

Fellowship Awards

Presenting, Dr. C. A. B. Makuloluwa for the honorary fellowship of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka

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Dr. C. A. B. Makuloluwa graduated with honours from the University of Peradeniya, in 1980. Thereafter he initiated his ophthalmic career at Eye Hospital, Colombo in 1982.

He underwent his postgraduate ophthalmic training under Doctors P. A. Wirasinha, Sri Skandaraja, Upali Mendis and M. H. S. Cassim. He was awarded the degree, Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology by the University of Colombo in 1985.

In 1996, after obtaining his post-doctoral training at the Eye Hospital Colombo, he proceeded to UK for his overseas training. There at Prince Charles Eye Unit, Windsor he trained under Mr. Jack Kanski, Mr. Richard Pakard and Mr. James Mc Allistar.

Following his board certification, he started his career in Ophthalmology, as a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at the Eye Hospital, Colombo in 1987. He continued his service here until 2005, when he relinquished his illustrious and memorable career in the government sector. At present he is a visiting Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at Nawaloka Hospital, Colombo and Lanka Hospital, Colombo.

He was awarded the Certification of Completion of Specialist training of UK in 2004, and is in the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council since then.

A very passionate educator, Dr. Makuloluwa dedicated himself to train many undergraduates, and postgraduates during his tenure at the Eye Hospital, Colombo.

He was a visiting lecturer at Medical College, Colombo and Jayawardenapura. He has been a member of PGIM Ophthalmology MCQ Core group for a span of 13 years and was the tutor in Ophthalmology for the post graduate trainees as well.

Also was a member of the Board of Study Ophthalmology from 1999 to 2005, and served in the capacity of secretary and was appointed Chairman, Board of Study in 2002/2003.

In recognition of his valuable contribution to the post graduate training Dr. Makuloluwa was appointed as an examiner for DO/MS/MD ophthalmology examinations by the PGIM. He was also the chief examiner at several examinations.

In recognition of his knowledge and skills gained through his involvement over a decade as an examiner in post graduate examinations in Sri Lanka, he was invited as an external examiner for the fellowship examination in Ophthalmology in Pakistan in 2004 and 2005.

The extensive list of publications with his name on them are many. They have appeared in the *Journal of Ophthalmic Society of Ceylon*, *Journal of College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka*, *Asia Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology* and *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*.

Dr. Makuloluwa received the prestigious Presidents Research Award in 2005 from the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for his authorship of 'Cataract surgery under topical anaesthesia' published in the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery* in 2004.

Dr. Makuloluwa surgeon extraordinaire, has shared his medical and surgical skills with his colleagues both locally and internationally in a range of academic, professional and community audiences and received many

awards and honours. He was the recipient of the Best Video Presentation at the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in 2001.

He has made pioneering contribution to the development of IOL surgery, Phacoemulsification, Lasix surgery, Lameller corneal surgery and collagen cross linking in Sri Lanka.

His current research interests are, treatment paradigms in the management of Keratoconus.

Dr. Makuloluwa has earned an international reputation being a member of the Asia Pacific intraocular implant Surgeons, and American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.

A noteworthy contribution he made towards the improvement in ophthalmic training in Sri Lanka, was his initiative role in the formation and the establishment of our College in 1988 while being the vice president of the Ophthalmological Society of Ceylon.

He worked untiringly as the chairman of the steering committee to ensure that the formation of the College was a reality. He served as the treasurer of the College for several years and was elected President of the College of Ophthalmologists in the 1st year of the millennium 2000/2001.

During his capacity as the President of the College he led its many hybrid activities in protecting its heritage in surgery, research activities and provision of medical education, all in the interest of enhanced patient care.

He was Secretary from 1986-1996 to Eye Care Sri Lanka, an organization which conducted eye camps in rural Sri Lanka headed by Dr. P. A. Wirasinha.

He has also contributed in many ways to Dharmaraja College, Kandy his Alma Mater where he served as the vice president of the OBU. Further his involvement in Buddhist activities and his knowledge on the heritage of our country is noteworthy.

Today the name Dr. Makuloluwa is a well known name across the country, not because of his distinguished career in Ophthalmology only but also because of his contribution towards eye care, in Sri Lanka.

I have presented you a Ophthalmic Surgeon par excellence, worthy of this honorary fellowship of the College of Ophthalmologists.