Regulations of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Ophthalmology

ARTICLE 1
Purpose
The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the “Board”) is to promote the aim of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the “ICO”) by serving as the executive committee of the ICO.

ARTICLE 2
Members of the Board of Trustees
Members of the Board shall consist of voting Members and nonvoting Members. Voting Members are the Officers, Ex-officio Members with vote and elected Members. Nonvoting Members are Honorary Life Members and Ex-officio Members without vote.

A. The Officers, who shall serve for a two-year term with a maximum of four (4) consecutive years, except for the Chief Executive Officer, who shall serve a five-year term, which can be renewed:

   (I) The President of the Board.
   (II) A Vice-President of the Board.
   (III) A Vice-President of the Board.
   (IV) The Chief Executive Officer of the Board.
   (V) The Treasurer of the Board.

B. Ex-officio Members with Vote:
   (I) A member appointed by the Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis, who shall serve for a four-year term with a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years.
   (II) A member appointed by each of such supranational Ophthalmological Societies as are approved by the Board, who shall serve for a four-year term with a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years.
   (III) The Immediate Past President of the Board.
   (IV) The President of the two forthcoming WOCs.
   (V) The President of the ICOFoundation.

C. Elected Members with Vote:
Elected Members, who shall serve for a two-year term with a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years in the same capacity, with a biennial performance review.

D. Honorary Life Members:
Honorary Life Members proposed by the Board and elected by the General Assembly, who shall serve without vote.

E. Ex-officio Members without Vote:
Ex-officio Members without vote are elected by the Board to communicate to the Board of work in progress, conclusions and recommendations of a committee or program, shall serve for a one-year term with a maximum of eight (8) consecutive years.

F. Number of Voting Members:
The number of voting Members of the Board may not exceed forty (40) and the number of Ex-officio Members with vote may not exceed fifteen (15).

ARTICLE 3
Eligibility for Election to the Board of Trustees
No one shall be eligible for election to the Board unless he or she belongs to a society affiliated to the ICO which honors its annual subscription, unless the reasons for the Society's default are acceptable to the Board.

ARTICLE 4
Signatory Power
The President of the Board, the Vice-Presidents of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Board, the Treasurer of the Board, or any other member of the Board who is designated by the Board shall be authorized to act on behalf of the ICO. The Board may designate persons who are not Members of the Board to act on behalf of the ICO. The Board shall determine the form and modality of the signature of the authorized person or persons.

ARTICLE 5
Meetings, Quorum and Passing of Resolutions
The Board may pass resolutions when the majority of its voting Members are present. Votes are held by a show of hands or by written secret ballot and the majority of those present rules unless otherwise specified in the various Regulations. The President may vote on all motions and may cast a second vote if there is a tie. Meetings of the Board may also be held by conference telephone, video-telephone or any other method of communication by means of which all participants in the meeting are able to hear one another. Resolutions may also be passed by means of a written resolution (including by means of email) setting forth the action to be taken, if the resolution is:

A. Circulated to all Members of the Board; and

B. approved by the majority of the voting Members of the Board (notwithstanding the President's right to a double vote).

The President sets the deadline for submitting votes, which may not be shorter than ten (10) days. Written resolutions shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting.

ARTICLE 6
Amendments and Additions
Amendments and additions to these Regulations shall be valid only if they have been accepted by the Board by a majority of two thirds (2/3). Such amendments and additions shall have been distributed to the Board at least two (2) months in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.
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ARTICLE 1
Purpose
The World Ophthalmology Congress® (hereinafter called the "WOC" and from its inception in 1857, known as the International Congress of Ophthalmology) is convened periodically for the purpose of contributing to the progress of ophthalmology and to furnish the occasion for meetings and discussions to people interested in this science.

ARTICLE 2
Dates and Site
The dates and the site of the WOC are fixed by the Board of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the "Board"). An invitation to hold a WOC in a country can only be considered if it is sent by an ophthalmological society who is an affiliated Member society of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the "ICO"), in accordance with Article 4 of the Statutes of the ICO, and its ability to conduct the WOC is demonstrated.

ARTICLE 3
Local Committee
The Board determines the structure of and responsibility for each WOC, and will name, if appropriate in conjunction with the host society, a local committee which is primarily responsible for promoting the WOC within the region alongside the ICO staff. The Local (Organizing) Committee has no legal responsibility of managing the WOC.

ARTICLE 4
President
The President of the WOC is designated by the Board upon the nomination of the society that hosts the WOC. The President will receive a list of responsibilities as it relates to the WOC.

ARTICLE 5
Registrants
The following may be registered for the WOC:
(1) Holders of a medical degree;
(2) Persons who have rendered services to ophthalmology and are currently an ophthalmologist, medical student, fellow, trainee, scientist, optometrist or an allied health professional. The ICO reserves the right to decline an individual’s registration without being obligated to justify its decision. All those whose registration has been refused, may appeal to the Board.

ARTICLE 6
Registration
The categories and amount of the registration fees are approved by the ICO Officers with input from the host society and/or WOC President.

All participants of the WOC must pay the applicable registration fee to attend along with all other travel expenses. This policy includes all those in ICO leadership positions, speakers, session chairs, session coordinators, ICO committee members, society Members, etc. By doing this, the
WOC will ensure the financial surplus goes to supporting the very worthwhile programs and initiatives of the ICO.

ARTICLE 7
Management
The ICO is responsible for management of the WOC as outlined below in consultation with the Board, host society and supranational organization, if one is involved. This responsibility includes marketing and promotion, logistical arrangements, social activities, scientific program, exhibition and sponsorship, technology solutions, CME accreditation, etc. as it pertains to the WOC.

The ICO President will appoint a Chair of the Scientific Program Committee for each WOC, who will work with the host society and supranational organization, if one is involved, to establish a Scientific Program Committee and develop the invited and submitted scientific program for the WOC.

The various obligations of the ICO, host society and supranational society will be detailed in documents that will be approved by the ICO Officers and by the host society and the supranational organization.

ARTICLE 8
Communications
Scientific communications must be original. All communications at the WOC, including the figures and illustrative material, are the property of the ICO. The text of communications published integrally in the proceedings of the WOC may not be published elsewhere without the express written approval of the ICO.

ARTICLE 9
Languages
Before each WOC, the ICO, in consultation with the host society, will choose the administrative languages to be used at the WOC. The sessions of the WOC are conducted in one of the administrative languages of the WOC and the reports are written in one of these languages. For the discussions, the choice of language is free. For publication only one of the administrative languages may be used.

ARTICLE 10
Publication and Summary
The ICO will decide about publication of the proceedings or a WOC summary document. This may take the form of an integral publication or a summary publication of the communications and discussions, or online presentation. The ICO is responsible for compiling and distributing publications related to the WOC.

ARTICLE 11
Financial Management
The ICO will take responsibility for financial management of each WOC. The ICO will be responsible for liabilities, legal action or a claim that may arise in relation to the WOC, and how any positive balance after payment of all the costs and the closure of accounts will be allocated, which will be defined in a prior written agreement between the ICO and the host society.
ARTICLE 12
Awards
Awards presented with participation of the Board during the WOC are set forth in the "Regulations of the Awards".

ARTICLE 13
Amendments and Additions
Amendments and additions of these Regulations shall be valid only if they have been accepted by the Board by a majority of two thirds (2/3). Such amendments and additions shall have been distributed to the Board at least two (2) months in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

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Regulations of the Awards of the International Council of Ophthalmology

ARTICLE 1: Purpose
The Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the “Board”) of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the “ICO”) presents medals and awards to individuals who have contributed to the advancement of ophthalmology, to the prevention or amelioration of eye disease and blindness, or to the advancement of international relationships among ophthalmologists, in accordance with the specific criteria and procedures set forth below for each award.

1. Policies
To balance the desire for new medals while not detracting from those that exist, and to allow those who wish to provide recognition while supporting the Board, the following policies should be followed:

A) In general, no more than four ICO medals and awards and three other medals or awards should be presented at the opening session at each World Ophthalmology Congress® (hereinafter called the “WOC”).

B) The Gonin Medal, International Duke Elder Medal, Jules François Medal, International Council of Ophthalmology Ophthalmic Pathology Award, Bietti Medal, Tadeusz Krwawicz Gold Medal, G.O.H. Naumann Award for Leadership in Global Eye Care and the Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award will be given every four years. The Gonin, Duke Elder, ICO Pathology and the Naumann Medals and Awards will be presented in the same rotation and the François, Bietti, Krwawicz Medals and the Spivey Awards will be presented in the same rotation, each set at alternating WOCs. The Bernardo Streiff Gold Medal of Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis may also be presented every four years at the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. In every WOC, all medals or awards presented should have recognition in one location in the Meeting Program and the Opening Ceremony Program.

The Mark Tso Golden Apple Award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of a Supranational Congresses in the years when there is no WOC.

C) Ophthalmic organizations offering honors and awards for presentation at the WOC are to be commended. However, the Board has concern that a proliferation of similar or overlapping awards may decrease the prominence of all awards.

D) Current Members of the Board are not eligible to receive ICO Medals or Awards, with the exception of Honorary Lifetime Members of the Board, who are eligible.

E) Previous ICO Medal or Award recipients are not eligible again for the same ICO Medal and/or Award.
F) An awardee is not eligible for more than one (1) ICO Medal or Award at the same WOC.

2. Procedures
The following specific procedures for selection of the awards to be presented at the WOC (including the time and place for presentation) should be followed:

A) The criteria for the selection of the person to whom the award is to be conferred should be emphasized. Historically, awards were presented on the basis of general criteria.

B) Additional medals and awards may be presented at other times during the WOC. For example, an award in neuro-ophthalmology could be presented during a session devoted to that subspecialty and be accompanied by a lecture delivered by the award recipient.

C) Most future recognition should be extended in the form of Fellowships or Research Awards instead of medals, except in extremely compelling situations.

D) All medals, awards and Fellowships announced at each WOC should be prominently noted in special pages at the commencement of the WOC Program and listed in the Program of the Opening Ceremony.

E) Awards proposed in the name of a prominent ophthalmologist will generally be posthumous awards. As noted above, the proposal should be clear about the criteria for selection and the types of contributions awardees have exhibited. All awards should not be limited to a region or a country but must be international and the selection of the recipient must be from candidates worldwide.

F) Prior to approval of a new medal or award, those proposing must demonstrate the financial capacity for five medals or awards to be struck at the time of the acceptance of the medal or award by the Board. There should be a financial capacity for at least an additional five medals or awards.

G) If an award or medal is proposed, it should be co-sponsored with an ICO Member national or subspecialty society or by a supranational society.

H) All proposals for medals and awards received after 01 January 2005 must have a financial reserve in the amount of $50,000 U.S. associated with the medal or award.

ARTICLE 2
Gonin Medal
A gold medal is placed every four (4) years at the disposition of the Board by the University of Lausanne and the Swiss Ophthalmological Society. Instituted in November 1937, it bears the name of "Gonin Medal". The name of the recipient is engraved on the edge of the medal.

1. The medal is awarded by the Board at the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient, nevertheless, must first appear in Lausanne, where he or she will be received
by the University and where he or she will give a lecture in commemoration of Jules Gonin.

2. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

3. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) will be appointed by the Board to nominate the candidates. It will consist of five (5) members. A designated Vice President of the Board and the Professor of Ophthalmology at Lausanne, representing the University of Lausanne and the Swiss Ophthalmological Society, are ex-officio members. The three (3) other members are elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and the substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members are called to replace the regular members who are unable, for any reason whatsoever, to fulfill their mandate.

4. The term of the elected members and substitute members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. Substitute members may subsequently be elected members. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation are filled by the Board. The designated Vice President of the Board is the President of the Commission.

5. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. The designated Vice President, when he or she has received the nominations, will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.

6. The Board will elect the recipient of the medal by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. This may be done through an electronic voting mechanism. At the first ballot, an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two ophthalmologists receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the eldest.

7. The Gonin Medal is awarded under the conditions prescribed above to an ophthalmologist who, by his or her outstanding work and research in retina, has attracted the attention of the Commission and the Board.

8. If the normal activity of the Board and the WOC is interrupted by reason of force majeure, the medal is entrusted to the institutions that founded it.
ARTICLE 3
International Duke Elder Medal

Lady Phyllis Duke Elder established a gold medal in honor of her late husband, Sir Stewart Duke Elder. This medal, which is called the International Duke Elder Medal, will be awarded by the Board every four (4) years to an ophthalmologist.

1. The Medal is awarded to an ophthalmologist recognized for outstanding global leadership who, by his or her distinction, leadership and teaching, has contributed most to the development of international relations and friendship between ophthalmologists, and who has advanced the field by his or her contributions in writing and organization in ophthalmology.

2. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

3. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) will be appointed by the Board to nominate the candidates. It will consist of five (5) members. A designated Vice President of the Board and the Chairman of the Duke Elder Trustees are ex-officio members and serve as co-chairs of the Commission. The three (3) other members are elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members are called to replace the regular members who are unable, for any reason whatsoever, to fulfill their mandate.

4. The term of the elected members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation are filled by the Board. The designated Vice President of the Board and the Chairman of the Duke Elder Trustees are the Co-chairs of the Commission.

5. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board and the Chairman of the Duke Elder Trustees will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. When the designated Vice President and the Chairman of the Duke Elder Trustees receive the nominations they will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President and the Chairman of the Duke Elder Trustees will present them to the Board for a vote.

6. The Board will elect the recipient of the medal by secret ballot obligatory from among the names proposed by the Commission. This may be done through an electronic voting mechanism. At the first ballot, an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two ophthalmologists receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the eldest.
7. The recipient will deliver a Duke Elder oration at the WOC and will receive the medal at the Opening Ceremony of the WOC.

8. If the normal activity of the Board and the WOC is interrupted by reason of force majeure, the medal is entrusted to the Duke Elder Trustees that founded it.

ARTICLE 4

Jules François Golden Medal

The Jules François Golden Medal will be awarded every four (4) years by the Board to an ophthalmologist doing outstanding work of highest scientific quality in a subspecialty of ophthalmology not covered by the other ICO Medals, such as hereditary diseases, pediatrics and strabismus, oculoplastics or neuro-ophthalmology.

1. The Medal will be awarded by the Board from nominations proposed by an international commission. The name of the recipient will be engraved on the edge of the medal.

2. The Jules François Foundation will provide the medal which will be presented by the Board.

3. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

4. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) for the Jules François Medal will be appointed by the Board. It will consist of five (5) members. The President of the Jules François Foundation and a designated Vice President of the Board are ex-officio members. The designated Vice President of the Board will be the President of the Commission. The three (3) other members will be elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members will be asked to replace one or more regular members, according to the order of their appointment, if the regular member is unable to fulfill his or her mandate.

5. The term of the members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation will be filled by the Board.

6. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. After receiving the nominations, the designated Vice President of the Board will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.

7. The Board will elect the recipient of the Jules François Medal by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. This may be done through an electronic voting mechanism. At the first ballot an absolute majority is necessary. At the
second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two candidates receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the eldest.

8. The recipient of the Jules François medal will come to Belgium and give a lecture in commemoration of Professor Jules François at the annual congress of the Belgian Ophthalmological Societies, Ophthalmologica Belgica.

9. If the normal activity of the Board and the WOC is interrupted by reason of force majeure, the Jules François medal is entrusted to the Jules François Foundation, which will act according to the spirit of the preceding article.

ARTICLE 5
International Council of Ophthalmology Ophthalmic Pathology Award
The "Gottfried and Lieselotte Naumann Foundation" (hereinafter called the “Foundation”) was established in 1997 in Erlangen/Germany as a non-profit organization to support Ophthalmic Pathology including Clinico-Pathologic Correlations.

1. An award of up to $50,000 US is put at the disposition of the Board of the International Council of Ophthalmology (hereinafter called the “Board”) every four years starting in 2005 and given at the Opening Ceremony of the WOC to an ophthalmologist recognized for outstanding work and achievements in ophthalmic pathology. The initial award occurred in 2006.

2. The Award will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

3. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) of six (6) ophthalmologists with special experience in ophthalmic pathology are invited by the Board the Foundation. The chair of this Commission is a chairperson of a German University Department of Ophthalmology. The other five (5) members are: one belonging to the German Ophthalmological Society; one from another European country, one from the Middle East Africa; one from the Americas and one from the Asia Pacific. In addition, a designated Vice President of the Board is an ex-officio member to be informed about all the details of the selection process. They shall select a list of three candidates in prioritized order prior to the Board Meeting, one year before to the WOC and will provide short biographical sketches of the three candidates to the Board for vote.

4. Names for this list are obtained from invited proposals by the ophthalmic pathology societies from all the Continents and a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. Also, members of the Board are asked for suggestions and free applications are welcome.

5. Selections by the Commission are without restriction. The Commission works by circular letters or email; or if necessary face to face at the time of international meetings.

6. The Members of the Board will select by secret vote one recipient from this list: at the first ballot with absolute majority; at the second ballot a relative majority is sufficient. If two candidates receive the same number of votes there will be third ballot, following which, in the event of an equal division of votes the President of the Board decides. This selection may be done through an electronic voting mechanism.
7. The recipient is informed by the Officers of the Board and publicly announced on the Dies Academicus of the University Erlangen Nuremberg on 04 November.

8. The recipient is expected to give the Naumann Lecture, with a topic of his/her choice, at the WOC and shall receive a financial award at this occasion.

ARTICLE 6
Bietti Medal
The Bietti medal will be awarded every four (4) years to a distinguished ophthalmologist doing outstanding work in glaucoma in recognition of scientific and educational contribution in ophthalmology and for facilitating international communications in the ophthalmic community.

1. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient must first appear in Rome, where he or she will be received by the Fondazione Bietti and where he or she will give a lecture in commemoration of G. B. Bietti.

2. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

3. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) will be appointed by the Board to nominate the candidates. It will consist of five (5) members. The President of the Fondazione Bietti and a designated Vice President of the Board are ex-officio members. The three (3) other members will be elected by the Board and chosen from outside the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The substitute members will be asked to replace one or more regular members, according to the order of their appointment, if the regular member is unable to fulfill his or her mandate. The designated Vice President of the Board is the President of the Commission.

4. The term of the elected members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation are filled by the Board.

5. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. The designated Vice President, once all the nominations have been received, will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.

6. The Board will elect the recipient of the medal by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. This selection may be done through an electronic voting mechanism. At the first ballot, an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two ophthalmologists receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the eldest.
ARTICLE 7
The Tadeusz Krwawicz Gold Medal
The Tadeusz Krwawicz Gold Medal will be awarded every four (4) years by the Board to an ophthalmologist who has significantly contributed to the advance of ophthalmology, doing outstanding work in cornea, cataract surgery, especially operative treatment of diseases of the anterior segment and/or introduction of new technologies and to the advancement of international relationships among ophthalmologists.

1. The Medal will be awarded by the Board from nominations proposed by an international Commission. The name of the recipient will be engraved on the reverse of the Medal.
2. The Tadeusz Krwawicz Foundation will provide the Medal which will be presented by the Board. In the case of discontinuation of the activities of the Tadeusz Krwawicz Foundation, the Polish Ophthalmological Society will assume the duties of the Foundation to sponsor the Medal.
3. The Medal will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting. The recipient will be asked to deliver the Tadeusz Krwawicz Memorial Lecture at the first national meeting in Poland after the recipient of the medal is designated, and will be hosted by the Polish Ophthalmological Society.
4. An international Commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) for the Tadeusz Krwawicz Medal will be appointed by the Board. It will consist of five (5) members, a designated Vice President of the Board and the President of the Polish Ophthalmological Society are ex-officio members. The designated Vice President of the Board will be the President of the Commission. The three (3) other members will be elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members will be asked to replace one or more regular members, according to the order of their appointment, if the regular member is unable to fulfill his or her mandate. The term of the members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant will be filled by the Board.
5. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. After receiving the nominations, the designated Vice President of the Board will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of
the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.

6. The Board will elect the recipient of the Tadeusz Krwawicz Medal by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. At the first ballot an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two candidates receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the elder.

7. If the normal activity of the Board and the WOC is interrupted by reason of force majeure, the Tadeusz Krwawicz Medal is entrusted to the Polish Ophthalmological Society, which will act according to the spirit of the preceding article.

ARTICLE 8
G.O.H. Naumann Award for Leadership in Global Eye Care
In recognition of Professor G.O.H. Naumann’s contributions as President of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) and his emphasis on the importance of ophthalmology providing leadership for global eye care, the Board of Trustees will present this award every four (4) years to a young ophthalmologist who, acting as a leader of a supranational, national or subspecialty society that is a member of the ICO, has shown outstanding leadership and has made a significant contribution to global eye care.

1. The emphasis will not be on clinical or scientific achievements but on leading the community to promote educational programs and to establish service models for other societies.

2. The Award will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting.

3. An international commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) for the G.O.H. Naumann Award for Leadership in Global Eye Care will be appointed by the Board to nominate the candidates. It will consist of five (5) members. A designated Vice President and four (4) other members. The four (4) other members are elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members are called to replace the regular members who are unable, for any reason whatsoever, to fulfill their mandate. The term of the elected members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation are filled by the Board.

4. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. After receiving the nominations, the designated Vice President of the Board will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.
5. The Board will elect the recipient of the G.O.H. Naumann Award for Leadership in Global Eye Care by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. At the first ballot an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two candidates receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the elder.

6. The awardee will be asked to report to the General Assembly on the initiative that he or she has led and how it may be implemented by other societies. The presentation is limited to 10 minutes.

7. The recipient of this award will be asked to participate in the General Assembly meeting and provide feedback to the General Assembly from the perspective of a local, supranational or global environment. At each meeting, the General Assembly will have a different awardee who can see how the ICO works and the General Assembly will get to know a potential future leader.

8. The ICO will reimburse travel and hotel costs for the awardee up to an amount to be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 9
Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award
The Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award recognizes the contributions of Professor Emeritus Bruce Spivey to ophthalmic education worldwide. The Award is presented by the Board every four (4) years.

1. The Award consists of a monetary prize provided by funds for this purpose in the International Council of Ophthalmology Foundation.

2. The Award will be given by the President of the Board during the Opening Ceremony of the WOC. The recipient will be asked to attend the meeting unless there is an extremely important reason why he or she is not able to attend this meeting. The recipient is invited to present the Bruce Spivey Lecture on an education-related topic or an alternate topic of his or her choice at a luncheon or other plenary session of the World Ophthalmic Education Colloquium during the WOC.

3. The Award is presented to an ophthalmologist doing outstanding work in global education who, through innovation, development or application, has significantly advanced ophthalmic education in a manner that enhances eye care and the preservation of vision.

4. An international Commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) for the Bruce Spivey Ophthalmic Education Award will be appointed by the Board to nominate the candidates. It will consist of five (5) members. A designated Vice President of the Board is an Ex-Officio member and will be Chair of the Committee. The four (4) other members are elected by the Board, which will also designate two (2) substitute members. The regular and substitute members may be chosen from outside the Board. The substitute members are called to replace the regular members who are unable, for any reason whatsoever, to fulfill their mandate. The term of the elected members of the Commission is four (4) years, with a maximum of two (2) terms. The seats that have become vacant by death or resignation are filled by the Board.

5. The Board will designate the recipient one (1) year before the WOC. At least six (6) months before the Board votes to choose the recipient, the designated Vice President of the Board will send a request to each Supranational society to submit up to three nominations, with the recommendation and encouragement that the Supranational
society ask the National societies for their input on the nominations. A request will also be sent to the Board and each of the members of the Commission to submit up to three nominations, which will be submitted anonymously by electronic means. The Supranational society, members of the Board or members of the Commission will list in order of preference up to three names as he or she wishes. The nominator may justify his or her choice. The designated Vice President, once all the nominations have been received, will ask the Commission to vote, either through an electronic voting mechanism or conference call, on the nominations in order to determine the top five nominees. The Commission will provide short biographical sketches for each of the top five nominees, and the designated Vice President will present them to the Board for a vote.

6. The Board will elect the recipient of the medal by secret ballot obligatorily from among the names proposed by the Commission. This selection may be done through an electronic voting mechanism. At the first ballot, an absolute majority is necessary. At the second ballot, a relative majority is sufficient. If two ophthalmologists receive the same number of votes, there will be a third ballot following which, in the event of an equal division of votes, the award will be given to the eldest.

ARTICLE 10
Mark Tso Golden Apple Award
The Mark Tso Golden Apple Award is presented to an ophthalmologist doing outstanding work in regional training who is recognized for innovation and leadership in ophthalmic education within each of the four supranational regions. The Award is presented to an ophthalmologist every other year at the Supranational Congress. Mark Tso was the ICO Vice President 1998—2006 and served as Director for Education until 2012. His dedication to ophthalmic education is honored through this award.

1. The Award consists of a medal presented at the Supranational Congress and a named lecture presented during the Supranational Congress.
3. The recipient is invited to deliver the ICO Mark Tso Golden Apple Award Lecture during sessions of the congress dedicated to the field of education. The addition of the lecture to the program will be coordinated with the appropriate scientific program organizer of the congress.
4. The Award intends to recognize innovation and leadership in education in the region of the congress with emphasis on the importance and value of ophthalmic education. The awardee should be located in the region and have demonstrated innovation or exceptional achievements in ophthalmic education, advocated and worked for improvement of education in the region and/or advanced education by a variety of approaches such as organizing classes or courses, mentoring trainees, or visiting professorships.
5. The ICO Chair of Education or representative will request a nomination from the supranational organization at a minimum of nine (9) months prior to the congress. Criteria for the nominated ophthalmologist and award requirements will be provided. The governing body of the supranational society will submit a nomination for approval by the ICO Chair of Education and ICO President a sufficient time before the congress for preparation: a minimum of three (3) months prior to supranational.
6. The supranational society will coordinate between the ICO approved awardee and the ICO in regard to notification of award, biographical information, schedule of events and other necessary details to present the award and named lecture.

ARTICLE 11
Amendments and Additions
Amendments and additions to these Regulations shall be valid only if they have been accepted by the Board by a majority of two thirds (2/3). Such amendments and additions shall have been distributed to the Board at least two (2) months in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

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