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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 31st Annual Meeting of the Lebanese Ophthalmological Society (LOS), taking place at the Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel in Beirut on 30 - 31 May, 2025.

This year, we are proud to present an exceptional scientific program featuring renowned international and regional experts across various ophthalmic subspecialties. Our sessions will cover the latest advancements in corneal imaging, ocular surface diseases, cataract and refractive surgery, glaucoma, retinal pathologies, challenging anterior segment cases, pediatric ophthalmology and myopia control, and latest advancements in neuro-ophthalmology.

We are particularly excited to introduce, for the first time, two high-yield sessions: "5 Pearls in 5 Minutes", where experts will share concise, practical insights to enhance your clinical and surgical practice. Additionally, our industry-sponsored symposia will provide valuable updates on emerging therapies and innovations in eye care.

A major highlight of this year's congress is the launch of the Aleph Award and Keynote Lecture, an initiative dedicated to honoring leaders and trailblazers in ophthalmology. This prestigious recognition aims to celebrate those who have made significant contributions to advancing the field, inspiring innovation, and shaping the future of eye care.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our industry partners and participating companies for their invaluable support in making this event possible. Their contributions continue to enrich our congress, ensuring a platform for learning, collaboration, and progress.

On behalf of the LOS Board, the Organizing Committee, and the Scientific Committee, we promise a congress that meets your expectations, combining cutting-edge science, meaningful discussions, and an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues. We look forward to welcoming you to Beirut for an enriching and memorable experience.



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FRIDAY 30 MAY, 2025

08:00 - 08:45

Registration

08:45 - 09:00

Word of Welcome

09:00 - 10:20

SESSION I

Corneal & Anterior Segment Imaging in 2025

Moderators: Shady Awwad, MD
Walid Amche, MD - Samir Farah, MD

09:00 - 09:20

Curvature & Elevation Maps & Biomechanics

Mazen Sinjab, MD

09:20 - 09:40

OCT-based Corneal Tomography

Francesco Versaci, PhD

09:40 - 10:00

Using Topography & Tomography in Clinical Decision Making

Mazen Sinjab, MD

10:00 - 10:10

Managing Challenging Cases using AS-OCT & Aberrometry

Andrea Russo, MD

10:10 - 10:20

 **Discussion | Q&A**

10:20 - 10:50

 **Coffee Break**

10:50 - 11:20

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11:20 - 12:10

SESSION II

Ocular Surface for the Anterior Segment Surgeon

Moderators: Naji Waked, MD
David Fahd, MD - Joanna Saade, MD

11:20 - 11:30

MGD Management Before Anterior Segment Surgery

Sihem Lazreg, MD

11:30 - 11:40

Surgical Management of Severe Ocular Surface Disease

Ihab Saad Othman, MD

11:40 - 11:50

Medical Options for Corneal Healing

Sihem Lazreg, MD

11:50 - 12:00

Ocular Surface:

The Missing Link in Refractive Surgery

Mohamed Shafik Shaheen, MD

12:00 - 12:10

 Discussion | Q&A

12:10 - 12:40

Symposium AMICO

Moderator: Naji Waked, MD

The Premium Match:

Tailoring IOLs to the Eye and the Patient

Shady Awwad, MD

12:40 - 14:10

 Lunch Break



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14:10 - 15:15

SESSION III

Refractive Surgery in 2025

Moderators: Nada Jabbur, MD
Sami Nehme, MD
Walid Haddad, MD

14:10 - 14:20

PresbyLASIK: A New Way for Presbyopia Correction

Ahmed Sedky, MD

14:20 - 14:30

Optimizing ICL Sizing with Machine Learning Assistance

Andrea Russo, MD

14:30 - 14:40

KLEx Lenticule Surgery: Limits & Opportunities

Ahmed Sedky, MD

14:40 - 14:50

Ray Tracing Guided Laser Ablation for Irregular Corneas

Mohamed Shafik Shaheen, MD

14:50 - 15:00

Equipment Interconnectivity & Machine Learning in Refractive Surgery

Andrea Russo, MD

15:00 - 15:15

 Discussion | Q&A



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15:15 - 16:05

SESSION IV

Retina: What Matters Most in your Practice

Moderators: Alex Assi, MD
Rola Hamam, MD - Wajiha Kheir, MD

15:15 - 15:25

Cataract Surgery in Diabetic Eyes: Best Timing & Recommendations

Ihab Saad Othman, MD

15:25 - 15:35

Retinal Vein Occlusion

Samer El Sherbiny, MD

15:35 - 15:45

DME & ERM:

When to Inject & When to Peel

Ihab Saad Othman, MD

15:45 - 15:55

Central Serous Retinopathy

Samer El Sherbiny, MD

15:55 - 16:05

 Discussion | Q&A

16:05 - 16:35

Symposium Roche

Moderator: Wajiha Kheir, MD
**Vabysmo: From Clinical Trials to
Real World Experience**

Samer El Sherbiny, MD

16:35 - 17:05

 Coffee Break



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30 MAY, 2025

17:05 - 17:55

SESSION V

Glaucoma:

How to Manage Under Pressure

Moderators: Karim Tomey, MD

Baha Nouredin, MD

Ziad Khoueir, MD

17:05 - 17:15

The One Tube To Rule Them All

Tarek Shaarawy, MD

17:15 - 17:25

An Update on Cyclomodulation

Mohamed Sayed, MD

17:25 - 17:35

How to Relinquish Power & Live Happily Ever After

Tarek Shaarawy, MD

17:35 - 17:45

Evidence in Glaucoma Surgery, a Broad Outlook

Mohamed Sayed, MD

17:45 - 17:55

 Discussion | Q&A



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08:00 - 08:30

Registration

08:30 - 09:50

SESSION I

Myopia Control: The Time is Now!

Moderators: Jamal Bleik, MD
Bassam Barakat, MD
Jihad Menassa, MD

08:30- 08:40

The Rising Threat of Myopia & a New Innovative Device for Follow Up

Francesco Versaci, PhD

08:40 - 08:50

Pharmacological Treatment of Myopia

Matthieu Robert, MD

08:50 - 09:00

New innovations in Myopia Control

Ali Abdel Razzaq, MD

09:00 - 09:10

Syndromic Myopia

Matthieu Robert, MD

09:10 - 09:20

Customized Treatment of Myopia Progression: What Works Best in Which Scenario

Maria Giulia Muzzi, OD

09:20 - 09:30

How to Run a Successful Myopia Control Clinic

Ali Abdel Razzaq, MD

09:30 - 09:50

 **Discussion | Q&A**



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09:50 - 10:30

SESSION II

Hot Topics in Neuro-Ophthalmology: Toot or Boot?

Moderators: Alaa Bou Ghannam, MD
Matthieu Robert, MD - Ama Sadaka, MD

09:50 - 09:58

Is Ozempic/Mounjaro Hurting your Optic Nerve? Semaglutides & NAION

Alaa Bou Ghannam, MD

09:58 - 10:06

Is Ozempic/Mounjaro Saving your Optic Nerve? Semaglutides & Papilledema

Ama Sadaka, MD

10:06 - 10:14

Is there a New Hope for Hereditary Retinopathies & Optic Neuropathies? Advances in Gene Therapy

Wajiha Kheir, MD

10:14 - 10:22

Can we Treat Amblyopia After the Age of 9? New Technology Watch & Critical Appraisal

Matthieu Robert, MD

10:22 - 10:30

New Therapy for Thyroid Eye Disease: is The Era of Surgical Intervention Behind us?

Ramzi Alameddine, MD

10:30 - 11:00

Symposium Medicals Int.

Moderator: Nada Jabbur, MD ICL: What Makes it a Great and Solid Option for my Patients

Alain Saad, MD

11:00 - 11:30

 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:05

ALEPH AWARD: Keynote Lecture: Ophthalmology A to Z

Ahmad Mansour, MD

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SESSION III

Excellence in Cataract & Refractive Surgery

Moderators: Hassan Chahine, MD
Pierre Mardelli, MD - Mounir Kassir, MD

12:05 - 12:15

Keypoints to Consider with Prebyopia Correcting IOLs

Ahmed Assaf, MD

12:15 - 12:25

Premium IOLs: Which IOL to which Patient? How & Why?

Alain Saad, MD

12:25 - 12:35

EDOF IOL Technology: Filling the Gap

Ahmed Assaf, MD

12:35 - 12:45

AI & Technology to the Rescue

Alain Saad, MD

12:45 - 12:55

 Discussion | Q&A

12:55 - 14:25

 Lunch Break

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Symposium Mersaco-Abbvie

Moderator: Souha Allam, MD
**Practical Applications of the
Ozurdex Implant**

Ziad Bashshur, MD



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SESSION IV

Anterior Segment Surgery in Complex Situations

Moderators: Elias Warrak, MD
Daniel Cherfan, MD - Nabil Macaron, MD

14:40 - 14:50

Toric IOL Implantation in the Context of Capsular Rupture

Ahmed Assaf, MD

14:50 - 15:00

Multifocal IOL Implantation in the Context of Capsular Rupture

Alain Saad, MD

15:00 - 15:10

Cataract Surgery in the Presence of Zonulopathy

Ahmed Assaf, MD

15:10 - 15:20 PM

Anterior Segment Reconstruction: from Endothelium to Iris

Alain Saad, MD

15:20 - 15:30

Tips to Conquer the Hard Cataract

Ahmed Assaf, MD

15:30 - 15:40

 Discussion | Q&A

15:40 - 16:00

Symposium Holmed Bayer

Moderator: Rola Hamam, MD
Aflibercept a Never-Ending Journey
Daniel Cherfan, MD

16:00 - 16:30

 Coffee Break



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SESSION V

5 Pearls in 5 minutes To Improve Your Practice: Round 1

Moderators: Nabil Dayeh, MD
Roland Seif, MD - Yahya Shaheen, MD

16:30 - 16:45

**Introduction
& Sinjab Academy Awards**
Mazen Sinjab, MD

16:45 - 16:50

**How to Close Non-Healing
Epi Defects**
Mahmoud Jaroudi, MD

16:50 - 16:55

**Starting KLEX Lenticule Surgery
(SMILE, SmartSight, CLEAR, & co.)**
Elias Jarade, MD

16:55 - 17:00

Starting DMEK
Joanna Saade, MD

17:00 - 17:05

Starting DALK
Bachir Abiad, MD

17:05 - 17:10

**Improving Efficiency in Cataract
Surgery**
Alexandre Schakal, MD

17:10 - 17:15

**Starting MIGS with your Cataract
Surgeries**
Ziad Khoueir, MD

17:15 - 17:30

 Discussion | Q&A



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SESSION VI

5 Pearls in 5 minutes To Improve your Practice: Round 2

Moderators: Alexandre Jalkh, MD
Souha Allam, MD - Vicky Massoud, MD

17:30 - 17:35

Evaluating Ptosis

Ama Sadaka, MD

17:35 - 17:40

Botox for an Ophthalmologist

Ramzi Alameddine, MD

17:40 - 17:45

Management of Acute Diplopia in Adults

Mohamad Hour, MD

17:45 - 17:50

What not to Miss in a Uveitis Slit Lamp Exam

Rola Hamam, MD

17:50 - 17:55

Management of Retinal Tear

Daniel Cherfan, MD

17:55 - 18:00

Optimal Control of Wet AMD

Ziad Bashshur, MD

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 Discussion | Q&A

18:15 - 18:25

"Stay till the End" Prizes Giveaway

18:25 - 18:30

Concluding Remarks Adjournment



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AHMED ASSAF, MD

Dr. Ahmed Assaf is a Professor of Ophthalmology at Ain Shams University and a consultant in phaco-refractive surgery at Al-Watany Eye Hospital, Cairo. He specializes in cataract surgery with premium IOLs and Femtosecond laser technology, which comprises 30% of his surgical volume. He has won multiple international awards, including best paper at ASCRS 2017 and best video and case awards in Milano (2019, 2022), IIRSI Chennai (2022), and ASCRS 2025. In 2023, he received the prestigious Kelman Lecture Award. In 2024, he became the first non-European FEBOS-CR Fellow and won the Ophthalmic Premiere League at the AAO meeting.



AHMED SEDKY, MD

Dr. Ahmed Sedky is a leading consultant in cornea and refractive surgery and founder of Eye Subspecialty Center, Cairo. He has over three decades of experience. A graduate of Ain Shams University, he trained at Ain Shams University Hospital and later served as Assistant Consultant at Magrabi Eye Hospital. He is a Member of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (London) and has performed over 25,000 LASIK procedures and more than 10,000 phacoemulsification surgeries with advanced IOLs.

Dr. Sedky has extensive experience across excimer laser platforms including Wavelight, Technolas, Nidek, Schwind, and LaserSight. He has also performed more than 2,000 phakic IOL implantations and over 1,000 keratoplasty procedures using both traditional and femtosecond-assisted techniques. He is also an international reviewer for the Journal of Refractive Surgery.



ALAIN SAAD, MD

Dr. Alain Saad is Vice Chair at Rothschild Foundation Hospital in Paris and Deputy Medical Director at Centre de l'Oeil in Switzerland. A board member of SAFIR, he is also on the editorial board of the Journal of Refractive Surgery and has published over 75 peer-reviewed articles. With Damien Gatinel, he co-developed the AI-based ectasia detection tool "SCORE" and contributed to the PEARL IOL calculation formula. Recognized internationally, he was ranked #10 in The Ophthalmologist's "Top 40 Under 40" (2015), and listed among France's top ophthalmologists by Le Point (2023) and The Ophthalmologist (2024).

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ALI ABDUL RAZZAQ MAFRACHI, MD

Consultant Ophthalmologist | Pediatric Ophthalmologist

Dr. Mafrachi is a board-certified ophthalmologist and Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. A graduate of Mustansiriya Medical College in Baghdad, he has played a pioneering role in pediatric eye care in Iraq introducing the first myopia control glasses in collaboration with Zeiss Vision and founding national programs for Retinopathy of Prematurity screening and Retinoblastoma treatment. He also serves as a supervisor and examiner for the Arab Board and has authored several publications in pediatric ophthalmology.



ANDREA RUSSO, MD

Dr. Andrea Russo earned a medical degree from the University of Brescia in 2007 and completed ophthalmology residency at Spedali Civili di Brescia (2008-2012), where they currently serve as a research fellow. They held clinical roles at San Rocco Clinic and completed a PhD in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Brescia. In 2016, they founded and continue to direct the Gruppo Refrattivo Italiano. Their training includes an observership at Moorfields Eye Hospital (UK) and an MBA for Physicians from Kellogg (USA). They obtained assistant professor eligibility in 2020 and hold a Good Clinical Practice certificate. Registered with Ordine dei Medici since 2007.



FRANCESCO VERSACI, PhD

Since 2003, Francesco Versaci has worked at CSO s.r.l. as a software designer, product manager, and project manager, specializing in ophthalmology and vision science technologies. With over 19 years of experience, they have led or contributed to the development of topographers, OCTs, aberrometers, fundus cameras, and more. Skilled in software safety standards (IEC60601-1-4, IEC62304) and patent writing, they also coordinate R&D teams and support key opinion leader engagement and customer feedback integration. A University of Florence engineering graduate (2002), they value collaborative environments focused on innovation and market-driven solutions. Their academic journey began at F. Cicognini High School in Prato.

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IHAB SAAD OTHMAN, MD

Professor Ihab Saad Othman, Professor of Ophthalmology at Cairo University since 2011, is founder and chairman of EyeWorld and TopCare Hospitals in Egypt. He completed advanced fellowships in France and the U.S., including at Wills Eye Hospital and the University of Virginia. A pioneer in ocular oncology, he introduced several groundbreaking treatments in Egypt, such as brachytherapy and stem-cell-based corneal repair. EyeWorld Hospital, now CAHAR-accredited, trains international fellows and supports postgraduates across Africa and the Middle East. Dedicated to education and charity, he offers free resources, organizes outreach clinics, and supports displaced residents, including Sudanese trainees, in completing their ophthalmic education.



MARIA GIULIA MUZZI, OD

Maria Giulia Muzzi, Dip.Optom, FAAO, FEAOO, IACMM, is an optometrist and optics expert specializing in contact lenses for irregular corneas, scleral lenses, orthokeratology, and myopia management. She is fluent in five languages and holds degrees in optics, optometry, and business economics. As Technical Service Manager at Occhio x Occhio SRL in Ferrara, she designs a range of custom lenses, including RGP, hybrid, scleral, and soft lenses. She regularly speaks at international conferences and has earned fellowships from both the American and European Academies of Optometry. She is pursuing further certifications in orthokeratology and optometry diplomate status.



MATTHIEU ROBERT, MD

Matthieu Robert, MD, PhD, FEBO, is full Professor of Ophthalmology at Necker-Enfants Malades Hospital in Paris. He is particularly involved in paediatric neuro-ophthalmology and rare disorders, paediatric anterior segment and oculomotor surgery. His fields of research are eye movements development and disorders, and retinal pathophysiology.

He is the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed papers, 40 book chapters and 200 invited lectures. He is a board member of the European Paediatric Ophthalmology Society, the Association Française d'Ophtalmopédiatrie and past president of the Club de Neuro-Ophtalmologie Francophone.

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MAZEN SINJAB, MD

Prof. Sinjab is an internationally recognized ophthalmic surgeon with expertise in cornea, anterior segment, and refractive surgery. He holds multiple prestigious qualifications including MD, PhD, FRCOphth (London), and CertLRS (London). Based at Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Hospital in Dubai, he is also the Founder and President of Sinjab Academic Consultancy (UAE), President of MEACRS, and Chief Co-Founder and Honorary General Secretary of the International Keratoconus Society.

Prof. Sinjab serves as a board examiner for both the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FRCSEd) and the Royal College of Ophthalmologists (London).



MOHAMED SAYED, MD

Dr. Mohamed S. Sayed, MD, is a Staff Physician in Ophthalmology at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Previously, he was Chief of Glaucoma at Moorfields Eye Hospital Dubai and Assistant Professor at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, where he also completed fellowships in glaucoma and pediatric ophthalmology. His expertise includes medical and surgical glaucoma management, MIGS, complex glaucoma surgeries, and customized cataract procedures. A published researcher and international speaker, he received an American Glaucoma Society award for AI research in glaucoma. He is affiliated with multiple ophthalmology societies and serves on the Multimedia Committee of the American Glaucoma Society.



MOHAMED SHAFIK SHAHEEN, MD

Prof. Shaheen is a leading expert in refractive surgery and corneal diseases, currently serving as Professor and Head of the Ophthalmology Department at Alexandria University. He is the Founder and CEO of Horus Vision Correction Center and several other premier refractive centers in Egypt and the Middle East.

He holds prominent leadership roles including Vice President of both the International Society of Keratoconus and the Dry Eye & Ocular Surface Society, and serves as a Global Ambassador for TFOS. He is also an elected board member of the Egyptian Society of Ophthalmology and sits on the boards of ESOIRS and CRST Europe. A past president of the Egyptian Society of Keratoconus & Cornea Transplant.

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SAMER EL SHERBINY, MD

Dr. Samer El Sherbiny has been a consultant ophthalmologist since 2004, initially at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre, where he held several leadership roles. In 2017, he led the Medical Retina Service at the Macclesfield Eye Unit in South Warwickshire. He is an Educational Supervisor at Buckingham University Medical School and has served as Associate Clinical Professor at Warwick Medical School. Dr. El Sherbiny has led clinical research, including NIHR and commercially sponsored studies. A former examiner for the Royal College and external advisor to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, he also reviews for multiple ophthalmology journals.



SIHEM LAZREG, MD

Dr. Sihem Lazreg is a specialist in corneal and ocular surface diseases, formerly a lecturer at CHU Mustapha and now practicing privately. She is a consultant on dry eye and ocular surface issues for international advisory boards. A member of numerous societies in cornea, refractive surgery, and contact lenses, she has served on the boards of the French Society of Ophthalmology (SFO), JRO, EPOMEC, the International Keratoconus Society, and OSN. Dr. Lazreg has authored over 20 publications on ocular surface diseases, including work with DEWS2 and TFOS. She is also the founder and president of DEOSS and an EMEA Ambassador for TFOS DEWS2.



TAREK SHAARAWY, MD

Prof. Tarek M. Shaarawy is a chargé de cours at the University of Geneva and adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas. He practices at the Glaucoma Unit, Clinique de l'Oeil Geneva, and is the founding medical chairman of Swiss Vision Clinics. Previously, he headed the glaucoma division at the University of Geneva Hospitals from 2004 to 2024. He earned his medical degrees from the University of Cairo and University of Lausanne and completed glaucoma fellowships at Lausanne and Basel. Prof. Shaarawy is currently President of the International Society of Glaucoma Surgery and serves on the board of the World Glaucoma Association.

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