Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) has celebrated our 161st year of service, striving to improve eye health worldwide. 2018 was a year of accomplishments, including organizing the 36th World Ophthalmology Congress® in Barcelona, Spain which was attended by 8,000 ophthalmologists from 146 countries. We are grateful to the many delegates and presenters who helped to make the Congress a great success.

This year the ICO welcomed 15 new Member societies who join our global network which now represents 168 national, regional, and subspecialty societies of ophthalmologists. The ICO plays an important role as the primary international consortium representing and serving ophthalmologists around the world.

As you will read in this program update, during the course of 2018, the ICO has been working to implement and grow programs that support our strategic plan goals to empower societies and leaders, enhance ophthalmic education, and to advance eye health by increasing access to high-quality eye care around the world. I would like to thank our Board, program directors, committee members, and volunteers for their outstanding work. In addition, thank you to all of the professional ophthalmologic societies, non-governmental development organizations, and related organizations worldwide whom the ICO works so closely with. Together, we are building a "World Alliance for Sight."

The ICO’s programs are made possible by generous contributions from our many donors who are recognized in this publication and on the ICOFoundation website at: www.icofoundation.org. The success of the ICO is directly related to all those who are committed to our efforts.

Thank you for your support of the ICO.

Best Regards,

Peter Wiedemann, MD
President, International Council of Ophthalmology
ICO Highlights

ICO Member Societies include 118 National Societies, 8 Regional Societies, and 42 International Subspecialty Member Societies.

More than 1,100 ICO Fellowships have been granted to ophthalmologists from 84 low-resource countries.

More than 32,000 ophthalmologists in 81 countries have taken ICO Examinations at our 131 testing centers around the world.

Over 2,000 program directors and faculty have participated in ICO Residency Program Directors Courses.
Empowering Societies and Leaders

ICO Member Societies

The ICO is composed of 118 National Societies, 8 Regional Societies, and 42 International Subspecialty Member Societies. ICO Member societies make up a strong community that connects the world’s ophthalmologists. This global network is working together to share knowledge and increase access to high-quality eye care.

The ICO welcomed the membership of 15 new ophthalmologic societies, as of October 2018:

- Benin Society of Ophthalmology
- Burkina Faso Society of Ophthalmology
- Gabon Society of Ophthalmology
- Ivory Coast Society of Ophthalmology
- Mali Society of Ophthalmology
- Malawi Ophthalmological Society
- Mozambique College of Ophthalmology
- Nigerien Society of Ophthalmology
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Academy of Ophthalmology
- Senegalese Society of Ophthalmology
- Société Africaine Francophone d’Ophthalmologie (SAFO)
- Ophthalmological Association of South Sudan
- Tanzania Ophthalmology Society
- Togo Society of Ophthalmology
- Uganda Ophthalmology Society

To see a complete list of ICO Member Societies, please visit www.icoph.org/ico-members.
The ICO General Assembly is the world’s largest representation of the international ophthalmology community where leaders come together to improve eye care around the world.

Official Representatives and over 110 leaders of ICO Member societies were welcomed to the ICO General Assembly that took place at the 2018 World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC2018) in Barcelona, Spain.

Roundtable discussions considered what societies can do to improve access to eye care in underserved areas, and how ophthalmologists can build and lead teams to meet public needs.
AOC Summit

The Summit of the African Ophthalmologic Society Presidents took place during WOC2018 in Barcelona, Spain. The Summit was convened and organized by the African Ophthalmology Council (AOC) and the ICO, with financial support from The Fred Hollows Foundation, and ICO board member and past AOC President, Dr. Kunle Hassan. Twenty-five Sub-Saharan Africa ophthalmologic societies were represented by their president or a senior officer. In addition, representatives from the World Health Organization, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, The Fred Hollows Foundation, and Orbis attended. AOC President and ICO Vice President, Dr. Kgaogelo (Eddie) Legodi, who also will be serving as President of WOC2020, outlined the primary goals of the Summit:

• To bring together the presidents and leaders of ophthalmologic societies in Sub-Saharan Africa to define how to strengthen the societies and the AOC in order to better serve ophthalmologists and enhance eye health in Africa.

• To begin the process of society development, with a follow-up summit at the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa Congress (OSSA), 20–24 March 2019 in Cape Town and reports at the 2020 World Ophthalmology Congress®, 26–29 June 2020 in Cape Town.

• To establish ongoing relationships among society leaders in Africa and encourage collaboration on serving ophthalmologists and improving eye health.

Each Society President/Representative presented about the needs of ophthalmologists in their respective country, and the needs of their ophthalmology society. The presentations emphasized that ophthalmologists in Africa and the societies face many challenges in their countries, such as lack of funding, lack of access to resources (financial, human, equipment, etc.), society development, government support/intervention, training and continuing professional development.

Dr. Daniel Kiage, AOC Vice President and a past board member of the ICO, presented on the needs of eye care in Africa. His presentation concluded that:

• The public needs quality care that is accessible, available and affordable

• The care provided by ophthalmologists must be well supported by institutions, government, and colleges/societies.
In spite of these challenges, all attendees are committed to the transformation of the practice of ophthalmology and to provide better eye health care to the population of this diverse continent.

Incoming ICO President Professor Peter Wiedemann spoke to all society leaders and affirmed the commitment of the ICO to Ophthalmology Societies in Africa and to work together to improve eye health on the continent.

Dr. Legodi emphasized the importance of WOC2020 that will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 26–29 June 2020. He stated that WOC2020 is not merely a South African event, but it is important for all of Africa. This is an ideal opportunity to encourage cooperation between the societies, in line with one of the goals of this summit and the AOC.

During the Summit all presidents/representatives formally pledged their willingness to be a member society of the AOC.

Learn more about the AOC by visiting www.aofsite.org.
The ICO’s Emerging International Leaders program is a new initiative as part of the ICO 2017–2020 Strategic Plan. Its purpose is to offer new opportunities for international networking, mentorship, and leadership skill improvement, especially for those interested in ICO activities or in becoming a future ophthalmic society leader.

The inaugural meeting for Emerging International Leaders took place during WOC2018 and included discussion about what this group most needs and what resources and support will be of most value. The initiative seeks to broaden development opportunities for mid-career ophthalmologists who are seeking to build international networks and expand their leadership skills. Through collaboration with ICO Member societies, this forum is developing activities and programs to meet the evolving needs of ophthalmologists who may have previously participated in Leadership Development Programs or other Young Ophthalmologist groups.

For more information about this initiative, email Jennifer Hanes, ICO Membership and Society Relations Manager, at jhanes@icoph.org.

Anglophone Africa Leadership Development Program
The ICO helped graduate the first African Council of Ophthalmology (AOC) Leadership Development Program (LDP) class from Anglophone-speaking African countries in 2017. This year a second round of candidates from a wide range of African countries met in August in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. With some of the first graduates serving as faculty, the ICO supported curricula developed to create effective leadership of ophthalmic societies in the region through better use of scarce resources.

After the meeting in Addis Ababa, LDP faculty and members of the first and second LDP classes traveled to Cape Town, South Africa to lead an advocacy and organizational development course
during the ICO Member society, International Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Council’s Retinopathy in Africa meeting.

**ICO-Francophone Africa Leadership Development Program**

The Société Africaine Francophone d’Ophtalmologie (SAFO) Leadership Development Program for Francophone Africa presented an intensive one-day meeting on 3 December 2017, in Dakar, Senegal. Developed with the AOC and the AAO, with support from the ICO, the LDP program focused on meeting the needs of future leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa. It was held in conjunction with the 2017 SAFO Congress hosted by the Senegalese Ophthalmology Society and its President, Prof. Madoune Ndiaye.

For a second year, 22 participants represented Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Mali, Niger, and Togo. Host faculty included LDP Course Director, Prof. Patrice Komi Balo, and SAFO President, Prof. Adama Fanny. Returning faculty also included Drs. Neeru Gupta, ICO Vice-President; Michael Brennan, with the ICO Society and Leadership Development Committee and the AAO; and Annick Mwilambwe, from the Canadian Ophthalmology Society.

Adapted from the AAO model, the leadership course covered a broad spectrum of subjects, including advocacy, engagement, society strengthening, navigating challenges, and networking to achieve a common purpose.

The 2018 SAFO Congress and continuation of these important LDP activities will take place in Lome, Togo in early December.

**Young Ophthalmologist (YO) Forums**

**Central Asia YO Forum**

Ophthalmologists from eight countries in the region participated in the 2nd Annual Central Asia Young Ophthalmologist Forum in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in May 2018. Organized as a follow up to the first Central Asia YO Forum, held in Kyrgyzstan in 2017, this year’s meeting was hosted by the Uzbekistan Ophthalmology Society (UOS) and the Turkish Republics Ophthalmology Society (TROS) with sponsorship from the ICO. The agenda focused on information about the ICO and sharing knowledge on a variety of topics, including how to build your national ophthalmic society website, integration of technology into societies and practices, pediatric vision screening, and forming a diabetic retinopathy awareness campaign.
Thank you to the thousands of delegates from 146 countries who joined their colleagues in Barcelona, Spain, for the 2018 World Ophthalmology Congress® (WOC2018) of the International Council of Ophthalmology.

WOC2018 featured 497 sessions in 28 various subspecialties with 45 Subspecialty, 39 National, 5 Regional and 4 Supranational Societies participating in the program. 2,220 international experts presented the latest information in ophthalmology and ophthalmic education along with another 727 e-poster and e-video presentations.

Special thanks are due to WOC2018 President Dr. Rafael I. Barraquer, the Spanish Society of Ophthalmology, the European Society of Ophthalmology, the Spanish Society of Implant-Refractive Ocular Surgery, and all of those who contributed to the Congress. Scientific Program Chair, Prof. Clement C.Y. Tham, co-chairs Dr. Jan Tjeerd de Faber, Prof. José Manuel Benítez Del Castillo, and Dr. Paul Roux, along with the Convener for the Submitted Program, Prof. Martine Jager, and the rest of the committee members and reviewers organized an incredible scientific program.

If you were not able to attend WOC2018 or missed a session, presentations are available for purchase and are CME eligible at woc.ondemand.org.

What better opportunity to bring attention to Africa and the eye health challenges it faces than the year 2020? WOC2020 marks the first time the Congress will be held in Sub-Saharan Africa and will be hosted by the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa (OSSA), with the African Ophthalmology Council (AOC) and Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO) as co-hosts. Dr. Kgaogelo (Eddie) Legodi will serve as President of WOC2020.

Learn more by visiting www.icoph.org/WOC2020.
ICO Fellowships Program

The ICO Fellowships Program provides important opportunities for promising young ophthalmologists, primarily from low-resource countries, to improve their practical skills and broaden their perspectives of ophthalmology. Fellows bring this acquired knowledge and skills back to their home countries and take part in vital programs that preserve vision and prevent blindness.

To date, more than 1,100 ophthalmologists from 84 low-resource countries have been granted ICO Fellowships. Our network of host institutions includes 135 hospitals and universities across 33 countries.

The ICO is grateful to fellowship host institutions and to our donors for your generous contributions that make these opportunities possible.

More information on ICO Fellowships can be found at [www.icoph.org/fellows](http://www.icoph.org/fellows).

We invite you to support the ICO Fellowship Program by making a donation to the ICOFoundation at [www.icofoundation.org](http://www.icofoundation.org).

98% found that their ICO Fellowship training is helping in their daily practice.

95% increased their knowledge and confidence when making decisions in their subspecialty.

90% of ICO Fellows report that they learned important new techniques for diagnosing, treatment, and surgery.
INFORMATION FOR ALL FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Applicants from low-resource countries whose societies are ICO Members, as well as applicants who pass one or more ICO Exams, receive special consideration. Female ophthalmologists are particularly encouraged to apply.

ICO Three-Month Fellowships
ICO-World Glaucoma Association Fellowships
ICO-International Uveitis Study Group Fellowships
ICO-Children Eye Cancer Foundation Fellowships in Retinoblastoma

These three-month fellowships are awarded twice a year to ophthalmologists from low-resource countries.

ICO-ECF Six-Month Fellowship
ICO and the Eye Cancer Foundation (ECF) offer six-month fellowships to candidates from low-resource countries on the diagnosis and therapy of retinoblastoma.

ICO-Fred Hollows Foundation One-Year Subspecialty Fellowships

These one-year fellowships for candidates from low-resource countries provide subspecialty training at a designated ICO Fellowship Training Center.

ICO-Retina Research Foundation Helmerich One-Year Fellowships

One year of subspecialty training is provided to young ophthalmologists from low-resource countries.

ICO-Allergan Advanced Research Fellowship

This fellowship allows the best young ophthalmologists (basic or clinical) from both developed and low-resource countries to continue research in one of eight subspecialties at the university of his or her choice, preferably in another country.

Dr. Shuaib Abdulsallam, from Nigeria, practices on an EYESI surgical simulator during his three-month Vitreoretina training at Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany.
ICO Examinations

One of the ICO’s primary objectives is to promote excellence in eye care worldwide by encouraging individuals to acquire and maintain the highest standard of knowledge for the practice of ophthalmology. Our examinations in Visual Science; Optics, Refraction and Instruments; Clinical Ophthalmology, and an Advanced examination leading to FICO are part of that initiative.

More than 32,000 ophthalmologists in 81 countries have taken ICO Examinations at one of our 131 testing centers around the world to evaluate their knowledge or to meet requirements in their countries to practice ophthalmology.

This year we had 6,100 candidates take the exams, and for the first time our exams are now offered in Austria, Haiti, and Uganda. After a successful pilot program, the ICO is pleased to have begun offering subspecialty examinations in:

- Cornea and External Eye Disease
- Glaucoma
- Neuro Ophthalmology
- Oculoplastic
- Pediatrics & Strabismus
- Retina
- Uveitis

The ICO’s Foundation Assessment tool is also available online free of charge for standard examination candidates whose national society is a member of the ICO or for a small fee for others.

ICO Exams has a reciprocity program in place with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. We are also pleased to announce that the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh has adopted the ICO Examinations to replace their written examinations and will offer membership to ophthalmologists who have passed the necessary ICO exams. Beginning in April 2019, candidates will be required to pass the ICO’s Visual Science Exam; Optics, Refraction, and Instruments Exam; and the Clinical Ophthalmology Exam to be eligible to apply for membership with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

To learn more about the ICO Examinations, and how these may benefit your local exams system, please visit [www.icoph.org/exams](http://www.icoph.org/exams).
Teaching the Teachers: Towards Integrated Ophthalmic Education

As part of our strategic plan, the ICO is working to address the current and anticipated shortfall of ophthalmologists, particularly in low-resource countries, by stimulating and supporting the training of eye care teams led by ophthalmologists. These educational programs focus on assisting ophthalmic educators to become better teachers utilizing more effective, less expensive, and broader-reaching educational offerings.

In 2018, our Teaching the Teachers Initiative launched a new three-year 2018-2020 plan building upon our past successes. As part of this plan, the ICO, in collaboration with national and supranational ophthalmic societies, will provide vital instructional programs and resources to continue to help ophthalmic educators become better teachers. Over the next three years, the ICO’s Teaching the Teachers Initiative will expand from helping individual teachers to an integrated ophthalmic education approach emphasizing:

- enhancing the impact of our programs
- focusing our efforts, and
- increasing integration of ICO education.

The result is more effective educational programs and better-trained ophthalmologists and eye care professionals worldwide. Ultimately, the outcome is better patient care and eye health.

Residency Program Directors Courses (RPD)

ICO RPD Courses are offered in collaboration with ICO Member societies and are typically two-day interactive workshops covering topics such as applying adult learning principles, teaching and assessing surgical skills, and developing curricula. The ICO began offering these courses in 2004, since then, 2,053 program directors and faculty have participated in ICO RPD Courses.

Great appreciation is extended to organizing ICO faculty Drs. Karl Golnik, Gabriela Palis, and Eduardo Mayorga, all other course faculty, and the local ophthalmologic society hosts.
Eyexcel 2018: Expanding Global Eye Care Workforce through Excellence in Training

The ICO is pleased to share a milestone this year of having co-sponsored our 10th Eyexcel Course held at the Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology (LAICO), in Madurai, India.

Eyexcel facilitates the creation or enhancement of ophthalmic training programs—ultimately increasing the availability of eye care. This year’s Eyexcel course, “Expanding Global Eye Care Workforce through Excellence in Training,” focused primarily on allied ophthalmic personnel training needs and on producing specific teaching and assessment methods, program evaluation, and sustainability.

Many of the resources covered at Eyexcel are available in the ICO’s online Center for Ophthalmic Educators under “What to Teach” for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel. Visit www.icoph.org/educators to learn more.

To receive notification about future Eyexcel courses, please sign up for the ICO Ophthalmic Educators Letter by visiting www.icoph.org/signup.

Basic and Clinical Science Course

Through an annual collaboration, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the ICO donate sets of the Basic and Clinical Science Course (BCSC) to residency training programs in low resource areas around the globe. The BCSC, a complete curriculum in ophthalmology, is intended to be made available to residents and trainees, and programs are encouraged to use it to support training. Through this collaboration, 170 sets were distributed in 2018.

Residency Program Accreditation Pilot

As part of the ICO’s efforts to improve ophthalmology training around the world, our Accreditation and Certification Committee, led by ICO Board Member and Chair of Education Dr. Karl Golnik, has updated our recommended guidelines and developed a self-assessment tool for ophthalmology training programs. The guidelines are benchmarks to strive for and can be adapted for local needs by training programs or accreditation bodies. The self-assessment tool can facilitate identification of gaps in a program’s resources and is based on the ICO Accreditation Guidelines.

They are currently being used as part of a pilot accreditation program by residency training programs in Peru, Tanzania, and India.
The Center for Ophthalmic Educators is a key resource offered by the ICO in support of our goal to improve the quality of ophthalmic training around the world. Our educator programs work towards greater recognition of ophthalmic education as a distinct subspecialty of ophthalmology.

**Online ICO Educator Courses**
These courses are offered for free or at low cost, with an emphasis on the needs of educators in low-resource countries. In 2018, the ICO offered:

- Transforming Lectures into Effective Teaching Interventions (updated)
- Learning and Teaching Critical Thinking (new course)

Learn more about ICO Educator Courses by visiting [www.icoph.org/educators](http://www.icoph.org/educators).

**ICO Ophthalmic Educator Sessions at Regional Congresses**
In 2018, the ICO co-sponsored six ICO-APAO ophthalmic educator sessions during the 2018 Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) meeting in Hong Kong.

The Conference for Ophthalmic Educators was co-sponsored with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) during their 2018 annual meeting in Chicago. This session offered expert instruction, interactive workshops, and group discussion for educators of ophthalmology residents, fellows, medical students, practicing ophthalmologists, and allied ophthalmic personnel to learn about the latest tools and practice techniques of modern education.

**ICO Ophthalmic Educators Curriculum**
The ICO developed the Ophthalmic Educators Curriculum Content Outline as a guideline of “must know” and “should know” teaching principles, methodologies, and program-specific management elements. We thank our generous volunteers and the ICO Ophthalmic Educators Group for their review and feedback.

Currently a content outline, it will be expanded to link to resources and tools for each topic area to provide ophthalmic educators with a clear path to enhancing their competencies in ophthalmic education practices.

**Ophthalmic Educators Letter**
The ICO’s monthly *Ophthalmic Educators Letter* highlights new resources, courses, upcoming events for teachers, and other relevant news. Sent to more than 5,000 educators as part of our efforts to support and improve ophthalmic education around the world, suggestions of resources to feature can be sent to educators@icoph.org. To view the archive of *Ophthalmic Educators Letters* or to sign up to receive this in your email inbox, please visit [www.icoph.org/signup](http://www.icoph.org/signup).
World Ophthalmic Education Colloquium at WOC

The ICO’s World Ophthalmic Education Colloquium (WOEC) series of symposia and courses during WOC2018 provided a spotlight on a variety of educational techniques. The WOEC is designed for a diverse audience, from trained educators to practicing ophthalmologists interested in education. Eight WOEC symposia and courses were organized and included the keynote luncheon: “Dealing with Uncertainty in Medicine and Medical Education,” by Dr. Glenda Eoyang, PhD and Founding Executive Director, Human Systems Dynamics Institute.

ICO-OSCARs

The ICO’s newest rubric for Ptosis was in the published February 2018 issue of Orbit. The ICO Ophthalmology Surgical Competency Assessment Rubric (ICO-OSCAR) is a standardized, internationally-valid tool to teach and assess an ophthalmologist’s competence in performing surgery. ICO-OSCARs are also available for Extracapsular Cataract Extraction, Phacoemulsification, Small Incision Cataract Surgery (SICS), Strabismus, Lateral Tarsal Strip Surgery, Trabeculectomy, and Vitrectomy.

Selected ICO-OSCAR’s are available in Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. This resource is available at www.icoph.org/ico-oscar.

ICO Curricula

All ICO curricula are designed to be adapted and modified to meet local and regional needs, with precise detail for the implementing educators to determine. In addition to the ICO Residency Curriculum, ICO Subspecialty Curricula include aspects of modern curriculum design complementing the ICO Residency Curriculum.

Subspecialty training curricula available to access on the ICO website include:

- Cornea, External Diseases, and Refractive Surgery
- Glaucoma
- Neuro-Ophthalmology
- Ophthalmic and Facial Plastic Surgery
- Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

Curricula in development include an expanded ICO Ophthalmic Educators Curriculum and Subspecialty Training Curricula for Ophthalmic Oncology and Pathology, and Vitreoretinal Surgery.

Access all ICO Curricula at www.icoph.org/curricula.
Residency Curriculum Collaboration
In 2018, the ICO announced an exciting new collaboration with the University of Utah’s John A. Moran Eye Center to support ophthalmic learning worldwide. Together, we have launched the Clinical Ophthalmology Resource for Education (CORE) International portal. Moran CORE International is a collection of ophthalmic education resources and is intended to be an accessible, permanent, learning and reference tool which is offered at no cost to the user. The portal closely maps the ICO Residency Curriculum offering residents around the world access to lectures related to specific curriculum goals that are relevant to each year of their ophthalmology residency. Moran Eye Center and the ICO are also collecting additional lectures, videos, and resources to further support the education of residents.

Learn more about Moran CORE International by visiting http://morancore.utah.edu/international.

CBM-ICO Phaco Curriculum Development
The ICO and CBM are collaborating on the development of a phaco training curriculum to be deployed at CBM’s regional training centers.

Drs. Karl Golnik and Eduardo Mayorga have provided guidance on curriculum development, on the project led by Dr. Babar Qureshi with other CBM volunteer ophthalmologists.

Advancing Eye Health

ICO Guidelines
ICO Guidelines for Glaucoma Eye Care: Endorsed by the World Glaucoma Association, these guidelines were created by the ICO in 2017 to offer health professionals a valuable and adaptable resource for diagnosing and treating glaucoma in high or low resource settings. Translated versions are now available in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.

ICO Guidelines for Diabetic Eye Care: These guidelines were updated in 2017. Designed to help ophthalmologists screen, detect, assess, and manage cases of diabetic retinopathy, the guidelines also encourage ophthalmologists to work with primary care providers and other specialists. They are meant to be adaptable and consider low, intermediate, and high-resource settings. The latest edition is available in Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

These two important resources are offered to the ICO community free of charge. Download them from the ICO website by visiting www.icoph.org/enhancing_eyecare.
Global Statement on Diabetes and Eye Health

The ICO, International Diabetes Federation, World Council of Optometry, and International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness have released a joint Global Statement on Diabetes and Eye Health calling for urgent action from governments, medical associations, service providers, and patient organizations to:

- Integrate eye health within routine diabetes care by primary health care providers
- Improve collaboration across the diabetes and eye health sectors
- Foster and support patient-centered care approaches for diabetic eye health.

Support integrative care for diabetes and bring eye health to the frontline of diabetes care by circulating the statement to practitioners, policy leaders, and lawmakers in your region. Downloading the statement by visiting www.icoph.org/diabetesandeyehealth.

IAPB Endorses ICO Position Paper on Training Eye Care Teams to Meet Public Needs

In order to achieve Universal Eye Health, the ICO advocates that there must be a change in the mindset from purely clinical, institutional-based training for ophthalmologists to a team approach embracing all cadres. Eye health stakeholders must commit to training eye health teams so that all cadres receive adequate attention, training, and deployment within the health systems of their countries. Meeting this objective will help to make comprehensive eye care more accessible and affordable around the world.

In 2018, the updated ICO position paper on Training Eye Care Teams to Meet Public Needs was endorsed by the IAPB Board. The paper has also been endorsed by the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology in addition to the ICO Board. To achieve Universal Eye Health, the ICO advocates for and encourages comprehensive team training.

Download a copy of the position paper at www.icoph.org/teams-position.

Other position papers from the ICO include:

- ICO Position on Donation, Processing, Allocation, Advocacy, and Legislation Supporting Human Corneal Tissue for Ocular Transplant, with Cornea Society and Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations
- ICO’s Global Call for Action to Eliminate Eye Surgical Errors
- ICO Endorses Global Ban of Consumer Fireworks
- ICO Endorses Accreditation for Eye Care Training Programs
- ICO Endorses Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

View the ICO’s position papers by visiting www.icoph.org/positionpapers.
The ICO recognized the remarkable leadership in international ophthalmology by presenting the following awards during the Opening Ceremony of WOC2018 in Barcelona:

**ICO Gonin Medal**
Jean-Jacques DeLaey, MD, PhD (Belgium)

**ICO International Duke Elder Medal**
Rubens Belfort, Jr., MD, PhD, MBA (Brazil)

**ICO Ophthalmic Pathology Award**
Sarah Coupland, MBBS, PhD, FRCPath, FARVO, FSB (United Kingdom)

**ICO G.O.H. Naumann Award for Leadership in Global Eye Care**
Abdulaziz AlRajhi, MD (Saudi Arabia)

**Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis (AOI) Bernardo Streiff Gold Medal**
Paul Lichter, MD (United States)

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**ICOFoundation**

With generous contributions from corporations, foundations, and individuals, the ICOFoundation supports ICO educational programs such as the Teaching the Teachers Initiative and ICO Fellowships. Donations to the ICOFoundation also aid ICO activities in eye care, advocacy, and leadership. Donations directly sustain programs working to improve eye health on a global scale. The ICO is able to maximize resources and keep administrative costs low because of our expansive network of volunteers.

To make a donation to support the ICOFoundation or to learn about leaving a Legacy Gift, please visit [www.icofoundation.org](http://www.icofoundation.org) or contact us at [info@icoph.org](mailto:info@icoph.org).
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