South African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

21st Congress & Exhibition

Final Programme
Ophthalmic Personnel

SASCRS 2026

13 & 14 February 2026

Sandton, Johannesburg

Sandton Convention Centre



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Friday 13 February 2026 * Ophthalmic Personnel * SCC Boardroom 1

WELCOME ADDRESS

08:00 Congress Opening: Welcome address

SESSION 1

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30	The modern eye exam: What every assistant, nurse, and optometrist should master	Dr Johann Lambrecht
08:45	Biometry and refractive accuracy: Avoiding hidden errors	Dr Anesu Madibana
09:00	Understanding IOL calculations: Explaining choices to patients	Dr Clayton Erasmus
09:15	Cataract surgery updates 2026: What's new for the support team	Dr Francesca Indiveri
09:30	Patient conversations that matter: Delivering empathy with expertise	Dr Craig Dean Anderson
09:45	Questions and discussion	
10:00	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 2

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Retinal imaging and OCT: Making sense of what you see	Dr Mzwandile Mjwara
10:50	Corneal topography and keratoconus recognition	Dr Melody Sun
11:10	Measuring intraocular pressure: Tools, technique, and trouble-shooting	Dr Fathima Mitha
11:30	Fluorescein angiography and fundus photography explained	Dr Ingrid Walters
11:50	Stress management for ophthalmic teams	Mrs Ginty Chalk
12:20	**Lunch break:** Lunch will be served in the in the Exhibition area	

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SESSION 3

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Building patient trust in busy practices	Dr Annalien Steyn
13:45	Managing expectations: Talking about outcomes and limits in cataract surgery	Dr Theunis Botha
14:00	Difficult conversations: Handling complaints and emotional patients	Dr Danielle Gouws
14:15	Record keeping and consent forms: Legal must-knows	Mrs Tanya Muller
14:30	Questions and discussion	
14:50	**KRITZINGER SAFARI AWARD LECTURE (ISRS) * SCC Ballroom 2**	
	Honouring the Past, Engaging the Present, and Shaping the Future: Three Decades of Curiosity, Collaboration, and Education in Refractive Surgery	Prof Dan Reinstein
15:30	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venues	

SESSION 4

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Reaching the unreached	Dr Arun Sethi
16:15	The thrifty eye operation	Dr Reena Sethi
16:30	Coding and Ethics	Dr Jan Talma
16:45	Questions and discussion	
17:10	**EyePharma Symposium * SCC Ballroom 2**	
	Finding Serenity in Vision: My Clinical Journey with Premium IOL Technology	Hussein Almuhtaseb

Welcoming Function and Exhibition Opening

17:40 Food and beverages will be served in the Exhibition area

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SESSION 5

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	The corneal alphabet: DMEK, DALK, PK and beyond	Dr Roland Hollhumer
08:20	Contact lenses for irregular corneas: The assistant's guide	Prof Elizabeth Chetty
08:35	Crosslinking and new frontiers in corneal strengthening	Dr Bongi Precious Sithole
08:50	Post-op care and red-flag symptoms in intra ocular surgery	Dr Srihari Swaminathan
09:05	Questions and discussion	
09:20	**Epstein Memorial Award Lecture * SCC Ballroom 2** History of Phakic IOLs	Dr Lucio Buratto
10:00	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 6

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Glaucoma basics: Spotting subtle signs	Dr Thabiso Mofokeng
10:45	Visual field interpretation made simple	Dr Sean Glen Anderson
11:00	Medications and lasers: How to assist effectively	Dr Ismail Makda
11:15	Systemic disease and the eye: Diabetes, hypertension, and beyond	Dr Pfunzo Nethengwe
11:30	Questions and discussion	
12:15	**Lunch break**: Lunch will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 7

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Ocular emergencies: What to do first	Dr Daniel A Erasmus
13:45	Right to Sight	Dr Jan Talma
14:00	Paediatric ophthalmology: Spotting and supporting early issues	Dr Amanda Kaboyo-Kisoro
14:15	Ophthalmic triage: Prioritising patients safely and effectively	Dr Saajida Gaibe
14:30	The POPIA and patient data protection refresher	Mrs Tanya Muller
14:45	I-Care Network Briefing	Edo Collyer & Johan Engelbrecht
15:30	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	
16:00	**ESCRS ACADEMY * SCC Ballroom 2** European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update	

SASCRS DINNER

18:45 **SASCRS AWARDS DINNER at The Venue Melrose Arch**