

Dear Members,

We would like to take a moment to remind you that the 36th World Ophthalmology Congress® ([WOC2018](#)) of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) will take place 16–19 June in Barcelona, Spain, only three months from now. One of the perks of your society membership is that you will receive a valuable \$100 USD discount when you register to attend the World Ophthalmology Congress.

Thousands of ophthalmologists from more than 110 countries have already registered and we want our society to be well represented. Here are some of the highlights that you will experience at WOC2018:

- A Scientific Program of over [350 sessions](#) addressing all subspecialties and related interests in ophthalmology
- More than [90 national and subspecialty societies](#) are organizing 70+ scientific sessions on the latest advances, innovations, and best practices
- [Subspecialty Day programs](#) in cataract, cornea, glaucoma, orbital and oculoplastic surgery, pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus, refractive surgery, retina, and uveitis.
- [Hands On Courses](#) offering surgical skills training courses where you can develop your techniques in a wet lab environment, and gain experience with the latest ophthalmologic technology—including a chance to perform a virtual simulated surgery.
- [3D Live Surgery](#) by expert ophthalmologists at the Barraquer Institute, using the latest techniques and tools to perform corneal transplantation, as well as cataract, refractive, micro-invasive glaucoma, vitreoretinal, and other surgeries on patients. A facilitator will describe procedures as they happen and attendees at WOC2018 convention center will be encouraged to engage and ask questions.
- The [ICO World Ophthalmic Education Colloquium](#) (WOEC) will offer symposia and workshops spotlighting a variety of educational techniques. WOEC is designed for a diverse audience—from trained educators to practicing ophthalmologists interested in education.
- [Exhibit Hall](#) featuring 125+ companies and ophthalmic organizations offering opportunities to meet with industry representatives and gain an understanding of the latest advances in pharmaceuticals, imaging devices, technologies, and services to help you better provide high-quality patient care.
- An exciting array of interactive sessions and fun social events including the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, [WOC Breakfast Club](#), [ICO World Ophthalmology Quiz](#), [WOC Cataract Surgery Olympics](#), and [Cultural Night](#).

If you haven't yet registered, don't delay as we've been notified that hotels are filling up. To register, please visit: [www.icoph.org/woc2018/registration](http://www.icoph.org/woc2018/registration)

### **Information on WOC2018 Travel and Lodging**

Along with breathtaking architecture, Michelin-starred restaurants, and an unbeatable climate, getting to Barcelona is easy. The Barcelona - El Prat Airport welcomes direct and connecting flights from throughout the world. Registered attendees can obtain discounted flights on [14 major member airlines and affiliates via oneworld®](#), the official airline alliance for WOC2018.

June is a popular time to visit Barcelona, so [reserve your hotel room now](#) to ensure availability. MCI—the official agency handling hotel booking—offers an array of options, ranging from budget accommodations to luxury suites.

### **Join the WOC2018 Community Online**

Become a part of the online WOC community and receive the latest news and updates by [joining the ICO's email list](#), liking WOC2018 on [Facebook](#), connecting on [LinkedIn](#), and following them on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

WOC2018 will be an important opportunity for our society members to learn from each other and from our colleagues around the world. Thank you and we very much look forward to hopefully seeing you in Barcelona this June.

Warm regards,  
[Signed Society Leader]

***Please Beware of Unauthorized Registration and Hotel Solicitations.*** Follow the links in this email or begin your WOC2018 registration and hotel reservations or by visiting [www.icoph.org/woc2018](http://www.icoph.org/woc2018) which will direct you to MCI. MCI is the only official registration and hotel agency associated with WOC2018. While other hotel resellers and travel agencies may contact you with offers for your trip, they are not endorsed by or affiliated with WOC2018 or the ICO. Beware that entering into financial agreements with non-endorsed companies can have costly consequences.