TOS and ICO Join Forces for Ophthalmic Education in Turkey

50 Ophthalmology Specialists to Attend 2-Day Training Session

Ankara—Ophthalmology specialists from various areas in Turkey and Azerbaijan will participate in a two-day Residency Program Directors Course designed to enhance the teaching skills of ophthalmic educators.

Co-hosted by the Turkish Ophthalmological Society (TOS) and the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), the course will cover adult learning principles, curriculum design, resident assessment and teaching skills.

Course chairs, Karl C. Golnik, MD (United States); Pinar Aydin, MD, PhD (Turkey); have planned a course to “teach the teachers” in a format that features group interaction. They will be joined by renowned international ophthalmology instructors Marko Hawlina, MD of Slovenia; and Anthony C. Arnold, MD; Andrew G. Lee, MD; and Bruce Spivey, MD of the United States.

“To help improve and enhance eye care, we need to be sure ophthalmology specialists receive the highest quality education possible. The ICO Residency Program Directors Courses are effective because they enhance the skills of those who are responsible for teaching current and future ophthalmology residents,” said Dr. Spivey.

The ICO Residency Program Directors Courses are conducted in several different geographic locations each year in cooperation with local ophthalmological societies. Additional 2010 Courses will be convened in Xian, China and Crete, Greece.

The first ICO Residency Program Directors Course was held in Mexico City 2004, initiated by Mexican ophthalmologist and ICO Board of Trustees Member Enrique Graue-Wiechers, MD. Since then, the Courses have been held in diverse geographic regions of the world such as Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The ICO Foundation sponsors the ICO Residency Program Directors Courses with financial support by Allergan, Inc.

About the International Council of Ophthalmology:
The International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) represents and serves professional associations of ophthalmologists throughout the world. The ICO works with ophthalmologic societies and others to enhance ophthalmic education and improve access to the highest quality eye care in order to preserve and restore vision for the people of the world. For more information, see www.icoph.org.

About the Turkish Ophthalmology Society:
The Turkish Ophthalmological Society (TOS) was founded in 1928 and became a member of the ICO in 1954. TOS is currently lead by Professor Nevbahar Tamcelik, MD. TOS has 3,200 members, is active scientifically and professionally, and has its own journal, the Turkish Journal of Ophthalmology. For more information on TOS, visit: http://www.tod-net.org.

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