



# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of OPHTHALMOLOGY

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## WOC2020 VIRTUAL® – A GROUNDBREAKING VIRTUAL CONGRESS WITH PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN 6,400 OPHTHALMOLOGISTS FROM OVER 150 COUNTRIES

Geneva, Switzerland, 25 June 2020 – The 37th World Ophthalmology Congress® ([WOC2020](#)) organized by International Council of Ophthalmology will take place 26–29 June via a groundbreaking customized virtual platform. More than 6,400 ophthalmologists are already registered to take part, representing over 150 countries.

The World Ophthalmology Congress®, first held in 1857, is the longest continuous international medical meeting and includes a Scientific Program addressing all subspecialties and related interests in ophthalmology.

WOC2020 Virtual® will feature the work of [180 national and subspecialty societies](#) that are participating in scientific sessions on the latest advances, innovations, and best practices in ophthalmology. The program includes more than 1,200 internationally acclaimed speakers, 130 live talks and panels, and 110 on-demand talks that will continue to be available over a three-month period.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits are available through the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®), European CME (ECMEC®s), Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes, and the American Medical Association. Canadian ophthalmologists can also earn UEMS-EACCME® for ECMEC®s for Accredited Group Learning Activities as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The virtual conference center will also feature an Exhibit Hall where delegates can visit with companies and ophthalmic organizations offering opportunities to connect with industry representatives and gain an understanding of the latest advances in pharmaceuticals, imaging devices, technologies, and services to help ophthalmologists better provide high-quality patient care.

WOC2020 Virtual® is the most accessible ophthalmology conference ever offered, providing ophthalmologists from around the world with opportunities to share the latest information without the obstacles of travel-related expenses and visa approval processes. This incredible undertaking creates an important virtual space for ophthalmologists to safely meet and learn despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Revenues from the World Ophthalmology Congress® support International Council of Ophthalmology programs dedicated to ophthalmic education, eye care delivery, leadership and society development in low-resource settings.

**About the International Council of Ophthalmology:**

The International Council of Ophthalmology represents and serves 182 national, regional, and subspecialty [Member societies](#) from around the globe. It works to enhance ophthalmic education and improve access to the highest quality eye care in order to preserve and restore vision for the people of the world. For more information, see [www.icoph.org](http://www.icoph.org).

Additional information about WOC2020 Virtual® can be found at [www.icowoc.org](http://www.icowoc.org).

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