World Ophthalmology Congress of the ICO

The World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC) of the International Council of Ophthalmology dates back to 1857 and takes place in a different international region every two years. Each WOC delivers world-class education, insight, and inspiration to a global ophthalmology community for improving quality eye care and preventing visual loss.

The ICO is committed to “Building a World Alliance for Sight,” and revenues from the WOC support a wide range of ICO initiatives and programs.

Join the ICO at the WOC2014 April 2–6 in Tokyo, Japan, to:

- Attend hundreds of scientific sessions led by internationally renowned experts.
- Participate in cutting-edge opportunities for continuing professional development.
- Learn about over 100 exhibiting companies.
- Connect with more than 10,000 attendees from over 120 countries.
- Discover Tokyo during the beautiful cherry blossom season.

Future World Ophthalmology Congresses

**WOC2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico**
February 5–9, 2016
Host: Mexican Society of Ophthalmology

**WOC2018 in Barcelona, Spain**
June 16–20, 2018
Host: Spanish Society of Ophthalmology (SEO)
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

You may know my term as ICO President expires at the close of the 2014 World Ophthalmology Congress (WOC)®, scheduled April 2–6 in Tokyo, Japan.

I find myself reflecting not just upon this past year, but on the whole of my tenure with the ICO. During the last 29 years, I have had the honor and privilege of watching the organization grow and strengthen, and I know the ICO’s future will continue to be dynamic and productive.

I leave the ICO in capable hands. In January 2013, the ICO Board of Trustees elected my friend and colleague Dr. Hugh Taylor as the next ICO President. Hugh has held numerous leadership positions, including inaugural Harold Mitchell Chair of Indigenous Eye Health in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at the University of Melbourne, Professor and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Melbourne, and Founding Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia. He is a former Vice President of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. His long relationship with the ICO includes having served as the ICO Director for Advocacy, and he is currently the ICO’s Treasurer.

With this Update, I am pleased to share the progress we have made in 2013. This year, in addition to sponsoring the WOC and organizing special sessions, the ICO has begun a long-term process of taking on a larger leadership role in the planning and marketing of future Congresses. We are proud of our work and the efforts of our partners, and we look forward to an excellent scientific and social program in April.

This year, advancements have been made in all ICO educational programs. As some examples, our examinations team has developed a new online Foundation Assessment, and applicants can now apply online for all three-month and one-year fellowships. In addition to presenting three successful Conferences for Ophthalmic Educators, we also offered three online courses for educators, and added hundreds of new resources to our Center for Ophthalmic Educators.

The ICO has also made substantial progress with our new initiative to reduce worldwide vision loss related to diabetes. The ICO Diabetic Eye Care Task Force is nearing completion of a set of guidelines for screening, assessing, and treating diabetic eye disease.

Though this year has been an exciting one for the ICO, it has been sadly marked by the untimely demise of Stephen J. Ryan, ICOFoundation President. Steve’s passing in April was a deeply personal and professional loss. David Pyott, a longtime friend of the ICO and the global ophthalmic community, will serve as the next ICOFoundation President, and we extend our appreciation to Dr. Alfred Sommer, ICOFoundation Vice President, for serving as interim President.

I am continually impressed by the exceptional work of our Program Directors and Officers and filled with gratitude for their service. I thank our Member societies and ICOFoundation donors whose critical financial support allows us to enhance ophthalmic education and eye care globally. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of our donors in this Update and on the ICOFoundation website at: www.icofoundation.org.

While I end my tenure as President of the ICO, I do not expect to end my work in international ophthalmology or lose touch with the countless friends I have made. I hope you will continue to work with my colleagues and me in our efforts to build a world alliance for sight. If you have questions or would like to get involved, email: info@icoph.org.

With warm regards,

Bruce Spivey, MD, MS, MEd
ICO President
REFOCUSBING EDUCATION

ICO EXAMINATIONS

In 2013, there were 3,327 ICO examinations taken in 130 test centers in 80 countries. Since first established 19 years ago, over 22,000 candidates have taken the exams. All ICO examinations are of a very high standard and are internationally validated to assess an ophthalmologist’s level of knowledge.

The ICO currently offers two annual examinations for ophthalmologists in training: the Standard Examination and the Advanced Examination. The Standard Examination has three components: Basic Sciences, Theoretical Optics and Refraction, and Clinical Sciences. As a special benefit of ICO membership, the ICO offers more favorable registration rates to candidates from countries whose societies are ICO Members.

In 2013, the ICO began offering the new Foundation Assessment. In addition to being a resource for learners, the ICO Foundation Assessment is an excellent introduction to the ICO educational programs and examinations, as it is both a learning and assessing experience. The online assessment is accessible worldwide at all times and emphasizes the basic and practical ophthalmology learned in the first year of training. Trainees are able to try the exam before taking it, and fees are set on a sliding scale. Learn more at: www.icoassessment.com.

Further information can be found on the ICO Examinations website at: www.icoexams.org.

ICO FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

Designed for promising young ophthalmologists from developing countries, the ICO Fellowships Program allows fellows to gain greater knowledge of ophthalmology and improve their practical skills. In return, fellows serve their region by bringing the acquired abilities back to their home countries and taking part in eye care programs. The ultimate goal is to preserve vision and prevent blindness.

With the assistance of our committed partners, the ICO Fellowships Program now offers additional three-month and one-year fellowships. In 2013, the ICO introduced an online application system, a more user-friendly website, and improved “Frequently Asked Questions” section.

As a benefit of ICO membership, candidates from countries whose societies are ICO Members are awarded additional points on their ICO Fellowship applications.

Applicants who have passed the ICO Basic Science, the ICO Clinical Sciences, or the ICO Advanced Examinations for Ophthalmologists receive special consideration for fellowship opportunities.

Learn more at: www.icoph.org/fellowships.html.

ICO Three-Month Fellowships
ICO Three-Month Fellowships expose ophthalmologists to training in ophthalmologic subspecialties. Flexible by design, the program is intended to meet the specific needs of countries and individuals. Since the program began in 2001, the ICO has awarded 701 fellowships.

The Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) has funded 28 ICO Three-Month Fellowships over three years for ophthalmologists from developing regions and countries where the FHF is active in Africa, South Asia, and South East Asia. Applicants may apply through the Three-Month Fellowship section of the online application. Fellows are selected in all major ophthalmologic subspecialties.

ICO-Retina Research Foundation Helmerich One-Year Fellowships
The ICO-Retina Research Foundation Helmerich Fellowships provide support for one year of subspecialty training to young ophthalmologists from developing countries.

Since the program began in 2010, eight fellows from Bosnia and Herzegovia, Brazil, Cameroon, Egypt, India, Iran, Mexico, and Turkey, have acquired subspecialty skills to advance patient care, research, and education in their home countries.
ICO-SAARC One-Year Subspecialty Fellowships
Exclusively for ophthalmologists from countries in the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) region, these fellowships provide a combination of training with local, regional, and international hosts to improve education and access to eye care in the region.

The fellowships are co-sponsored by the ICO and the SAARC Academy of Ophthalmology, and are supported by the FHF.

ICO-The Fred Hollows Foundation One-Year Subspecialty Fellowships
These one-year fellowships provide subspecialty training at a designated ICO Fellowship Training Center or other fellowship-training program.

"On behalf of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO), I am co-facilitating a curriculum review for the Cambodian Ophthalmology Residency Training program. This is a conjoint project of RANZCO and the Cambodian Ophthalmological Society as part of the National Program for Eye Health, aiming to build capacity and strengthen workforce development. We are using the ICO curriculum in the way it was intended: tailoring it to meet local needs and conditions."

Catherine Green, FRANZCO, MMedSc, Australia

Dr. Paduca Ala, a 2013 fellow, in a case discussion with Prof. Oliver Ehrt

TEACHING THE TEACHERS

The Center for Ophthalmic Educators offers educators a large variety of resources to enhance their teaching skills, including online classes, forums, and blogs about technology and tools. The number of resources has grown substantially since the Center was established in January 2012. Learn more at: educators.icoph.org.

Subscribe to the Center’s monthly newsletter, Ophthalmic Educators Letter, which offers valuable information and resources for teachers. Sign up to receive the Letter at: www.icoph.org/ed-letter.html.

Selected Resources in the Center for Ophthalmic Educators:

ICO Residency Curriculum
The revised and updated ICO Residency Curriculum offers an international consensus on what ophthalmology residents should be taught and provides a standardized content outline for ophthalmic training. Delivered online, it is intended to be translated and adapted, with the precise local detail for implementation left to each region’s educators.

Access the curriculum at: www.icoph.org/curricula.html.

Subspecialty Fellowship Curricula
As part of the ICO’s focus on curricula development and definition of effective training programs, committees have been organized to develop guidelines and recommendations for fellowship programs. Made up of experts representing all geographic regions, these committees are working on the following subspecialty areas: Cornea, External Diseases, and Refractive Surgery; Glaucoma; Neuro-Ophthalmology; and Oculoplastic Surgery and Orbit. The curricula are intended to be translated and adapted. The curricula are expected to be released for online public review in late 2013 or early 2014.

Assessment Tools for Educators
The ICO-Ophthalmology Surgical Competency Assessment Rubric (OSCAR) is a standardized, internationally valid tool to teach and assess an ophthalmologist’s competence in performing surgery. The ICO offers OSCARs in a variety of languages for Extracapsular Cataract Extraction, Phacoemulsification, Small-Incision Cataract Surgery, Strabismus, and Lateral Tarsal Strip.

Selected ICO-OSCARs are available in Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, and Spanish. In 2013, the ICO added new translations in Vietnamese and Spanish. View the ICO-OSCARs at: www.icoph.org/ICO-OSCAR.
Webinar Network
The Ophthalmology Webinar Network is a resource for sharing live lectures and archives of lectures from residency programs around the world. The Network is the result of combined efforts of supranational, regional, and national ophthalmologic societies, as well as of individual hospitals and eye centers. View the webinars at: ophthalmologywebinars.blogspot.com.ar/?ref=ico.

Web-Based Teaching Course
In 2013, the Center for Ophthalmic Educators offered two editions of the Web-Based Teaching Course. The Course empowers medical teachers to implement modern multimedia teaching skills and to create professional and effective presentations online. It combines practical advice, software tools to develop specific multimedia interventions, and a theoretical framework for effective teaching strategies. Interaction with other educators makes this an engaging and unique course. Learn more on the Center website: educators.icoph.org.

New ICO Webinar Workshop
In 2013, the ICO began offering the Webinar Workshop: How to Broadcast Lectures and Live Courses Online. This course provides participants with the inspiration, tools, knowledge, and skills that allow them to develop Webinars and greatly expand their teaching activities. As with the Web-Based Teaching Course, the Webinar Workshop combines independent and live activities, as well as interactions with other educators and course tutors. Learn more on the Center website: educators.icoph.org.

Technology for Teaching and Learning Blog
The Center’s Technology for Teaching and Learning Blog offers reviews of technology and its application to teaching and learning. Links to monthly blog posts are included in each issue of the Ophthalmic Educators Letter at: www.icoph.org/Educator-Letter.

Teacher’s Library Blog
Since September 2009, the Teacher’s Library Blog has recommended books, e-books, and papers for ophthalmic educators. Links to monthly blog posts are included in each issue of the Ophthalmic Educators Letter.

Programs for Educators
Instruction and Resources for Residency Program Directors
The ICO’s Residency Program Directors Courses, organized since 2004, are held in different world regions and focus on methods of instruction, assessment, and competency measurement. The Residency Program Directors Courses are sponsored by the ICOFoundation, supported by The Allergan Foundation, and coordinated with national ophthalmologic societies. In 2013, the ICO offered Residency Program Directors courses in China, Chile, the Philippines, and Ghana.

Helping Educators Improve:
Conferences for Ophthalmic Educators in India, Denmark, and Brazil
Each Conference for Educators features new workshops and special interest group discussions based on registrants’ interests. The conferences help educators improve their teaching effectiveness while providing an opportunity to make connections with other ophthalmic educators in the region.
The ICO and its partners offered three Conferences for Ophthalmic Educators in 2013:

- India: co-sponsored by the ICO, the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, the All India Ophthalmological Society, and the South Asian Academy of Ophthalmology
- Denmark: co-sponsored by the ICO, the European Society of Ophthalmology, and the Danish Ophthalmological Society
- Brazil: co-sponsored by the ICO, the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, and the Brazilian Council of Ophthalmology

**Eyexcel: Expanding Global Eye Care Workforce Through Excellence in Training**

The Eyexcel four-day meeting is a collaboration between the Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO), the ICO, and the Seva Foundation. Eyexcel prepares eye hospital teams to deliver high-quality training on a regular basis for mid-level ophthalmic personnel, managers, or ophthalmologists. The workshop utilizes a variety of teaching methods and addresses curriculum development, program evaluation, administrative skills, methods of e-learning, and principles of sustainability.

The 4th annual Eyexcel meeting was held in Madurai, India, at the LAICO institute of the Aravind Eye Hospital.

**Collaborating to Develop the Capacity Assessment Tool for SAARC Eye Care Education (CATSEYE)**

The ICO and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Academy of Ophthalmology collaborated to develop the Capacity Assessment Tool for SAARC Eye Care Education (CATSEYE). Funded by a grant from The Fred Hollows Foundation, this web-based survey tool, which can be adapted for use in other regions, was designed to collect data on the current number of ophthalmologists and other eye-care personnel, training institutions, and capacity for ophthalmic training in the eight SAARC countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The information gained will be used in planning and advocacy to strengthen human resources for eye health in the SAARC region.
ENHANCING EYE CARE

The ICO Assists the WHO in Developing a 2014–2019 Global Action Plan

The ICO and approximately 25 countries supported the adoption of the World Health Organization (WHO) 2014–2019 Action Plan in May. This action plan outlines steps to prevent avoidable blindness and visual impairment and provides a strong basis for advocacy and action at the regional and country level.

Societies Work With NGOs at the WOC2014 World Forum for Sight

The Fifth World Forum for Sight at the WOC2014, organized by the ICO, will feature public health sessions from nongovernmental development organizations (NGOs) and ophthalmologic societies on initiatives to preserve and protect vision. It is geared towards eye-care advocates and others committed to prevention of vision loss worldwide.

Reducing Worldwide Vision Loss Related to Diabetes

The ICO Diabetic Eye Care Task Force, chaired by Hugh Taylor, obtained existing diabetic guidelines from across the world to use in developing a set of guidelines for screening, assessing, and treating diabetic eye disease. These guidelines are expected to be released in late 2013 or early 2014.

The ICO will incorporate the critical competencies into ICO curricula, promoting improved training and continuing professional development. The ICO will also propose key indicators for evaluating public health approaches and developing, strengthening, and monitoring health systems for treating ocular complications of diabetes.

Hilton Cataract Initiative: Funding to Increase Cataract Surgical Services in Africa

In response to a “landscape analysis” of activities and investments that can increase cataract surgical rates in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), conducted by the Johns Hopkins Dana Center and the ICO, the Hilton Foundation has funded the Hilton Cataract Initiative. This Initiative provides $1.53 million over the next three years to improve access to high-quality cataract surgery in SSA and to support cataract facilities in SSA by developing a social enterprise model.

Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO) will work with five carefully selected existing eye centers in the countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Zambia, to help them expand their capacity, with the goal of doubling their annual output of cataract surgery.

Investing in Vision: Evidence that Investments are Cost Effective

The report Investing in Vision provides compelling evidence that additional investments to strengthen eye health systems are cost effective on a regional and global level. Among the report’s key findings: an additional investment of only $2.20 USD per capita per year for 20 years is required to eliminate avoidable blindness and visual impairment in developing countries.

ICO board members, Drs. Hugh Taylor and Serge Resnikoff, were instrumental in setting the groundwork for Investing in Vision, which was produced by PricewaterhouseCoopers and commissioned by The Fred Hollows Foundation, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, CBM, Light for the World, Operation Eyesight Universal, Sightsavers, and others. Download Investing in Vision and related reports at: hollows.org.au/our-work/the-price-of-sight.

WHO Listing of Essential Medicines

The World Health Organization (WHO) Model List of Essential Medicines (EML) has been updated and is available at: www.who.int/medicines/publications/essentialmedicines/en/index.html.

The ICO, which is in official relations with the WHO, facilitated the collection of expert opinions for ophthalmology. The WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines met in Geneva, Switzerland, in April 2013, to review and update the EML.
International Council of Ophthalmology Working with the WHO on ICD-11

The ICO International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Task Force has been working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to revise the ophthalmologic data in the current ICD-10 and create a new generation of classification, the ICD-11. The ICO Task Force serves as the Topic Advisory Group for ophthalmology. In-person consultations were held in 2013 with WHO representatives to discuss progress on the ophthalmology chapter and the overall project. The WHO plans to release a final revision by 2015.

Reducing Uncorrected Refractive Error through Schools and Community Organizations

Since 2010, the School Eye Health Program (SEHP) has been offering eye care services, teacher training, uncorrected refractive error (URE) testing, health promotion, and health screening. It also performs operational research with the cooperation of Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO).

With pilot programs in Pakistan and Nigeria concluding in 2013, the ICO Task Force on URE will prepare a learning document for publication that addresses the program’s impact assessment. The Task Force will also share its findings online and during the WOC2014.

SEHP is a collaboration between Light for the World and the ICO Task Force on URE, with support from the ICO Foundation. Program partners also include Light For The World, Austria; Light For The World, Netherlands; Jos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria; and LAICO, India.

The program’s ultimate goal is to improve quality of life by eliminating blindness and visual disabilities due to URE, which is the main cause of visual impairment worldwide. Additional SEHP programs are planned, and it is anticipated that the program will eventually screen one million children and tens of thousands of adults for URE.

Magrabi–ICO Cameroon Eye Institute: Helping the Next Generation of Leaders Provide High-Quality Services

Construction continues on the Magrabi–ICO Cameroon Eye Institute, a regional-training center in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The Institute will train ophthalmologists and staff in Cameroon and French-speaking Central West Africa to become the next generation of leaders and to provide high-quality services with subspecialties and outreach programs, minimizing the need to send patients abroad.

The Institute will be built and developed by the Magrabi Foundation, the ICO, the That Every Life May Count Foundation, and various NGOs, with formal affiliations with the Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Yaoundé and the Cameroon Ministry of Health.

Clinical Algorithm for Ruptured Globe

The ICO Guidelines Committee reviewed and approved a clinical algorithm for ruptured globe developed at the University of California, San Francisco. To view the algorithm, go to: www.icoph.org/AlgorithmRupturedGlobe.html.

ADVANCING LEADERSHIP

ICO MEMBER SOCIETIES

WORLD Roundtable on Team Building in New Orleans

“Building Teams to Meet Community Needs: From Katrina to Diabetic Eye Care” was the theme of the November 2013 ICO World Ophthalmology Roundtable on Leadership Development (WORLD) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Each year, WORLD brings together leaders of ophthalmologic societies to exchange information and ideas that will help them develop effective organizations and programs to enhance ophthalmic education and access to eye care.
Welcome New ICO Member Societies

The ICO is composed of over 120 national and subspecialty Member societies from all over the world. ICO Member societies are part of a community connecting the world’s ophthalmologists, working together to preserve and restore vision.

This year, the ICO welcomed the membership of six new ophthalmologic societies:

- American Glaucoma Society
- Asia-Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Canadian Glaucoma Society
- Nepal Ophthalmic Society
- North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society
- Yemeni Ophthalmology Society

ICO Continuing Professional Development Committee: Meeting with Member Societies

In 2013, the ICO Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee held three regional luncheons with designated CPD representatives from ICO Member societies, soliciting feedback about what Member societies are doing in CPD and what they would like to offer their members. Speakers and society leaders discussed the principles of CPD, regional CPD requirements, and how the ICO could help facilitate CPD.

ICO General Assembly on April 2, 2014

The General Assembly, the biennial meeting of ICO Member societies, will be held in conjunction with the WOC2014 on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, in Tokyo, Japan.

2012 ICO Program Expenses
CHANGES IN ICO GOVERNANCE

ICO Board Elects Hugh Taylor Next ICO President
At a meeting in Hyderabad, India, on January 15, 2013, the ICO Board of Trustees voted to elect Hugh Taylor, MD, AC, to be the next President of the ICO. Dr. Taylor will succeed current President Bruce Spivey at the close of the WOC2014, April 2–6 in Tokyo, Japan. The Board will elect a Treasurer and two Vice Presidents in April 2014 to serve as ICO Officers from 2014–2016 with Dr. Taylor and the ICO’s Chief Executive Officer, William C. Felch, Jr.

In Memory of Stephen J. Ryan
ICOFoundation President, Stephen J. Ryan, MD, passed away from cancer on April 29, 2013.

Dr. Ryan had been involved with and committed to the ICO and ICOFoundation for many years. During his tenure as President of the ICOFoundation, he brought a cohesion and commitment to the Board that was critical. Dr. Ryan was posthumously awarded the ICO Mark Tso Golden Apple Award at the August Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology Congress. The award recognizes innovation and leadership in education and emphasizes the importance and value of ophthalmic education.

David Pyott, New ICOFoundation President
With Dr. Ryan’s passing, Dr. Alfred Sommer, Vice President of the ICOFoundation, graciously served as the interim ICOFoundation President.

In September 2013, with ICO Board approval, Mr. David Pyott was named as ICOFoundation President.
ICO BOARD AND COMMITTEES

The ICO is composed of the Board of Trustees, Advisory Committee, Task Forces, and other international Committees.

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With generous contributions from corporations, foundations, and individuals, the ICOFoundation supports ICO educational programs such as the Teaching the Teachers initiative, which provides ophthalmic educators with access to the latest curricula, tools, and materials, leading to enhanced training and ultimately, improved eye care worldwide. Donations also aid ICO activities in eye care, advocacy, and leadership.

Donations directly sustain programs working to improve ophthalmologic health on a global scale. The ICO is able to maximize our resources and keep administrative costs low because of our expansive network of volunteers, including ophthalmologists and other eye care providers.

For information on the ICOFoundation and to make a donation, go to: www.icofoundation.org.

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- Rotary Clubs in Belgium, France, Hungary, Italy, and Switzerland, under the leadership of Gabriel Minder, MSc,PhD, from Rotary Club Ferney-Voltaire, member of Rotary International Action Group for Blindness Prevention
- Rotary Club Nuremberg, Germany
- Rotary Club Straubing, Germany
- The Fred Hollows Foundation
- Zeiss Meditec AG, Germany

ICO ONLINE LINKS AND RESOURCES

- ICO Website: www.icoph.org
- Center for Ophthalmic Educators: educators.icoph.org
- ICO Examinations: www.icoexams.org
- ICOFoundation: www.icofoundation.org
- ICO International Fellowships: www.icoph.org/fellowships
- World Ophthalmology Congress: www.icoph.org/WOC

News, Resources, and Events

- News: www.icoph.org/news
- Resources: www.icoph.org/resources
- Society Meetings and Ophthalmology Events: www.icoph.org/events

ICO Community

- Connections: www.icoph.org/connections.html

E-Newsletters

- Leader Letter: www.icoph.org/leader-letter
- Ophthalmic Educators Letter: educators.icoph.org/newsletter.php
- ICO Notes: www.icoph.org/ico-notes

Ophthalmologic Societies

A primary commitment of the ICO is to stimulate and support communication and collaboration among ophthalmologic societies and ophthalmologists globally, particularly on initiatives to preserve and restore vision.

- Societies: www.icoph.org/ophthalmologic-societies

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