

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

November 7-9, 2024

Campus Biotech, Geneva, Switzerland,
University of Geneva (Service d'Ophtalmologie-HUG /
Institute of Global Health)



Program

Thursday, November 7, 2024

1.00 pm Registration & Welcome Coffee

1.50 pm Opening of Conference

PD Dr Beat Stoll, Switzerland
(UniGe, IGH, Switzerland)

1.55 pm Introduction & Welcoming

PD Dr Andréas Kreis (UniGe, Switzerland)

Special Guest:

Dr José Ramos Horta

President of Timor Leste, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Peace Building, Global Health & Eye Care

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

2.10 pm Hygiene, Here and There: Have we gone too far?

Dr Ruud VAN DER POL (NOG, Netherlands)

3.10 pm Primary Eye Care crisis in high income countries

M. Jean-Paul ROOSEN (Vision Solidarité, France)

4.10 pm Coffee break (30 min)

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

Dr Runa KHAN (Friendship NGO, Bangladesh)

Friday, November 8, 2024

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

9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming

Dr Lana VAN DER BEEK (NOG, Netherlands)

**Quality versus Quantity in Eye Care:
Latest data on which way to take?**

Dr Silvio MARIOTTI (WHO, Switzerland)

10.20 am Coffee Break (30 min)

10.50 am 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 (NOG, Netherlands)

**EyeCare (Dis-)Integration in the health care
ecosystem**

Prof Serge RESNIKOFF (UNSW, OPC, Switzerland)

**2.50 pm Advantages of Virtual Reality Training
for fighting blindness**

Dr Van LANSINGH, Dr Bonnie HENDERSON
(HelpMeSee, USA)

3.50 pm Coffee Break (30 min)

**4.20 pm Geopolitical Aspects of Eye Care:
Soft diplomacy focused**

Prof Nitin VERMA (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

9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming
PD Dr Markus Schulze Schwering (DOG, Germany)

Out of sight – Riverblindness Africa
Dr Sabine SPECHT (DNDi/Sightsavers)

9.30 am Trek & Treat: Cataract Operations in Rural Nepal
Dr Sakar SUBEDI (Vision Together, Nepal)

**9.55 am Eye Health in a Refugee Camp settings
Like Cox Bazaar in Bangladesh**
Benedikt Kälin (Swiss Red Cross, Bangladesh)

10.25 am Coffee Break (30 min)

**10.55 am Social Entrepreneurship:
Experiences from the Field**
PD Dr Markus Schulze Schwering, MD
(DOG, Germany)

**11.40 am Faculty Development in LMICs
by Virtual Communities of Practice**
Dr Helena Prior FILIPE
(Ophthalmology Foundation, Portugal)

12.10 am Closing Keynote Lecture: In the Eyes of War
Dr. Andrii Ruban (UAO, Ukrain)

1.00 pm Lunch Break (60 min)

2.00 pm Introduction & Welcoming Luncheon Session
PD Dr Andréas Kreis (UniGe, Switzerland)

**Manual Small Incision Cataract Session
(MSICS): What is it, how it's done and why it's
the way to go?**
Prof Nitin VERMA (RANZCO/EETEP, Australia)

2.30 pm The MSICS Drylab Workshop
In collaboration with HelpMeSee/Young Swiss
Ophthalmologist (YSO-SSO/SOG)

**Small Manual Incision Cataract Surgery –
Workshop (MSICS)**
Dr Van Lingshing, Dr Amulya Sahu, Dr Jagannath
Boramani, Dr Tim Westland, PD Dr Andréas Kreis


6.00 pm End of Conference

Conference Organisation Committee

PD Dr Andreas Kreis, President ESIO, HUG, UNIGE & SSO
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Practical information

Registration

Registration closes on October 31st, 2022

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 to be confirmed.

Location

Campus Biotech, H8 (Conference Room)

Chemin des Mines 9, CH-1202 Geneva

