The Asia-Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (APSOPRS) was organized and established on Nov. 26, 2000 at the Shangri La – EDSA Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Philippines. There were 53 delegates who attended the organizational meeting.

During the organizational meeting, Dr. Liborio L. Mangubat presented the APSOPRS constitution and bylaws to the body, which was subsequently approved (See Appendix A). The executive council was presented by the nominating committee and was also approved with Dr. Reynaldo Javate as head (See Appendix B). The advisory board of the Society consisted of the following: Dr. Albert Hornblass, Dr. Robert Della Rocca, Dr. Liborio Mangubat, Prof. Juan Murube, and Dr. Stephen Bosniak. It was decided that Australia would be the next host country.

The inaugural scientific meeting of the APSOPRS was jointly sponsored by the Philippine Society of Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery and Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology last Nov. 27, 2000 at the Shangri-La EDSA Hotel, Mandaluyong, Philippines. The topics that were presented were the following:

1. Surgical Anatomy of the Eyelids, Orbit and Lacrimal System by Dr. Albert Hornblass (New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, USA)
2. Enucleation and Evisceration with Integrated Orbital Implants by Dr. Albert Hornblass (New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, USA)
3. Upper and Lower Blepharoplasty Using the CO2 Laser by Dr. Stephen Bosniak (New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, USA)
4. Pearls and Pitfalls in Ptosis Surgery by Dr. Dwight Kulwin (University of Cincinnatni Medical Center, Cincinnatni, Ohio, USA)
5. Dry Eye and Amniotic Membrane Grafting by Prof. Juan Murube del Castillo (Centro Especial Ramon Y Cajal, Universidad de Alcala, Madrid, Spain)
6. Management of Periorbital Eyelid Lesions Using Radiofrequency Surgery by Dr. Jemshed Khan (Kansas University School of Medicine, Kansas City, Missouri, USA)
7. Current Concepts in the Management of Orbital Fractures by Dr. Yasuhisa Nakamura (Seirei Hamamatsu General Hospital, Tokyo, Japan)
8. New Approaches in the Management of Orbital Tumors by Branson Call (Veterans Administration Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA).

The following day, the live surgical demonstrations were done in the Eye Referral Center, which was beamed real-time to the Shangri-La EDSA Hotel via wireless communication. The following surgical procedures were done:

1. Enucleation with Integrated Orbital Implant by Dr. Albert Hornblass
2. Upper Blepharoplasty using CO2 Laser by Dr. Stephen Bosniak
3. Entropion Surgery using Radiofrequency Unit by Dr. Jemshed Khan
4. Ectropion Surgery using Radiofrequency Unit by Dr. Jemshed Khan
5. Ptosis Surgery by Dr. Dwight Kulwin

The membership of the Society now has 65 Fellows. Fourteen countries are represented, namely: (See also Appendix C and Appendix D)

1. Australia – 3
2. Bangladesh – 1
3. Cambodia – 1
4. China – 1
5. India – 2
6. Indonesia – 5
7. Japan – 2
8. Malaysia – 3
9. Pakistan – 3
10. Philippines – 37
11. Singapore – 3
12. South Korea – 1
13. Taiwan – 1
14. U.S.A. (Western)
   a. California – 1
   b. Hawaii – 1
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For the past year, 2001, the APSOPRS executive council has been organizing the Society. It assigned members to the different standing committees of the Society (See Appendix E) while recruiting new members (See Appendix F and Appendix G). It was able to partially distribute the certificates to the members. With the cooperation of the member representatives from Australia, the executive council came up with the program for the 2nd APSOPRS general membership meeting and instructional course.

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