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Dear All,

I am writing to you at a time when we have all faced numerous unforeseen challenges in recent months. Hopefully things are calming down at your relevant Trusts; we can now begin to find ways to initiate routine ophthalmic care again, albeit in a very different way. Ironically, at the last few MOS meetings we had cast an eye to the future, looking at AI and novel concepts for driving our speciality forwards. Little did we realise that we would be facing a very different challenge in 2020.

I am deeply saddened that we have been unable to hold our March meeting; we will also not be able to hold our June meeting this year. I remain ever hopeful however that we will be able to hold our planned meeting in October 2020 at Austin Court, and reconvene at the planned March and June venues with the intended programmes in 2021.

I know that we as ophthalmologists have had to adopt new ways of thinking and practising in these trying times. Some of us have been redeployed to work in completely alien environments and have done so with little preparation. At the same time, we have strived to maintain our core services, protect our patients, and keep ourselves safe.

The council is looking into ways in which we can share thoughts and ideas that are no doubt flowing from our recent experiences; these may even become the subject of a future meeting.

In the meantime, I wish you all well. Please stay safe and I hope to see fellow members soon at an upcoming meeting 'post COVID-19' style.

Best wishes,

Geetha

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