

4TH EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY (ESIO) – CONFERENCE

November 7-9, 2024

Campus Biotech, Geneva, Switzerland,
University of Geneva (Dept. of Ophthalmology,
University Hospitals of Geneva / Institute of Global Health)



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Programme

Thursday, November 7, 2024

1.00 pm Registration & Welcome Coffee

1.50 pm Opening of Conference

PD Beat Stoll, MD (UNIGE, IGH, Switzerland)

1.55 pm Introduction & Welcoming

PD Andréas Kreis, MD (UNIGE/ETEP, Switzerland)

2.00 pm Special Guest:

Dr José Ramos Horta, PhD

President of Timor Leste, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Peace Building, Global Health & Eye Care

(Timor Leste)

Session I: International Ophthalmology (Hall H8-01-D)

**2.10 pm Paediatric cataract surgery in LMIC:
Is good enough good enough?**

Prof Rudolf Guthoff (DOG, Germany)

3.10 pm Primary Eye Care crisis in high income countries

Dr Karolina SEGUIN (Vision Solidarité, France)

4.10 pm Coffee break (30 min)

**4.40 pm International Cooperation for eye care
service development in foreign countries**

Mrs Runa Khan (Friendship NGO, Bangladesh)

6.00 pm End of conference day 1

Friday, November 8, 2024

Session I: Eye Programs Check Up (Hall H8-01-D)

9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming

Dr Lana van der Beek, MD (NOG, Netherlands)

Quality versus Quantity in Eye Care:

Latest data on which way to take?

Dr Silvio Mariotti, MD (WHO, Switzerland)

10.20 am Coffee Break (30 min)

10.50 am Virtual: Refraction Screening:

Good practices in low resource settings

Prof Yasmin Sumrana

(Sightsavers International, Pakistan)

12.10 pm Lunch break (80 min)

Session II: Global Health in Eye Care

1.30 pm Introduction & Welcoming

Dr Tim Westland, MD (NOG, Netherlands)

EyeCare (Dis-)Integration in the health care ecosystem

Prof. Serge Resnikoff, MD, PhD

(UNSW, OPC, Switzerland)

2.50 pm Advantages of Virtual Reality Training for fighting blindness

Dr Van Langsingh, MD, PhD (HelpMeSee, USA)

3.50 pm Coffee Break (30 min)

4.20 pm Geopolitical Aspects of Eye Care:

Soft diplomacy focused

Prof. Nitin Verma, MD (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia)

5.40 pm ESIO Progress Report & ESIO Group Photo

7.00 pm Apéro & ESIO - Speakers Dinner (Campus Biotech)

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Session I: Rapid Fire in Humanitarian Eye Care (Auditorium, H8-01)

9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming

Prof. Nitin Verma (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia) &
PD Dr Andreas Kreis (UNIGE, Switzerland)

Out of sight – Riverblindness Africa

Dr Sabine Specht, PhD (DNDi/Sightsavers)

9.30 am Trek & Treat: Cataract Operations in Rural Nepal

Dr Sakar Subedi, MD (Vision Together, Nepal)

9.55 am Eye Health in a Refugee Camp settings Like Cox Bazaar in Bangladesh

Mr. Benedikt Kälin (Swiss Red Cross, Bangladesh)

10.25 am Coffee Break (30 min)

10.55 am Social Entrepreneurship:

Personal Experiences from the Field

Prof Nitin Verma (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia)

11.40 am Faculty Development in LMICs by Virtual Communities of Practice

Dr Helena Prior Filipe, MD
(Ophthalmology Foundation, Portugal)

12.10 am Closing Keynote Lecture: In the Eyes of War

Dr Andrii Ruban, MD, PhD (UAO, Ukraine)

1.00 pm Lunch Break (60 min)

Luncheon Session Small Manual Incision Cataract Surgery

1.30 pm Introduction & Welcoming Luncheon Session

PD Andréas Kreis, MD (UNIGE/ETEP, Switzerland)

The History and Geography of Cataract Surgery

Prof Nitin Verma (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia)

MSICS VIDEO INSTRUCTION COURSE by ISMICS

Basic Techniques of MSICS

Dr Jagannath Boramani (ISMICS, India)

Advanced Techniques of MSICS

Dr Amulya Sahu (ISMICS, India)

3.30 pm Coffee Break (30 min)

**4.00 pm Case Presentations and Panel discussion:
Management of complications
(including switching from Phaco to SICS)**

Dr Jagannath Boramani, Dr Amulya Sahu,
Prof Nitin Verma, Dr Neeta Dodwad

Luncheon Session Small Manual Incision Cataract Surgery

- 1. MSICS Wetlab Workshop @2pm-6pm
in collaboration with ISMSICS /
Thea Pharma Switzerland**
Dr Jagannath Boramani, Dr Amulya Sahu,
Prof Nitin Verma, Dr Neeta Dodwad,
Dr Van C. Lansingh
- 2. Phaco Drylab Workshop @2pm-6pm
in collaboration with Thea Pharma Switzerland**
MD, Dr Tim Westland, MD, PD Dr Andréas Kreis,
MD, PD Dr Bojan Paijc, MD (UNIGE)

**6.00 pm Closing Remarks and Au Revoir
by PD Dr Andréas**

Conference Organisation Committee

PD Andreas Kreis, MD, President ESIO, HUG, UNIGE & SSO
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Registration

Registration closes on October 31st, 2024

Full Conference Fee (3 days): 150.– CHF

Daily Conference Fee (valuable only for 1 day): 75.– CHF

Trainee Conference Fee (3 days): 70.– CHF

Registration will be open approx. 8 weeks prior to the conference.

Credit Points

19 CME-points (tbc)

Location

Campus Biotech

Chemin des Mines 9, CH-1202 Geneva

