



MAAM Secretary's Report for the Term 2025–2026

1. EXCO Members for the Term 2024–2026

Dr Koh Kar Chai - **President**

Dr Sivasuthan Letchumanan - **Vice President**

Dr John Emmanuel - **Secretary**

Dr Krishila Basil - **Assistant Secretary**

Dr Anand Kamalanathan - **Treasurer**

Dr Nirmal Singh – **Committee Member (Senior Member Rep)**

Dr Arunadevi Ramasamy- **Committee Member (Dental Rep)**

Dr Ashwin Balasingam - **Committee Member**

Dr Apsara Panicker – **Committee Member**

*Dr Devananthan Ilenghoven – **Committee Member**

*Dr Venothini Rajamuniandy – **Committee Member**

Dr Kewaljit Singh – **Immediate Past President**

**Dr Venothini submitted her resignation by email on 18 December 2025, citing personal reasons. The EXCO accepted her resignation. Pursuant to Article 5, Section 8 of the MAAM Constitution (2023), the EXCO elected Dr Devananthan to fill the vacancy until the upcoming AGM.*

Co-Opted EXCO Members

Dr Hanisa Sabrina

Dr Mohd Nazmul Hasan Maziz

Dr Sim Khye Shen



2. MAAM EXCO Meetings

Attendance records for the EXCO meetings held during the term are presented below.

	23 rd November 2025 (Physical)	18 th December 2025 (Online)	18 th of January 2026 (Physical)	28 th of February (Physical)	9 th of April 2026 (Online)	24 th of May 2026 (Online)	5 th of July 2026 (Physical)	2 nd of September 2026 (Online)
Dr Koh K.C	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Siva	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Dr John	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Krishila	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Anand	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Nirmal	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present
Dr Aruna	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Veno	Absent	<i>*Submitted her resignation on 18th December 2025</i>						
Dr Ashwin	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present
Dr Apsara	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
Dr Kewaljit	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present
Dr Deva	<i>*Formalised the appointment on 28th February 2026</i>				Present	Absent	Present	Present



3. Activities

3.1 40th MAAM Anniversary Celebrations

MAAM celebrated its 40th anniversary with a three-day, two-night gathering at Bayview Hotel, Penang, bringing together more than 400 alumni and guests. The celebrations reflected the strength of the Manipal alumni network and provided an opportunity to reconnect, celebrate shared achievements and renew longstanding friendships. MAAM extends its sincere appreciation to Dr Jeyalan, Dr Simon and Dr Rubini, who played key roles in organising the celebrations, as well as the organising committee, volunteers and alumni who contributed to this milestone event.

3.2 WATTzupDoc Symposia Series on Primary Care Medicine 2026

The 12th WATTzupDoc Symposia Series on Primary Care Medicine was held in 2026 at Four Points by Sheraton, Puchong, Selangor. This well-attended continuing professional development (CPD) event brought together primary healthcare professionals and reinforced MAAM's commitment to making relevant clinical updates accessible to both members and non-members.

The 13th WATTzupDoc Symposia Series is scheduled for 30–31 January 2027 at Four Points by Sheraton, Puchong, Selangor. We look forward to continuing this educational initiative and strengthening professional engagement within the primary care community.

3.3 Paediatric Surgical Oncology Webinar Series

Organised by Dr John Emmanuel, the Paediatric Surgical Oncology Webinar Series continues MAAM's collaboration with the Malaysian Association of Paediatric Surgery (MAPS) and the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), Perak Branch. Since 2024, the series has brought together speakers from leading international centres to share developments in paediatric oncology. Details of the webinar held during this term are provided below:

Date	Centres Involved	Total Attendees	Collaboration
11 th of July 2026 8.30am – 11.00am	1. Children's National Hospital, Washington 2. Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre, Singapore 3. KK Women and Children's Hospital, Singapore 4. Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai 5. Hospital Tunku Azizah, KL	160 attendees	MAAM, MAPS & MMA Perak

The webinars were offered free of charge and attracted healthcare professionals from several countries. They have helped extend MAAM's international reach and strengthen its contribution to continuing medical education.



3.4 The 6th MAAM Golf Tournament

The 6th MAAM Golf Tournament was held on 18 April 2026 at Nilai Springs Golf & Country Club, Negeri Sembilan. Dr Rachvind Singh chaired the organising committee, with Dr Sivasuthan Letchumanan serving as the MAAM EXCO liaison. The tournament provided an opportunity for alumni to strengthen friendships and connections through sport.

MAAM thanks Dr Rachvind Singh, the organising committee and everyone who contributed to the event.

3.5 The 8th MAAM Ultrasonography Workshop

Since its inception in 2018, the MAAM Ultrasonography Workshop has aimed to equip clinicians with practical diagnostic imaging skills. From 2018 to 2024, the workshop focused solely on abdominal ultrasound as a one-day event. Over the past two years, it has successfully expanded into a popular two-day programme, incorporating specialized Obstetrics & Gynaecology (OBGYN) and Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) modules.

Reflecting its strong reputation, the eighth edition—held on 22–23 August 2026—was fully booked to maximum capacity, bringing together 40 participants each day, including primary care practitioners, medical officers, and clinicians from various specialties.

Led by Dr Apsara Panicker, the workshop brought together an incredible team of alumnus speakers and facilitators to whom we are deeply grateful: 6 radiologists, 1 emergency care physician, and 5 OBGYN specialists who generously dedicated their time to deliver lectures and supervised hands-on training.

IDS Medical Systems collaborated with MAAM and hosted the workshop at its learning centre in Glenmarie, Shah Alam. As we present this report at the upcoming AGM, the workshop remains a proud testament to MAAM's commitment to practical clinical education and the inspiring spirit of alumni unity.

3.6 MAAM Sportivo

MAAM Sportivo's football and pool teams were established in 2016 to encourage fellowship through sporting activities. These sporting activities have grown throughout the years thanks to active involvement of alumni. Now in their 11th year, the teams are led by Dr Neshan Perumal (football) and Dr Ashwin Raj Balasingam (pool). Friendly matches are organised approximately every one to two months, providing opportunities for alumni to reconnect.

3.7 Motivation Monday

Motivation Monday has reached 425 consecutive weekly editions, celebrating the professional achievements and inspiring journeys of Manipal alumni across diverse fields.

The initiative was first proposed by Dr Krishila Basil while serving as President of the MUCM Student Council in 2017–2018. It has since developed into a sustained collaboration between MAAM and MUCM, with alumni profiles shared each Monday on both organisations' social media platforms.

MAAM thanks Dr Sivasuthan, Dr Ganaish Raj and Dr Krishila Basil for their sustained efforts, together with successive contributors and the alumni who have shared their stories.

This milestone reflects the strength of our alumni network and the dedication of those who have maintained the initiative over the years. MAAM looks forward to continuing this platform for recognising and connecting alumni.



3.8 CPD Endorsements by Society of Scientific Studies, MAAM

Alongside its social and alumni activities, MAAM has steadily expanded its role in continuing professional development (CPD) through workshops, symposia and other educational programmes. The Society of Scientific Studies was proposed by former President Dr Nirmal Singh to strengthen the Association's professional and scientific identity. The Society has helped provide a recognised framework for MAAM's educational activities while complementing its longstanding emphasis on alumni fellowship. Formally endorsed at the 2024 AGM, the Society of Scientific Studies has since provided the banner under which MAAM conducts its CPD activities.

3.9 Collaboration with JA Assure (DocShield)

MAAM continues its strategic partnership with JA Assure through the DocShield medical indemnity programme. Regular discussions help ensure that members have access to current information and relevant services. MAAM members are entitled to a 5% discount on products offered under the DocShield banner. The partnership extends to invitations for JA Assure to participate through exhibition booths and educational lectures at MAAM's flagship events, including the Ultrasonography Workshop, the upcoming Dental Workshop and the Multidisciplinary Paediatric Scientific Meeting 2026. MAAM appreciates JA Assure's continued support and looks forward to further collaboration.

3.10 Manipal Alumni Science & Health Journal (MASH Journal)

The completion of Volume 11 marked an important milestone for the Manipal Alumni Science & Health Journal (MASH Journal) in 2026.

MAAM signed an agreement with Wolters Kluwer (WK) to manage the journal's publication platform from Volume 12 onwards. A new journal website has been developed and is scheduled for launch at the 41st MAAM AGM on 31 October 2026. The initial payment has been made, with the next payment scheduled for 2027 and an annual fee anticipated for website maintenance. The new platform is expected to support manuscript submission and editorial workflows. Wider indexing and the assignment of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) remain important future objectives, subject to the applicable requirements.

MAAM acknowledges the continued financial support of Manipal University College Malaysia (MUCM) towards the journal's publication expenses.

The Association thanks Dr Mohd Nazmul Hasan Maziz and the editorial team for their commitment to developing the journal and strengthening its academic contribution.

3.11 Membership

MAAM had 1,325 members at the time of preparation of this report. Recruitment efforts have continued alongside the 40th anniversary celebrations, with the aim of further expanding alumni participation.



4.0 Upcoming Programmes

4.1 MAAM Dental Webinar

A MAAM dental webinar is scheduled for 21 October 2026, coordinated by Dr Arunadevi Ramasamy, Dr Krishila Basil and Dr Hanisa Sabrina from the EXCO. Preparations are also under way for a dental workshop planned for 2027.

4.2 MAAM Multidisciplinary Paediatric Scientific Meeting 2026

The MAAM Multidisciplinary Paediatric Scientific Meeting 2026 is scheduled for 31 October 2026 at KL Wellness City Gallery, Kuala Lumpur. Dr John Emmanuel is the Organising Chairperson, supported by Scientific Chairperson Dr Sangeetha Siniah. This full-day meeting will feature a comprehensive programme with speakers representing different paediatric subspecialties. Sessions will cover topics relevant to paediatric and primary healthcare, encouraging multidisciplinary learning, professional development and the exchange of clinical knowledge. The event is planned to include 10 corporate exhibition booths. The 41st MAAM Annual General Meeting will be held on the same day, followed by a fellowship dinner and light entertainment to bring alumni together.

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