

# 4<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY (ESIO) – CONFERENCE

**November 7-9, 2024**

Campus Biotech, Geneva, Switzerland,  
University of Geneva (Dept. of Ophthalmology,  
University Hospitals of Geneva / Institute of Global Health)



# Programme

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**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**1.00 pm Registration & Welcome Coffee**

**1.50 pm Opening of Conference**

PD Beat Stoll, MD (UNIGE, IGH, Switzerland)

**1.55 pm Introduction & Welcoming**

PD Andréas Kreis, MD (UNIGE/ETEP, Switzerland)

**2.00 pm Special Guest:**

Dr José Ramos Horta, PhD

President of Timor Leste, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Peace Building, Global Health & Eye Care

(Timor Leste)

**Session I: International Ophthalmology (Hall H8-01-D)**

**2.10 pm Hygiene, Here and There: Have we gone too far?**

Dr Ruud van der Pol, MD (NOG, Netherlands)

**3.10 pm Primary Eye Care crisis in high income countries**

Mr. Jean-Paul Roosen (Vision Solidarité, France)

**4.10 pm Coffee break (30 min)**

**4.40 pm International Cooperation for eye care  
service development in foreign countries**

Mrs Runa Khan (Friendship NGO, Bangladesh)

**6.00 pm End of conference day 1**

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**Friday, November 8, 2024**

**Session I: Eye Programs Check Up (Hall H8-01-D)**

**9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming**

Dr Lana van der Beek, MD (NOG, Netherlands)

**Quality versus Quantity in Eye Care:  
Latest data on which way to take?**

Dr Silvio Mariotti, MD (WHO, Switzerland)

**10.20 am Coffee Break (30 min)**

**10.50 am Refraction Screening:**

**Good practices in low resource settings**

Yasmin Sumrana,

(Sightsavers International, Pakistan)

**12.10 pm Lunch break (80 min)**

**Session II: Global Health in Eye Care**

**1.30 pm Introduction & Welcoming**

Dr Tim Westland, MD (NOG, Netherlands)

**EyeCare (Dis-)Integration in the health care  
ecosystem**

Prof. Serge Resnikoff, MD, PhD

(UNSW, OPC, Switzerland)

**2.50 pm Advantages of Virtual Reality Training  
for fighting blindness**

Dr Van Langsingh, MD, PhD,

Prof. Bonnie Henderson, MD (HelpMeSee, USA)

**3.50 pm Coffee Break (30 min)**

**4.20 pm Geopolitical Aspects of Eye Care:  
Soft diplomacy focused**

Prof. Nitin Verma, MD (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia)

**5.40 pm ESIO Progress Report & ESIO Group Photo**

**7.00 pm Apéro & ESIO - Speakers Dinner  
(Campus Biotech)**

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## Saturday, November 9, 2024

### Session I: Rapid Fire in Humanitarian Eye Care (Auditorium, H8-01)

**9.00 am Introduction & Welcoming**  
PD Markus Schulze Schwering, MD (DOG, Germany)

**Out of sight – Riverblindness Africa**  
Dr Sabine Specht, PhD (DNDi/Sightsavers)

**9.30 am Trek & Treat: Cataract Operations in Rural Nepal**  
Dr Sakar Subedi, MD (Vision Together, Nepal)

**9.55 am Eye Health in a Refugee Camp settings  
Like Cox Bazaar in Bangladesh**  
Mr. Benedikt Kälin (Swiss Red Cross, Bangladesh)

**10.25 am Coffee Break (30 min)**

**10.55 am Social Entrepreneurship:  
Experiences from the Field**  
PD Markus Schulze Schwering, MD (DOG, Germany)

**11.40 am Faculty Development in LMICs  
by Virtual Communities of Practice**  
Dr Helena Prior Filipe, MD  
(Ophthalmology Foundation, Portugal)

**12.10 am Closing Keynote Lecture: In the Eyes of War**  
Dr Andrii Ruban, MD, PhD (UAO, Ukraine)

**1.00 pm Lunch Break (60 min)**

### Luncheon Session and Wetlab „Small Manual Incision Cataract Surgery – Workshop (MSICS)“

**1.30 pm Introduction & Welcoming Luncheon Session**  
PD Andréas Kreis, MD (UNIGE/ETEP, Switzerland)

**Manual Small Incision Cataract Session (MSICS):  
What is it, how it's done and why it's the way to go?**

- Prof. Nitin Verma, MD (RANZCO/ETEP, Australia)
- Dr Amulya Sahu, MD (ISMICS, India)
- Dr Jagannath Boramani, MD (ISMICS, India)

## **2.30 pm The MSICS/Phaco – Drylab Workshop**

In collaboration with:

- HelpMeSee (MSICS Drylab)
- ISMICS\* (MSICS Drylab)
- Thea Pharma (Phaco Drylab)
- YSO – Young Swiss Ophthalmologists

### **Manual Incision Cataract Surgery / Phaco – Workshop (MSICS/PHACO)**

Dr Van Lingshing MD, Dr Amulya Sahu, MD,  
Dr Jagannath Boramani, MD, Prof Nitin Verma  
MD, Dr Tim Westland, MD, PD Andréas Kreis,  
MD, PD Bojan Paije, MD (UNIGE)

## **6.00 pm End of conference**


# **Conference Organisation Committee**

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PD Andreas Kreis, MD, President ESIO, HUG, UNIGE & SSO  
Prof. Dr Gabriele Thumann, MD, HUG & UNIGE  
Dr Martina Kropp, PhD, HUG & UNIGE  
PD Beat Stoll, MD, HUG, UNIGE & IGH

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# Practical information

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## Registration

Registration closes on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Full Conference Fee (3 days): 150.– CHF

Daily Conference Fee (valuable only for 1 day): 75.– CHF

Trainee Conference Fee (3 days): 70.– CHF

Registration will be open approx. 8 weeks prior to the conference.

## Credit Points

19 CME-points (tbc)

## Location

Campus Biotech

Chemin des Mines 9, CH-1202 Geneva

