help close the current diabetic retinopathy screening and follow-up gap in Ontario by developing and providing educational tools for both patients and family physicians to assist in diagnosing, referring, and encouraging ongoing monitoring of the eyes of patients with diabetes. A multi-disciplinary Diabetic

Retinopathy Project Advisory Committee, led by Dr. Bernard Hurley and composed of an endocrinologist, an optometrist, a diabetes nurse educator and a family physician, was struck and invited to a full-day meeting in Toronto on Monday, February 8, 2016. The committee provided feedback on a draft patient tool and brainstormed about materials to support family physicians. This initiative is a pilot project in ON, with the potential to roll out nationally.

- During the months of February and March 2016, COS actively supported EPSO and physicians in SK and PEI regarding requested changes from the local Colleges of Optometry to expand scope of practice of optometrists around Schedule 1 drugs, advanced certification to diagnose and treat glaucoma, and the use of ultrasound as a form of energy for diagnostic purposes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

- A special article profiling the COS Surgical STCs was featured in the September issue of the Royal College's newsletter *Dialogue*.
- COS launched its own Twitter page on March 27, 2015. The Twitter page enables COS to share updates and information with members, other National Specialty Societies, patient groups, government officials, and the public. It will also be used again to provide updates on the presentations and awards at this year's COS Annual Meeting. Please visit our Twitter page here: <https://twitter.com/CANeyeMDs> and follow us at: @CANeyeMDs
- In October 2015, COS became an official partner of Canada Health Infoway, the not-for-profit corporation created in

2001 that provides leadership and facilitates collaboration with the provinces and territories on accelerating the development and adoption of electronic health systems. During Digital Health Week (November 16–22, 2015), COS worked with Canada Health Infoway to showcase digital innovation in eye care of Canadians.

- COS conducted media outreach and other communications activities in support of the CRS Annual Meeting in Mont-Tremblant, QC, March 3–6, 2016.
- Eye and vision health continued to be topics of interest for Canadian media. COS responded to hundreds of requests from the media, and several COS members were featured in prominent, top-tier media outlets, including *CTV*, *CBC*, *Global*, the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, *Best Health* and *Zoomer*. In late February 2016, COS President Dr. Allan Slomovic was interviewed by Craig Oliver. Profiling the skill and innovation that ophthalmologists bring as the medical leaders of the vision care team will be critical.
- COS is exploring opportunities to work on a public awareness campaign about the importance of sun protection for the eyes.
- As part of our Five-Year Strategic Plan, we recruited and hired a Coordinator, Communications and Public Affairs in March 2016 to help support media relations and advocacy efforts.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR COS?

- COS will move forward with the implementation of its Five-year Strategic Plan, including restructuring some of its committees to better meet the needs of our members.

- COS will continue to highlight the skill and innovation that ophthalmologists bring as the medical leaders of the eye and vision care.
- COS will implement the over-arching communications plan that was approved in 2015. The plan includes strategies and tactics in several key areas relating to the Five-Year Strategic Plan, including: advocacy, media relations, membership and digital/social media.
- COS will move forward with the implementation of its advocacy plan as approved by the Board on November 7, 2015. COS will continue to strengthen its ties with government, family and emergency physicians, patients and the public as the recognized “go-to” resource for ophthalmology in Canada and the leading authority on eye and vision care. COS will continue to help its provincial eye physicians and surgeons associations to strengthen their ties with provincial governments, key provincial opinion-leaders and policy-makers.
- COS will unveil its Uninsured Services Report, which will provide important and relevant information for our members, patients and government regarding the valuation of uninsured services in Canada for services not currently covered by government. The overall objective of this project is to assist both patients and physicians in understanding the costing and the need for uninsured services in a clear, educational, ethical and transparent manner that ensures optimal patient choice.

- COS will work with its subspecialty societies to confirm their relationship with COS and to bring subspecialty societies under the COS umbrella. In keeping with its vision of being

the unified voice for ophthalmology in Canada, COS will strive to expand the range of association management services provided to its subspecialty societies. As a National Specialty Society, COS can speak for its members and work with other organizations internationally, nationally and provincially to influence health policy. In this way, we can strengthen our collective voice at all levels of government on ophthalmology-related issues and leverage our expertise to advocate for patient safety and improved patient outcomes.

- The COS Annual Meeting will continue to be the focal point for CPD activities, convening our colleagues from Canada and around the world.
- The CJO will be marking its 50th anniversary in 2016. Celebrations are scheduled for the 2016 COS Annual Meeting in June.
- The CJO is developing new opportunities for earning Section 3 credits from educational activities developed around CJO articles, as well as continuing to encourage members to earn Section 2 credits for CJO editorial activities, article review and article reading.
- COS will continue its work with the Canadian Association of Optometrists to produce a joint clinical practice guideline for the periodic eye examination in Canada. Key representatives from CAPOS, the Canadian Paediatric Society and the CFPC also serve on the Expert Committee.
- COS will produce a patient tool for Ontarians living with diabetes to encourage diabetic retinopathy screening. The goal is to expand this program nationally. Phase II will

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include the dissemination of the patient tool and the development of educational tools and/or CME for family physicians around diagnosing, referring and encouraging on-going monitoring of diabetes patients.

- COS will co-develop the 2017 CRS Meeting in Whistler, BC from March 2–5, 2017.
- COS will expand educational opportunities at the COS and CRS

Annual Meetings by providing co-developed accredited symposia. COS will also increase the number of co-developed accredited programs based on member educational needs.

- As the recognized authority on eye disease, COS will also raise awareness of the importance of sun protection for the eyes and the risks of sun damage to the eyes.

- We will continue to work with our partners to address key areas of advocacy including: expanding scopes of practice for optometry, Human Resources for Health, and strategies that will help enhance patient care for specific patient populations, such as seniors.
- Ongoing discussions regarding Human Resources for Health must continue with the RCPSC, the Canadian Medical Association and other key stakeholders in order to ensure better alignment of resident positions and population needs. Supporting a coordinated needs-based projection approach to inform workforce decision-making will be key.



COS President, Dr. Allan Slomovic accepts the Accredited CPD Provider Innovation Award from Jennifer Gordon of the RCPSC at the 2015 COS Annual Meeting. Photo Credit: Heath Moffatt

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We look forward to continuing to work with our members to strengthen the ophthalmology healthcare community in Canada.

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The COS Five-year Strategic Plan will guide our course for the upcoming years. Our efforts and resources will be devoted to achieving identified goals in the following six areas: governance, financial resource management, education, advocacy, membership, and communications and media relations.

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Financial Statements

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

COS successfully balanced the budget for the sixth consecutive year with contributions to reserves year over year. Complete financial statements and the auditor's report for the 2015 fiscal year are available to any COS member upon request.

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