ICO 2014 Program Update
The World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC) of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) is held in a different region of the world every two years. Each WOC is unique and provides an international audience of ophthalmologists with:

- A scientific program addressing subspecialties and related interests in ophthalmology
- World-renowned experts presenting the latest scientific advances
- Countless learning and networking opportunities with recognized international leaders and professionals
- An exhibition featuring the newest ophthalmic tools, products, and services.

**Join Us at WOC2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico**
February 5–9, 2016
Host: Mexican Society of Ophthalmology
Co-Host: Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology
Register and learn more at: [www.woc2016.org](http://www.woc2016.org)

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The WOC is the longest continuous international medical meeting, first held in 1857. Revenues from the WOC support a wide range of ICO initiatives and programs to enhance education, advance leadership, and improve eye care.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

It was a great honor to succeed my friend and colleague, Dr. Bruce Spivey, as ICO President at the close of the 2014 World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC) in Tokyo, Japan.

Close to 20,000 registrants from 136 countries came together for WOC2014, which made it the most successful Congress in the ICO’s history. WOC2014 perfectly balanced a stimulating scientific program with valuable opportunities to collaborate and connect. Thank you to everyone who organized, supported, and attended this Congress.

We now turn our attention to upcoming WOCs, where the ICO will be assuming an even larger leadership role. We are currently working with our partners to present an outstanding WOC2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico; I look forward to sharing our progress with you.

Although my term as ICO President has just begun, I have been an active member of the ICO community for many years and have always been impressed by how much we accomplish. This year, we made progress in all our educational programs, including offering for the first time, a Conference for Ophthalmic Educators at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Chicago. We also provided valuable resources, such as new translations of the ICO Residency Curriculum. Other 2014 highlights include updated ICO Guidelines for Diabetic Eye Care and the development of four new ICO Subspecialty Curricula.

The last 30 years have marked a wonderful era of growth and vitalization for the ICO, which is in great part due to the involvement of our dynamic international community. I would like to highlight, however, the key role of the ICO’s Immediate Past President, Dr. Bruce Spivey.

During Bruce’s over 30 years of commitment and service to the ICO, including as both Secretary General and President, the ICO expanded extraordinarily and developed its education, eye care, and leadership programs. ICO membership, under Bruce’s direction, grew along with the ICO’s commitment to work collaboratively with our Members and other eye care organizations.

Congratulations to our Program Directors and Officers on their excellent work this year; the ICO would be nothing without their dedication and service. I would also like to thank our ICO Member societies—representing more than 200,000 ophthalmologists worldwide: with their partnership the ICO continues to grow and strengthen as an organization.

A special thank you to our ICOFoundation donors whose support allows the ICO to enhance ophthalmic education and eye health. Donors are recognized in this Update and on the ICOFoundation website at: www.icofoundation.org.

Perhaps the ICO has thrived for close to 90 years because the organization continually adapts to meet the changing needs of its international community. I look forward to helping the ICO broaden and improve ophthalmic education and access to quality eye care. Together we will preserve and restore sight around the world.

If you have questions or would like to get involved in the ICO’s efforts to build a world alliance for sight, contact: info@icoph.org. If you would like to directly support our efforts with a financial contribution, please visit www.icofoundation.org.

With warm regards,

Hugh Taylor, AC, MD
ICO President
REFOCUSING EDUCATION

WOC2014: Our Largest and Most Successful Congress Ever!

Close to 20,000 registrants from 136 countries joined their colleagues in Tokyo, Japan, for the 2014 World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC) of the International Council of Ophthalmology. WOC2014 featured more than 4,900 international experts presenting the latest information in ophthalmology and ophthalmic education.

Great thanks are due to WOC2014 President, Dr. Tetsuro Oshika, the Japanese Ophthalmological Society, and the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology and all of those who contributed to the Congress. Scientific Program Chair Dr. Peter Wiedemann, Co-chair Dr. Yuichiro Ogura, and their team organized an incredible scientific program.

Webcasts from selected WOC2014 presentations are available at: www.wocondemand.com.

ICO Recognizes Remarkable Leadership
At the Opening Ceremony of WOC2014, the ICO recognized leaders in international ophthalmology and presented the following awards:

- ICO Gonin Medal: Alice McPherson, MD
- ICO Jules François Golden Medal: Peter Watson, FRCOphth
- ICO International Duke Elder Medal: Richard Abbott, MD
- ICO Ophthalmic Pathology Award: Mark Tso, MD, DSc
- ICO Mark Tso Golden Apple Award: Charles McGhee, MD, FRCS, FRCOphth

Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award
The ICO Board of Trustees voted in 2014 to establish the Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award to recognize Dr. Spivey’s role as ICO President and his forward-looking work in education and eye care.

The award will identify “an ophthalmologist, who through innovation, development, or application has significantly advanced ophthalmic education in a manner that enhances eye care and preservation of vision.” It will be presented for the first time at WOC2016 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

ICO EXAMINATIONS

The ICO Examinations are the only worldwide medical-specialty examinations. Questions are prepared by an international group of examiners and are set at the same standard as the highest board and qualifying examinations anywhere. The Exams are independent and free of any outside influence and can be taken in the candidate’s own country. In 2014, there were 4,394 ICO Examinations taken in 107 test centers in 66 countries.

The ICO Examinations team updated the exam format in 2014, modifying questions to increase clarity and comprehension, and the Foundation Assessment became free to any candidate who is applying for the Basic Science Examination.

As a special benefit of ICO membership, the ICO offers more favorable rates to Exam candidates from countries whose societies are ICO Members. Learn more about ICO Examinations at: www.icoexams.org.
Standard Examination
The Standard Examination is frequently taken early in residency training and has three components: (1) Basic Sciences; (2) Theoretical Optics and Refraction; and (3) Clinical Sciences. The Clinical Sciences Examination is offered to ophthalmologists who have passed the first two components, or an examination of similar standard recognized by the ICO.

Advanced Examination
The Advanced ICO Examination is offered to ophthalmologists who have passed the complete Standard Examination or an examination of similar standard. Passing the Advanced Examination, along with a local face-to-face examination, entitles the successful candidate to use the post-nominal acronym FICO (fellow of the ICO).

Foundation Assessment
Available online, the Foundation Assessment is designed for first-year ophthalmology residency trainees and those entering ophthalmology programs. The assessment is accessible worldwide at all times and emphasizes the basic and practical ophthalmology learned in the first year of training.

ICO FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM

The ICO Fellowships Program helps ophthalmologists from developing countries gain greater knowledge of the subspecialties of ophthalmology and improve their practical skills. The Program’s goal is to give promising young ophthalmologists the training they need to excel so that they can work for the aims of VISION 2020, to prevent blindness and preserve vision. When alumni fellows return to their home countries, they are expected to work in an education or public service environment.

Candidates from countries whose societies are ICO Members and applicants who have passed the ICO Standard or Advanced Examinations receive special consideration when applying for ICO Fellowships.

Learn more about ICO Fellowships at: www.icoph.org/fellowships.html.

See profiles of ICO Fellowship alumni at: www.icoph.org/fellow-alumni-profiles.html.

The ICO offers the following fellowship opportunities:

ICO Three-Month Fellowships
The ICO has awarded 772 fellowships in all major ophthalmologic subspecialties since the ICO Three-Month Fellowships began in 2001.

The Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) 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.

ICO-Retina Research Foundation Helmerich One-Year Fellowships
These fellowships provide support for one year of subspecialty training to young ophthalmologists from developing countries. Since the program began in 2010, eight fellows have acquired subspecialty skills to advance patient care, research, and education in their home countries.

“Dr. Usmanov spent October to December 2012 in the Ocular Oncology Service of Helsinki University Central Hospital with me. We had many discussions about managing retinoblastoma in different parts of the world...and we prepared a joint manuscript.

The paper, Predicted Trends in the Incidence of Retinoblastoma in the Asia-Pacific Region, was published in the May/June 2014 issue of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology...Without the ICO Fellowships Program, this paper would never have come about.”

Tero Kivelä, MD, FEBO

Dr. Kivelä (left) and Dr. Usmanov (right) using RetCam wide angle photography for imaging retinoblastomas.
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 SAARC region. Three fellowships have been awarded since the program began in 2013.

The fellowships are co-sponsored by the ICO and the SAARC Academy of Ophthalmology (SAO), and are supported by The Fred Hollows Foundation and the SAO.

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. Six fellowships have been awarded since the program began in 2012.

TEACHING THE TEACHERS

The ICO’s “Teaching the Teachers” initiative develops and implements a variety of high-quality, effective, and adaptable educational programs for anyone involved in ophthalmic education. Primary emphasis is on the needs of educators in developing countries. Resources are offered for free or at a low cost, depending on the setting and the participants’ financial situation.

The initiative’s ultimate aim is to increase the quality of ophthalmic training around the world, resulting in more ophthalmologists and eye care professionals who are better equipped to provide high-quality care.

2014 Courses for Ophthalmic Educators

- **World Ophthalmic Education Colloquium (WOEC):** The WOEC at WOC2014 in Tokyo, Japan included eight symposia and courses, with 50 speakers covering a wide range of topics in education.

- **Residency Program Directors Courses:** Emphasizing modern methods of instruction, assessment, and competency measurement, the ICO offered courses in China, Brazil, France, and Peru in 2014.

- **Eyexcel–Expanding Global Eye Care Workforce:** The annual Eyexcel meeting was held July 2014 in Madurai, India. Eyexcel prepares eye hospital teams to deliver high-quality training for mid-level ophthalmic personnel, managers, or ophthalmologists. Eyexcel is a collaboration among Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO), the Seva Foundation, and the ICO.

- **Conference for Ophthalmic Educators:** Improving Teaching Effectiveness: The October 2014 Conference in Chicago, Illinois, USA offered expert instruction, interactive workshops, and group discussion for anyone involved or interested in ophthalmic education. The Conference was co-sponsored by the ICO, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the European Society of Ophthalmology.

- **Online Courses:** In 2014, the ICO offered three editions of “Transforming Lectures for Effective Teaching Interventions,” an online course focused on helping educators integrate technology into their teaching and improve their delivery.

Center for Ophthalmic Educators
The Center for Ophthalmic Educators (educators.icoph.org) offers a wide variety of resources to enhance teaching skills. One highlight includes the Webinar Network, where individuals can view recorded lectures from around the world. Other resources include the Center’s Technology for Teaching and Learning Blog, the Ophthalmology Teacher’s Library Blog, and web-based courses to improve educators’ teaching effectiveness.

Ophthalmic Educators Letter
The Center’s monthly e-newsletter, the Ophthalmic Educators Letter, highlights new resources, upcoming education events, and other relevant news. Each issue also includes links to reviews of technology tools and recommendations of books, e-books, and papers for ophthalmic educators.

Sign up to receive the Ophthalmic Educators Letter at: www.icoph.org/ed-letter.html.
Curricula and Assessment Tools
As part of its efforts to improve ophthalmic education around the world, the ICO develops curricula and assessment tools that reflect an international consensus on standards of ophthalmic knowledge and care. These teaching materials are designed to be translated and adapted to suit a region or organization’s particular needs.

This year, the ICO developed subspecialty curricula in Neuro-Ophthalmology; Cornea, External Diseases, and Refractive Surgery; Glaucoma; and Ophthalmic and Facial Plastic Surgery. The ICO expects to begin releasing final versions in fall 2014. Further subspecialty curricula are in development to be released in 2015 and 2016.

The ICO encourages individuals to translate available resources and offers translated versions whenever possible. Through the help of volunteer translators, this year the ICO added French translations of the ICO-Ophthalmology Surgical Competency Assessment Rubric (OSCAR) for Lateral Tarsal Strip Surgery and Small Incision Cataract Surgery. Selected ICO-OSCARs are also available in Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. ICO-OSCARs: www.icoph.org/ICO-OSCAR

Feedback on the revised ICO Residency Curriculum has been extremely positive. This year, the ICO’s curriculum (which was revised in 2012) was made more accessible by offering the full text in Chinese. The Cataract and Lens Sections are also now available in French and Spanish. Translations are made possible thanks to contributions from excellent volunteer translators. ICO Residency Curriculum: www.icoph.org/residencycurricula.html

ENHANCING EYE CARE

Reducing Worldwide Vision Loss Related to Diabetes
In 2014, the ICO Guidelines for Diabetic Eye Care were revised to incorporate new, high-quality images and feedback gained from the online review process. The Guidelines offer recommendations for screening, assessing, and treating diabetic retinopathy, and are stratified for settings with high, medium, or low resources.

The Guidelines will continue to be updated on an ongoing basis, and are designed to be translated and adapted for local use by ophthalmologists and others who care for those with diabetes. The first edition, published in 2013, is available in Vietnamese. The 2014 edition is available in Spanish and Portuguese. Learn more at: www.icoph.org/DRGuidelines.html.

Data on the Training Capacity in the SAARC Region
A study by the ICO and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Countries (SAARC) Academy of Ophthalmology, supported by The Fred Hollows Foundation, was published in the March/April 2014 issue of the Asia-Pacific Journal of Ophthalmology.

“Status of Ophthalmic Education and the Eye Health Workforce in SAARC” presents data on the number of ophthalmologists and other eye-care personnel, training institutions, and capacity for training in each SAARC country. The hope is that the study will contribute to planning for development of human resources for eye health in the SAARC region and serve as a model for assessment of the capacity for ophthalmic education in other regions and countries.

To read the article, go to: bit.ly/1nLvJ48. A directory of teaching programs in the SAARC region is available at: www.icoph.org/SAARC-Ophthalmic-Education-Directory.pdf.

The ICO Assists the WHO in Developing a 2014–2019 Global Action Plan
The ICO has contributed to and has supported the adoption of the World Health Organization (WHO) Action Plan 2014-2019 to increase global focus on the prevention of blindness and visual loss. The Action Plan outlines steps to help achieve these efforts and provides a strong basis for advocacy and action at the regional and country level. WHO Action Plan 2014-2019: www.who.int/blindness/AP2014-19_English.pdf?ua=1

The ICO’s efforts to increase global awareness of vision loss include collaboration with the Mexican Society of Ophthalmology and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness on a World Sight Day advocacy event in Mexico City on October 9, 2014.
ICO Working with the WHO on ICD-11
The ICO International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Task Force is continuing their work with the World Health Organization (WHO) to revise the ophthalmologic data in ICD-10 and create a new generation of classification, the ICD-11. The ICO Task Force serves as the Topic Advisory Group for ophthalmology. The ICD is currently being reviewed and field-tested; the WHO plans to release a final revision by 2017.

Reducing URE Through Schools and Community Organizations: Pilot Programs in Pakistan and Nigeria
Between 2010 and 2013, the School Eye Health Program (SEHP), a collaboration between Light for the World and the ICO Task Force on Uncorrected Refractive Error (URE), conducted pilot programs in Nigeria and Pakistan that offered eye care services, teacher training, URE testing, health promotion, and health screening. The SEHP also performed operational research with the cooperation of Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO).

From these pilot programs, the ICO Task Force on URE concluded that local governments need to incorporate school eye health programs into their health systems for those programs to be sustainable. It also concluded that teachers should be trained in eye health and that communities need to be more aware of the importance of eye health.

The Task Force on URE is currently preparing a learning document for publication that addresses the program’s impact assessment.

The SEHP program partners also included Light For The World, Austria; Light For The World, Netherlands; Jos University Teaching Hospital, Nigeria; Comprehensive Health and Education International Pakistan; and LAICO, India, with support from the ICOFoundation.

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 building should be completed in early 2015 with selected sections to begin operation in spring 2015.

The Institute will train ophthalmologists and staff in Cameroon and French-speaking Central West Africa to become the next generation of leaders. It will provide high-quality services with subspecialties and outreach programs, minimizing the need to send patients abroad.

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

Societies Work with NGOs at WOC2014 World Forum for Sight
The ICO’s Fifth World Forum for Sight, at WOC2014, featured sessions from nongovernmental organizations, ophthalmologic societies, and public health experts on a wide range of topics, including expanding treatment capacity, treating complex eye disease in areas with limited resources, and monitoring progress in eye health.

Dr. Sarah Hean, Bournemouth University, United Kingdom, presented the World Forum for Sight keynote talk, “How Other Specialties are Training Teams to Meet Public Needs.”
L’OCCITANE  Foundation Sight Award
At WOC2014, the L’OCCITANE Foundation, in partnership with the ICO, presented the L’OCCITANE Sight Award to Dr. Clare Gilbert. The Sight Award and a prize of €50,000 are awarded to an ophthalmologist every two years to honor their work in the fight against avoidable blindness in developing countries.

ADVANCING LEADERSHIP

ICO MEMBER SOCIETIES

WORLD Considers Who Will Be Ophthalmology’s Future Leaders
Who will lead international ophthalmology in the future? Through presentations and interactive discussion, the 2014 World Ophthalmology Roundtable on Leadership Development (WORLD) in Chicago, Illinois, examined the skill sets that are most critical for leaders, how leaders shape the future, and how young leaders can be identified.

Experts introduced thought-provoking topics related to the importance of leadership and ultimately the future of ophthalmology. Catherine Bertini, Senior Fellow, Chicago Council of Global Affairs and Former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, spoke about leaders shaping the future, and Robert Brooks, a member of the International Diabetes Federation’s Young Leaders Programme, discussed how to best develop young leaders.

Welcome New ICO Member Societies
The ICO is composed of over 130 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 new membership of seven ophthalmologic societies:

- Asia Pacific Society of Eye Genetics
- International Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO)
- International Society of Ocular Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ISOPRS)
- Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh
- Ophthalmological Society of the West Indies (OSWI)
- Uzbek Scientific Ophthalmology Society
- Women in Ophthalmology (WIO)

View ICO Member Societies: [www.icoph.org/membership/ico_members.html](http://www.icoph.org/membership/ico_members.html)
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ICO OVERVIEW

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~95 National Ophthalmic Societies
~37 International Subspecialty Societies

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WHO: World Health Organization
IAPB: International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
AOI: Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis
NGOs: Non-governmental Organizations

APAO: Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology
MEACO: Middle East African Council of Ophthalmology
PAAO: Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology
SOE: European Society of Ophthalmology
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ICO Resources and Websites

- ICO Center for Ophthalmic Educators: educators.icoph.org
- ICO Examinations: www.icoexams.org
- ICO International Fellowships: www.icoph.org/fellowships
- ICOFoundation: www.icofoundation.org
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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. To see a list of Ophthalmic Societies, go to: www.icoph.org/ophthalmologic-societies.

The ICO Star identifies ICO Member Societies on the ICO website.
ICO Board, Advisory, Committee, and Task Forces

The ICO would like to thank the ICO Board and Advisory Committee, as well as Committee and Task Force members. Their expertise, commitment, and work make the ICO a strong and effective organization.

- Board and Advisory Committee: [www.icoph.org/boardandadvisory.html](http://www.icoph.org/boardandadvisory.html)
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Donations directly sustain programs working to improve ophthalmologic health on a global scale. The ICO is able to maximize resources and keep administrative costs low because of our expansive network of volunteers.

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