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Sandton Convention Centre (SCC) Sandton Johannesburg

All congress venues are on Level 2 of the SCC

- Plenary sessions: BALLROOM 2 / 3
- Parallel sessions will be held in BALLROOM 4
- Registration: BALLROOM FOYER
- Speaker review room: Inside plenary venue
- Trade exhibition: BALLROOM 1
- Two-day Personnel Programme: Boardroom 1 - 3
- Wet Labs: Boardroom 6 - 7

Executive Committee

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President's Welcome



The South African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery is honoured to welcome all our speakers, delegates, and trade representatives to the 21st Biennial International Congress of SASCRS. It is a privilege to bring together such an exceptional international faculty and delegation to share ideas and explore the advances shaping modern ophthalmology.

A very special and warm welcome to our 23 distinguished international speakers from 11 different countries, who have travelled from far and wide to be with us. Your presence here is invaluable, and your contributions are the heartbeat of this congress. We are deeply grateful to learn from your knowledge, experience, and insights.

It is an honour to host the ESCRS Academy, and we sincerely thank Prof Burkhard Dick for making this possible. This is a truly special session, and it is a privilege to have the ESCRS Academy as part of our programme.

A special thank-you to the Lions World Vision Institute (LWVI). Corneal surgery has advanced in leaps and bounds, and LWVI offers our surgeons the opportunity to learn these state-of-the-art techniques through wet labs led by world-renowned instructors. We are most grateful for their valuable contribution.

Our ophthalmic nurses, assistants, and practice managers are integral members of every surgical team, and we are delighted to have them here with us. This congress provides a valuable opportunity for them to interact with colleagues and to connect in a more informal setting. Craig Anderson has put together an excellent programme covering a wide range of informative and relevant topics encountered in everyday practice.

This congress would not be possible without the generous support and sponsorship of our industry partners. In this high-tech field, where rapid advances in cataract and refractive surgery are constant, a close and symbiotic relationship with industry is essential. We greatly appreciate their enthusiastic sharing of knowledge and their unwavering support of our specialty.

This congress has come together through the commitment and energy of many people working quietly behind the scenes. We extend our sincere thanks to Christi Truter, our dedicated event organiser, whose exceptional organisation and attention to detail have been instrumental in bringing this meeting to life.

Equally important to the scientific programme is the opportunity to connect, reconnect, and build lasting professional relationships. Pam Anderson's creativity, careful coordination, and tireless effort in shaping the social programme will ensure that this congress is remembered not only for its academic strength, but also for the sense of community it fosters.

Thank you for being part of our biennial SASCRS Congress. We hope your time with us in Johannesburg is engaging, rewarding, and truly enjoyable.

Ed Anderson
President SASCRS and Congress Convener

Epstein Memorial Award Lecture



The Epstein Memorial Award Lecture is dedicated to the late Dr Edward Epstein, who was the South African pioneer in the development of pseudophakic correction in cataract surgery in the fifties. He was a founding and honorary member of the SASCRS. This lecture is given at a Congress of the SASCRS by an ophthalmologist who has distinguished himself by outstanding international and local contributions for the advancement of cataract or refractive surgery.

The purpose of this award is to recognise an Ophthalmologist's consistent participation as an Ophthalmologist, in charitable activities, indigent care, community service and other humanitarian activities.

The qualifying criteria:

- The nominee must have demonstrated a pattern of humanitarian service in Africa over a period of several years. Qualifying service might include, but is not limited to, care for the indigent, service in inner city or rural African locations with disadvantaged persons, care for underprivileged individuals of specific racial or ethnic background and care in settings of high risk to the Ophthalmologist.
- Service must have been above and beyond the usual service commitment required of an Ophthalmologist.
- The service should have entailed personal sacrifice on the part of the Ophthalmologist.
- Only one such award may be given to an individual during his or her lifetime.

Previous Epstein Memorial Lecturers:

1999 Roberto Zaldivar MD
2001 Emanuel S Rosen MD
2003 Prof Dr Michael C Knorz
2005 Spencer Thornton MD
2009 Dr Hubrecht Brody
2013 Dr Frik Potgieter
2015 Prof Andries A Stulting
2017 Prof Robert Stegmann
2019 Prof Dr Marie-José Tassignon
2022 Dr Guy Kezirian MD
2024 Prof Steve Arshinoff

Congratulations to Dr Lucio Buratto, MD for being elected by the SASCRS to deliver this year's Epstein Memorial Lecture.

Epstein Memorial Award Lecturer



Dr Lucio Buratto MD (Italy)

Dr. Lucio Buratto, born in Cornuda, Italy, graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Milan (1970) and specialized in Ophthalmology (1973). He currently practices in Milan, focusing on cataract and refractive surgery.

A pioneer of modern ophthalmology, Dr. Buratto introduced phacoemulsification in Italy (1978), posterior chamber IOLs (1979), visco-surgery (1981), and Nd:YAG laser applications (1982).

In 1980, he conceived and organized *VideoCataract*, the world's first ophthalmic congress with live surgical transmission. For more than four decades, this meeting has been a central platform for education, featuring live surgeries, debates, and the participation of hundreds of leading international surgeons. VideoCataract pioneered the use of real-time surgical teaching and remains one of the most influential forums for cataract and refractive surgery.

In 1989, he performed the world's first intrastromal excimer laser keratomileusis for high myopia, laying the foundation for LASIK. In 1996, he developed the "Down Up LASIK" (superior hinge), a global standard. He also pioneered the bimanual irrigation/aspiration technique for cataract surgery (1992).

Dr. Buratto has organized more than 55 international congresses, including satellite live surgeries connecting over 20 countries across four continents (1984–2001). He has performed live teaching surgeries in more than 300 congresses worldwide.

He has published 91 books (in multiple languages) on cataract, refractive surgery, glaucoma, and corneal surgery, co-authored 23 volumes, produced 32 educational videos, and authored more than 170 scientific papers. He is frequently featured in the media and has been active in national prevention campaigns on cataract, keratoconus, and maculopathy.

He has received numerous prestigious awards, including: ASCRS Best New Technique Prize (1992), Barraquer Prize (2000), ESCRS Binkhorst Medal (2004), Fyodorov Prize (2006), AICCER Medal (2017), David Dulaney Awardfrom AECOS (2018), SOI Gold Medal (2019), Charamis Medal (2023) Heritage Lecture ESCRS 2023, and ESCRS Lifetime Achievement Award at ESCRS (2025).

He served as first president of AICCER (Italian Association of Cataract and Refractive Surgery)and honorary member of several societies, and has been on the editorial boards of Ocular Surgery News, Eye World, and Eurotimes.

Through his surgical innovations, educational initiatives, and prolific contributions, Dr. Lucio Buratto is internationally recognized as one of the leading pioneers in cataract and refractive surgery.

Kritzinger Safari Award Lecture (ISRS)



The Kritzinger Safari Award Lecture is a prestigious named lecture in honour of the late Dr Michiel Kritzinger. He distinguished himself as a pioneer in modern refractive surgery and identified the need to promote the subspecialty.

As part of his efforts to further the field of refractive surgery, he originally instituted the lecture as the "Safari Lecture" in 1999 during a local meeting of the ISRS in Swaziland. After his passing in April 2000, the lecture was renamed to the Kritzinger Safari Lecture. Recipients of this award lecture have to exhibit the same character traits which Dr Kritzinger was known for, namely to be an original thinker and innovator, demonstrate the same leadership and perseverance, as well as show the energy so typical of him.
Furthermore the recipient has to make a significant contribution to the field of refractive surgery.

Previous recipients of the lecture were:

1999 Dr med Klaus Ditzen
2000 J Charles Casebeer MD
2001 Prof Andries A Stulting
2002 Prof Dr Michael C Knorz
2003 Mr Charles Claoué
2005 George O Waring III MD
2007 Stephen Updegraff MD
2009 Dr Johan A De Lange
2013 Spencer P Thornton MD
2015 Guy M Kezirian MD
2017 Hideharu Fukasaku MD
2019 Mr Arthur B Cummings MD
2022 Prof Dr Thomas Kohnen
2024 Mr Glenn Carp

This year the honour will be bestowed upon Prof Dan Z Reinstein.

Kritzinger Safari Award Lecturer



Prof Dan Z Reinstein (UK)

MD, MA(Cantab), FRCSC, DABO, FRCOphth, FEBO, PG Dip CRS, Cert LRS

Prof Reinstein founded the London Vision Clinic in 2002 and holds professorships at Columbia University New York, Ulster University Belfast, and Sorbonne University Paris. After graduating from Cambridge in 1989 he developed a robotic VHF digital ultrasound technology which was the first method to measure the epithelium of the cornea with 1 micron precision in 3D. This led to a series of discoveries in the field of laser eye surgery as it was the only way to get histological level examination of the different layers of the cornea after laser eye surgery in humans. The device also became the most accurate method of determining the size of implantable contact lenses which go behind the iris to correct extreme refractive errors.

Prof Reinstein also developed PRESBYOND® Laser Blended Vision for ageing eyes (or presbyopia reading vision) and was deeply involved in the progression of flap based LASIK to SMILE - a keyhole LASIK procedure and has written a textbook on this technique which has become the go-to gold standard worldwide.

He has published over 225 peer-reviewed scientific papers, over 50 book chapters, and has given more than 1,200 international presentations and lectures. Surgically he has performed over 35,000 refractive surgical procedures.

He was awarded the Waring Medal (2006), the Kritzinger Award (2013), the American Academy of Ophthalmology Lifetime Achievement Award (2020), the 2023 United Kingdom and Ireland Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Lifetime Achievement Award (2023) and the highest honour in the field of Refractive Surgery: the Barraquer Award from the International Society of Refractive Surgery (2024).

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Cornea SA Lecture

Cornea SA, founded in 2015, offers like-minded Ophthalmologists a sub-specialty forum focusing on corneal and external disease. With many exciting plans for the future, the group aims to continually raise the bar in terms of corneal matters.

The invited guest speaker will be an internationally recognized authority on corneal and external disease, be regarded as a pioneer and will have distinguished him- / herself as one who challenges conventional thinking. Furthermore, the individual will be held in high regard by his / her peers; to such an extent that all of us would be poorer had it not been for their significant contribution to the field.

Previous recipients of the lecture were:
2015 Mark Terry MD
2017 Prof Harminder S Dua
2019 The Lion's Eye Institute - Art Kurz, Chief Clinical and Marketing Officer
2024 Prof Michael W Belin MD

It is a great honor to have Dr David Gunn, MD as our guest to present this year's Cornea SA lecture.



Dr David Gunn MD (Australia)

MBBS (Hons I), BSc, CertLRS, FRANZCO

Cornea, Cataract, Laser and Refractive Eye Surgery Specialist

Dr David Gunn is a Brisbane based ophthalmologist specialising in medical and surgical diseases of the cornea, complex cataract surgery and laser and refractive eye surgery.

He was educated in Brisbane and graduated from The University of Queensland Bachelor of Science and Medicine programs awarded with First Class Honours. He completed his medical residency and ophthalmology training throughout Queensland and was awarded the prestigious K. G. Howsam gold medal for obtaining the highest results in the Australian and New Zealand final ophthalmology examinations.

Dr Gunn undertook fellowship training at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital followed by further subspecialty training in corneal, advanced cataract and refractive surgery at the renowned Bristol Eye Hospital.

Dr Gunn practices at the Queensland Eye Institute and holds a public appointment at the Mater Hospital Brisbane where he also offers intermediate surgery to uninsured patients.

He is active in eye disease research and publishes in local and international medical journals. He is involved in the training of surgical registrars, medical students and nurses and is an honorary faculty member of The University of Queensland.

Dr Gunn was the first surgeon to introduce Femto CAIRS to Australia in 2021 and is a pioneer in the field globally. He co-developed CairsPlan.com, a surgical planning tool now used internationally, and has performed several Australian and world-first procedures in keratoconus surgery.

Main Programme Faculty - Ophthalmologists - International

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Manager of Clinical Development and Innovations at Lions Eye Institute for Transplant & Research, Inc.
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Ophthalmologist
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Professorships at Columbia Univ New York, Ulster Univ Belfast, Sorbonne Univ Paris

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Germany

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Director at Dr Pfeifer Eye Surgery Center
President SSCRS (Slovenian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons)

Marie-José Tassignon, Belgium



Professor Emeritus
Formerly Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Antwerp University Hospital and the University of Antwerp
Belgium

Roberto Pineda II, USA



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David Gunn
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Lead Instructor, Endo-In DMEK



Sean Edelstein
Lead Instructor, DSAEK & DM

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TIME	TOPIC
Thursday 12 February	
16:00-17:30	**TR DSAEK**
16:00-17:30	**Endo-In DMEK**
Friday 13 February	
11:30-13:00	**Standard DMEK (Endo-out scroll)**
13:50-15:20	**TransplantREADY DSAEK**
13:50-15:20	**CAIRS**
16:00-17:30	**CAIRS**
Saturday 14 February	
10:30-12:00	**Endo-In DMEK**
10:30-12:00	**CAIRS**
13:20-14:50	**CAIRS**
15:00-16:30	**CAIRS**
Sunday 15 February	
10:00-11:30	**TR DSAEK**
10:00-11:30	**Endo-In DMEK**

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Friday 13 February 2026, 12–12:50pm

Plenary Hall (Main Hall)



Ben LaHood MD
(Moderator)



Michael Knorz



Johan Kruger



Dylan Joseph



Johan T de Lange

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My Clinical Journey with BVI's Premium IOL Technology

Date: Friday 13 February 2026
Time: 17h10
Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Main Conference Venue
RSVP: By 5 December 2025
Speaker: **Dr Hussein Almuhtaseb MD MSc FRCSEdFEBO**
Head of Ophthalmology
Consultant Ophthalmologist
Cataract and Vitreoretinal Surgeon
The View Hospital in affiliation with Cedars Sinai, Doha, Qatar

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Friday 13th February, 5:45 pm in the Trade Exhibition (limited bar available)

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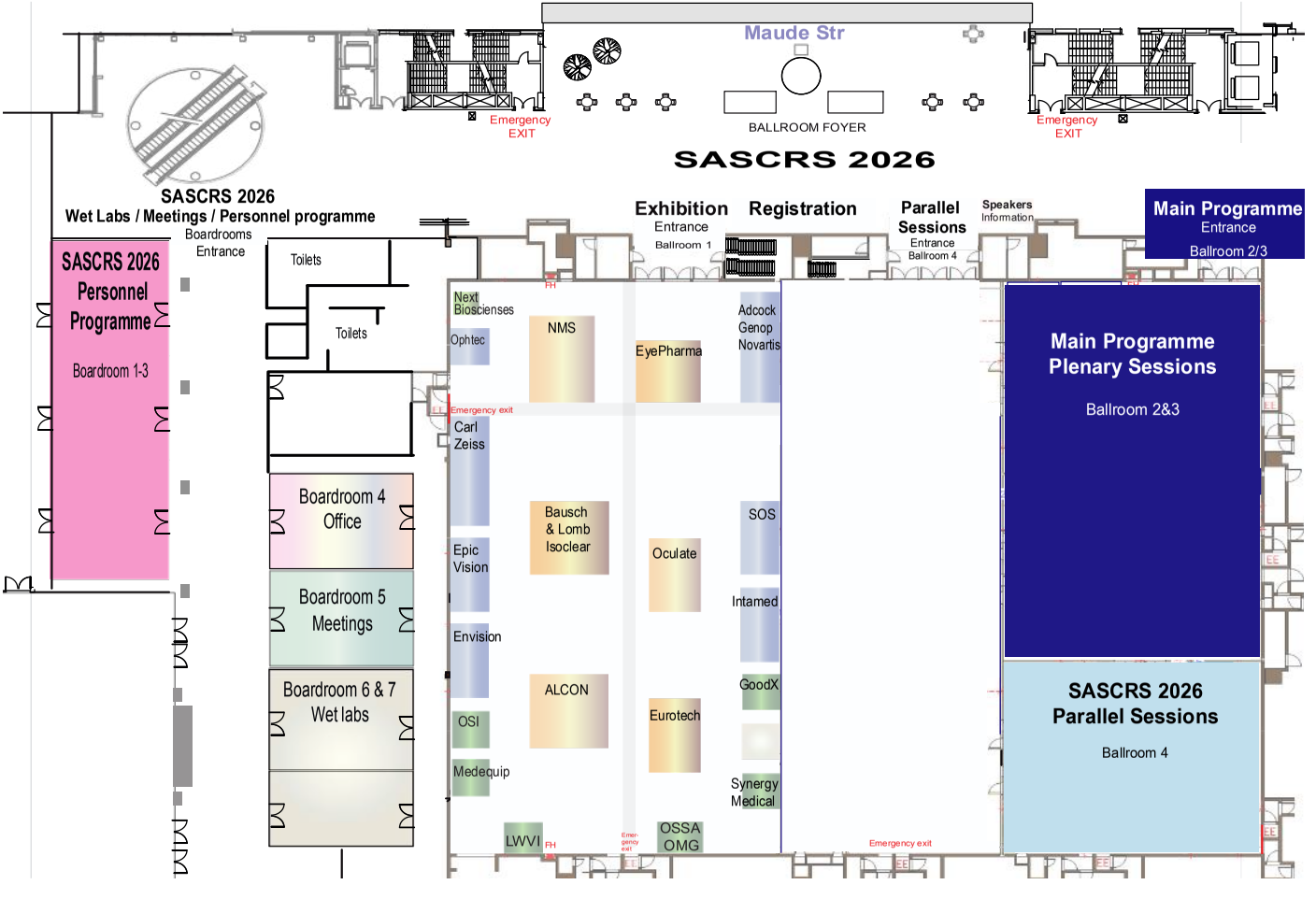
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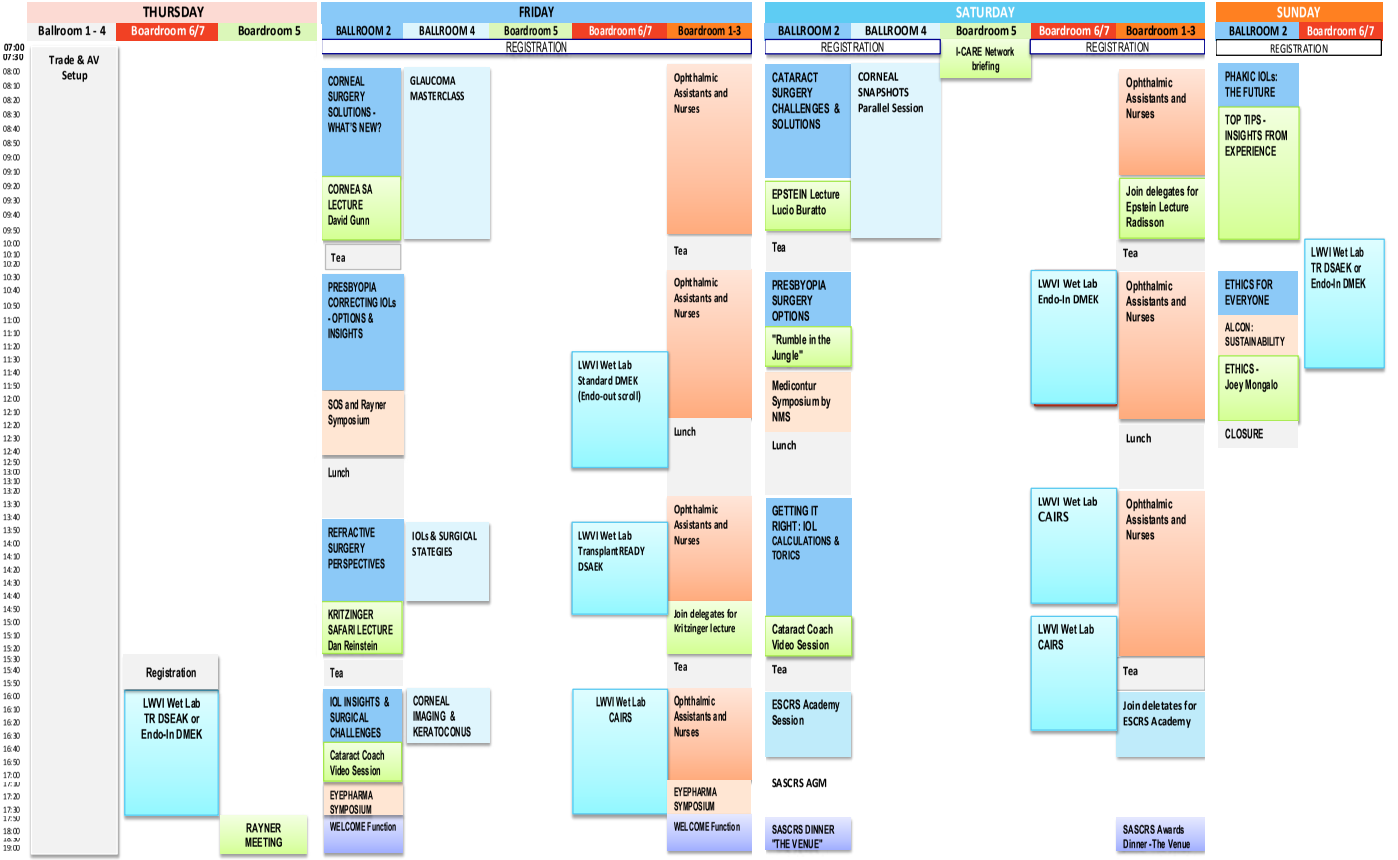
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Ballroom 4

Programme Overview



Main Ophthalmology Programme

Friday 13 February 2026 - Plenary Sessions - Ballroom 2

WELCOME ADDRESS

08:00 **Congress Opening:** Welcome address by Ed Anderson, President SASCRS

SESSION 1a: CORNEAL SURGERY SOLUTIONS - WHAT'S NEW?

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Leonard Heydenrych

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:05	When to choose PK vs EK - a skills based approach	Sean Edelstein
08:15	DMEK vs DSAEK: A case-based approach for success	Roberto Pineda
08:25	Comparative case series between Endo-In & standard DMEK	Leonard Heydenrych
08:35	DWEK/DSO: why and when	Roberto Pineda
08:45	Endo-In DMEK in complex anterior chambers	Leonard Heydenrych
08:55	OptiGraft CAIRS vs CTAK vs Keranatural	Jeremy Shuman
09:05	Customized CAIRS	Johann Krüger
09:15	Discussion 10 mins	
09:25	**CORNEA SA LECTURE**	
	CAIRS – A Paradigm Shift in the Management of Keratoconus	David Gunn
10:05	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 2: PRESBYOPIA CORRECTING IOLs - OPTIONS & INSIGHTS

Chair: Ed Anderson, Dylan Joseph, Ben LaHood

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:35	Myths and evidence in the selection criteria for IOL implantation	Joaquín Fernández
10:45	EDOF vs Trifocals : how to choose the right presbyopia correcting IOL, for your patient ?	Reena Sethi
10:55	Getting started with multifocal IOLs	Ben LaHood
11:05	Will EDOF IOLs replace diffractive IOLs	Michael Knorz
11:15	Discussion 5 mins	
11:20	Pupil size and centration affect trifocal EDOF	Uday Devgan
11:30	Reversible options for multifocality in pseudophakic patients.	Brian Harrisberg
11:40	Latest innovations in cataract surgery	Burkhard Dick
11:50	Discussion - 10 mins	
12:00	**SOS and Rayner Symposium**	
12:50	**Lunch break:** Lunch will be served in the Exhibition venue	

Main Ophthalmology Programme

Friday 13 February 2026 - Plenary Sessions - Ballroom 2

SESSION 3a: REFRACTIVE SURGERY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Jan Talma, Zoran Aleksiç

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:50	Raytracing LASIK on EX500. The Wavelight Plus treatment.	David Gunn
14:00	Back to the cornea for hyperopia! Lenticule extraction for hyperopic patients	Dan Reinstein
14:10	LASIK complications : Highlights	Arun Sethi
14:20	Surface ablation in refractive surgery: why is it still popular?	Mike Holzer
14:30	PRK revisited	Arun Sethi
14:40	Discussion 10 mins	
14:50	**KRITZINGER SAFARI AWARD LECTURE (ISRS)** Introduction by Ed Anderson Honouring the Past, Engaging the Present, and Shaping the Future: Three Decades of Curiosity, Collaboration, and Education in Refractive Surgery	Dan Reinstein
15:30	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 4a: IOL INSIGHTS & SURGICAL CHALLENGES

Chair: Daniel Kritzinger, Ed Anderson

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Refractive EDOF IOLs. Clinical performance and laboratory truth	Peter Hoffmann
16:10	Multifocal IOL survival guide - improving multifocal success rates	Ben LaHood
16:20	MindVision: A novel pre-& post-operative audio-guided neuroadaptation program to improve patient experience & outcomes following premium and blended -vision laser surgery	Dylan Joseph
16:30	Discussion	
16:40	**Cataract Coach Video Session** Panel: Daniel Kritzinger, Ed Anderson, Theunis Botha, Clayton Erasmus	Uday Devgan
17:10	**EyePharma Symposium** Finding Serenity in Vision: My Clinical Journey with Premium IOL Technology	Hussein Almuhtaseb

Welcoming Function and Exhibition Opening

17:45 Food and beverages will be served in the Exhibition venue

Main Ophthalmology Programme

Friday 13 February 2026 - Parallel Sessions - Ballroom 4

SESSION 1b: GLAUCOMA MASTERCLASS

Chair: Frik Potgieter

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	**VISCOCANALOSTOMY - AN OPTION FOR ANTERIOR SEGMENT SURGEONS**	
	Viscocanalostomy - a roadmap	Jeshal Patel
	Personal experience with glaucoma and viscocanalostomy	Frik Potgieter
	Viscocanalostomy for dummies	Jeshal Patel
	Learning viscocanalostomies: A surgeon's perspective	Frik Potgieter & Madri Potgieter
	Why dilate canal of Schlemm	Jan Olivier
	Visual Odyssey: Guiding young eyes through rehabilitation after glaucoma surgery	Claire Cullen

SESSION 3b: IOLs & SURGICAL STATEGIES

Chair: Charl Weitz, Frikkie Hartog

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:50	Evaluation of the feasibility of a multifocal IOL in post-refractive patients	Frikkie Hartog
14:00	Risk factors in self-reported dissatisfied patients implanted with various presbyopia-correcting intraocular lenses after cataract surgery	Jan Venter
14:10	Refractive lens exchange : a novel approach	Reena Sethi
14:20	Refractive lens exchange/cataract surgery in adult eyes with short axial length	Jan Venter
14:30	Influence of cataract surgery on the vitreous	Susanne Binder
14:40	Discussion 5 mins	

SESSION 4b: CORNEAL IMAGING & KERATOCONUS

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Daemon McClunan

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Modern day diagnostics and imaging: Epithelial mapping	Dan Reinstein
16:10	Keratoconus - the role of biomechanics for diagnosis/progression	Berthold Seitz
16:20	15 Year history of epi-on crosslinking treatments	Jonathan Woolfson
16:30	Discussion 5 mins	



ESCRS ACADEMY SESSION

European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update

Saturday 4.00 pm



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Joaquín Fernández
Spain

Vladimir Pfeifer
Slovenia

Marie-Jose Tassignon
Belgium

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SESSION 5a: CATARACT SURGERY CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Chair: Frik Potgieter, Jan Talma

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	The Carlevale lens: A sutureless approach for managing aphakia and lens dislocation	Hussein Almuhtaseb
08:10	Intra-scleral Gore-Tex for scleral fixation of an IOL	Uday Devgan
08:20	Vitrectomy for the anterior segment surgeon: tips and tricks	Reena Sethi
08:30	The anterior interface cataract in pediatric cataract	Marie-José Tassignon
08:40	Paediatric cataract surgery	Vladimir Pfeifer
08:50	Intraocular lenses in patients with comorbidities: What you should know?	Joaquín Fernández
09:00	Robotic cataract surgery - the future is closer than you think	Uday Devgan
09:10	Discussion 10 mins	
09:20	**Epstein Memorial Award Lecture** Introduction by Jan Talma History of Phakic IOLs	 Lucio Buratto
10:00	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 6: PRESBYOPIA SURGERY OPTIONS - WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Chair: Ed Anderson, Daniel Kritzinger

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Corneal presbyopic excimer laser procedures: techniques, outcomes, and patient selection	Dan Reinstein
10:40	Allografts and Excimer: Cornea solutions for presbyopia	Lourens Coetzee & Dylan Joseph
11:00	**"Rumble in the Jungle"** Heavyweight Presbyopia Debate - Corneal Presbyopia Surgery vs Refractive Lens Exchange	Referee: Joaquín Fernández Uday Devgan & Dan Reinstein
11:30	Discussion 10 mins	
11:40	**Medicontur Symposium by National Medical Supplies** Exploring Medicontur Premium IOLs with Global Experts	Joaquín Fernández Brian Harrisberg Eric Falletisch Daemon McClunan
12:30	**Lunch break:** Lunch will be served in the Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 7: GETTING IT RIGHT: IOL CALCULATIONS & TORICS

Chair: Frik Potgieter, Pierre Wassermann, James Hays

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Determining the axial IOL position and it's refractive impact	Peter Hoffmann
13:40	Optimizing outcomes in IOL power calculation	Joaquín Fernández
13:50	Future of IOLs using AI and machine learning	Uday Devgan
14:00	Discussion - 10 mins	
14:10	Toric axis alignment - choosing the correct axis	Ben LaHood
14:20	Clinical evaluation of a novel intraoperative guidance system for accurate toric IOL positioning in cataract surgery	Clayton Blehm
14:30	Toric IOLs - Planning for success and dealing with failure	Ben LaHood
14:40	Does the use of the surgically induced astigmatism improve the results of toric calculators?	Frikkie Hartog
14:50	Discussion - 10 mins	
15:00	**Cataract Coach Video Session**	Uday Devgan
	Panel: Frik Potgieter, Pierre Wassermann, Francesca Indiveri, Craig Anderson	
15:30	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 8: ESCRS ACADEMY

Chair: Burkhard Dick, Joaquín Fernández

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	**European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update**	
16:10	Global Consensus on the Classification of Simultaneous-Vision IOLs	Joaquín Fernández
16:20	Setting the Standard: ESCRS Cataract Surgery Guidelines	Burkhard Dick
16:30	The latest technologies for intraoperative PCO Prevention	Marie-José Tassignon
16:40	Secondary IOLs: Scleral Fixation Made Smarter	Vladimir Pfeifer

BUSINESS

17:00 **SASCRS AGM**

SASCRS DINNER

18:45 **SASCRS AWARDS DINNER at The Venue Melrose Arch.** Buses depart from 18:20.

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TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:00	**I-CARE NETWORK briefing**	Frik Potgieter

SESSION 5b: CORNEAL SNAPSHOTS Parallel Session - Ballroom 4

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Johann Krüger

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	CAIRS – Planning your first case step by step (practical application)	David Gunn
08:10	Types and uses of sterile ophthalmic allografts (with a highlight of CAIRS)	Jeremy Shuman
08:20	Science and characteristics of E-beam irradiated, femtosecond shaped OptiGraft CAIRS sterile allografts	Eric Abdullayev
08:30	Novel method for directly assessing donor graft endothelial cell loss immediately after transplantation – Comparison of 6 DSAEK methods	Eric Abdullayev
08:40	Corneal neurotization for neurotrophic keratopathy	Roberto Pineda
08:50	Fungal keratitis – Impact of confocal microscopy & early large keratoplasty on outcome	Berthold Seitz
09:00	PTK: Clinical considerations	Roberto Pineda
09:10	Discussion 10 mins	

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PHAKIC IOLS: THE FUTURE

Chair: Ed Anderson, Michael Knorz, Zoran Aleksiç, James Hays

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	Current standards and future developments on phakic IOLs: New sizing parameters and prediction models	Dan Reinstein
08:10	Discussion 5 mins	

TOP TIPS - INSIGHTS FROM EXPERIENCE

TIME	SPEAKER
08:15	Introduction
08:20	Michael Knorz
08:26	David Gunn
08:32	Vladimir Pfeifer
08:38	Lucio Buratto
08:44	Roberto Pineda
08:50	Ben LaHood
08:56	Arun Sethi
09:02	Brian Harrisberg
09:08	Joaquín Fernández
09:14	Peter Hoffmann
09:20	Dan Reinstein
09:26	Uday Devgan
09:32	Reena Sethi
09:38	Berthold Seitz
09:44	Susanne Binder
09:50	Jonathan Woolfson
09:56	Marie-José Tassignon
10:02	Sean Edelstein
10:08	Voting
10:15	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area

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ETHICS FOR EVERYONE

Chair: Daniel Kritzinger

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:35	**Outreach Cataract surgery Experience**	Arun Sethi
10:45	**Alcon Sustainability Presentation (ethics point)**	Dr Irene Freed
11:25	**Ethics Speaker (ethics point)** Leading a Thriving Practice: Applying Performance Sport principles Drawing on first-hand experience with the Springboks, this session explores how leadership, team alignment and healthy competition can sustain an ethical, high-performance practice. Joey is a former Bulls and Junior Springbok rugby player turned professional rugby coach with a Masters degree in industrial and organisational psychology. He works with organisations to create & sustain alignment from strategy to execution.	Joey Mongalo Director of TEAMIP3
12:25	Congress Closure	

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WELCOME ADDRESS

08:00 Congress Opening: Welcome address

SESSION 1

Chair: Craig Anderson

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

SESSION 2

Chair: Melody Sun

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Retinal imaging and OCT: Making sense of what you see	Mzwandile Mjwara
10:50	Corneal topography and keratoconus recognition	Melody Sun
11:10	Measuring intraocular pressure: Tools, technique, and troubleshooting	Fathima Mitha
11:30	Fluorescein angiography and fundus photography explained	Ingrid Walters
11:50	"Every Second Counts": Time, awareness and intention in healthcare	Louis van der Hoven
12:20	**Lunch break:** Lunch will be served in the in the Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 3

Chair: Annalien Steyn

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Building patient trust in busy practices	Annalien Steyn
13:45	Managing expectations: Talking about outcomes and limits in cataract surgery	Theunis Botha
14:00	Difficult conversations: Handling complaints and emotional patients	Danielle Gouws
14:15	Record keeping and consent forms: Legal must-knows	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	Dan Reinstein
15:30	**Refreshment break:** Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 4

Chair: Jan Talma

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Reaching the unreached	Arun Sethi
16:15	The thrifty eye operation	Reena Sethi
16:30	Coding and Ethics	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

17:45 Food and beverages will be served in the Exhibition venue

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SESSION 5

Chair: Bongi Sithole

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

SESSION 6

Chair: Ismail Makda

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

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SESSION 7

Chair: Saajidah Gaibie

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Ocular emergencies: What to do first	Daniel Erasmus
13:45	Right to Sight	Jan Talma
14:00	Paediatric ophthalmology: Spotting and supporting early issues	Amanda Kaboyo-Kisoro
14:15	Ophthalmic triage: Prioritising patients safely and effectively	Saajidah Gaibie
14:30	The POPIA and patient data protection refresher	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 venue	
16:00	**ESCRS ACADEMY * SCC Ballroom 2** European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update	

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