**SOC Spring Meeting**

On Friday 18th February the Scottish Ophthalmological Club (SOC) had it’s first face to face meeting for two years after the pandemic restrictions had forced meetings online on the previous three occasions. The highly anticipated meeting was hosted by Greater Glasgow and Clyde and took place in the Marriot Hotel, Glasgow.

The meeting began with SOC president Bal Dhillon, at his first face to face meeting as president, welcoming delegates back to the SOC. An excellent free paper session then followed with eight presentations from ophthalmology trainees, foundation doctors and medical students presenting high quality case reports, case series and a variety of projects.

The president of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists Mr Bernie Chang then spoke about the college and it’s role in Scotland. After tea delegates were treated to a session entitled “*Cataract done, still cant see”* which included talks from Dr Mike Burdon, Dr Ruth Hamilton and Dr David Gilmour. Dr Burdon discussed neurophthalmological causes for patients vision having not improved post cataract surgery. Dr Hamilton talked about the use of electrodiagnostics in unexplained visual loss, and dense cataract in particular. Finally, Dr Gilmour discussed occult maculopathy and the various potential causes, including the renowned paracentral acute middle maculopathy (PAMM) that can potentially be seen post cataract surgery.

The SOC AGM saw the handing over of the presidency from Prof Baljean Dhillon to Dr Christopher Scott. The SOC would like to thank Bal for his term of service and for keeping the SOC meetings afloat when we all had to go digital!

The first talk after lunch was delivered by Dr Shohista Saidkasimova who talked about principles and exciting emerging technologies for fixing the posterior segment. Dr Connor Murphy then gave a comprehensive talk on uveitis and immunosuppresion in this condition. Following this there was another free paper session with a further six excellent presentations from more junior delegates.

The presentation of prizes then took place with the poster prize going to Dr Megan Quinn of NHS Lanarkshire with her poster entitled *Methadone and Opiate Exposed Infants - What are we not Seeing?*. The prize for the best presentation went to Blazej Staniszewski of NHS Tayside for his project on *Validity of a Low-cost Retinal Laser Simulation Eye*. Congratulations to our prize winners!

The meeting ended with a *Memorable Cases Showdown* with some very interesting (and memorable!) cases being presented by Dr Burdon, Dr Murphy and Dr Saidkasimova. Overall it was a very educational meeting with a wide and interesting variety of topics discussed and some excellent presentations (both oral and in poster from) from the junior delegates.

It was wonderful to be back in person and the SOC council look forward to inviting everyone back to the next meeting, which is due to take place on 16th September 2022 in Stirling Court Hotel, hosted by NHS Ayrshire and Arran.