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Message from the Congress Chair

The Cyprus Ophthalmological Society welcomes you to its **16th Annual Congress,** taking place at the Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol, on November 28-29, 2026.

The congress will feature a distinguished lineup of internationally renowned speakers who will present on a wide range of topics, providing an excellent opportunity to enhance our knowledge and engage in discussions on the latest advancements in the field of ophthalmology.

We thank you for joining us and wish you a productive and enjoyable Congress in beautiful Limassol.

Dr Sophocles Sophocleous
Congress Chair

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Saturday, 28 November

08:30 - 09:00	**Registrations**
	Moderators: Andreas Kontos, Petros Tsangaris
09:00 - 09:20	**IOL: technical principles and surgical techniques** Carlo Carlevale
09:20 - 09:40	**IOL: complications and their management** Carlo Carlevale
09:40 - 10:00	**Opening Remarks** • **Dr Sophocles Sophocleous,** Congress Chair • **Dr Savvas Hadjiraftis,** President of the Cyprus Ophthalmological Society • **Dr Petros Agathangelou,** President of the Cyprus Medical Association • **Mr Neophytos Charalambides,** Minister of Health
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Opening of Exhibition
	Moderators: Eleni Loukianou, Andreas Machattos
10:30 - 10:50	**Everyday Retina Challenges** Magdy Moussa
10:50 - 11:10	**AI IN OCT: Segmentation and Pathological Classification** Magdy Moussa
	Moderators: Panayiota Tsimpri, Yianna Antoniou
11:10 - 11:55	Satellite Symposium **Aflibercept 8 mg Unplugged: Insights from Clinical Practice** Alexandros Charonis, Paris Tranos
	Moderators: Katia Papastavrou, Georgina Hadjilouca
11:55 - 12:40	Satellite Symposium **The Value of Astigmatism Correction in Modern Cataract Surgery** Spyridon Gorezis
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch (Kalypso Restaurant)

	Moderators: Christos Tryfonides, Ioannis Kyprianou
15:00 - 15:20	**Preserving the Eye: How Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy Are Changing the Management of Advanced Periocular SCC and BCC** Ben Simon
15:20 - 15:40	**Facial Reanimation in Chronic Facial Nerve Palsy: A Practical Surgical Approach** Ben Simon
15:40 - 16:20	Coffee Break
	Moderators: Stylianos Christoforou, Antonis Ioannides
16:20 - 16:30	**Retina Detectives: Diagnostic Pitfalls** Andreas Machattos
16:30 - 16:40	**Bugs in Paradise: Corneal Infections in Cyprus** Esther Papamichael
16:40 - 16:50	**Chronic Endophthalmitis** Petros Tsaggaris
16:50 - 16:55	**Roche in opthalmology, the future in Sight** Fanis Epitropakis
16:55 - 17:05	**Carnevale IOL implantation in pediatric patient** Cristina Ikonomu
17:05 - 17:15	**Mild astigmatism in phacos simplified** Savvas Christou
17:15 - 17:25	**Vitreoretinal surgery for choroidal hemangioma** Theodoros Potamitis
17:30 - 18:30	**CYOS General Assembly**

20:00 **Dinner at Kalypso Restaurant, Amathus Beach Hotel**

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Sunday, 29 November

09:00 - 09:30	**Registrations**	
	Moderators: Cristina Ikonomu, Andreas Machattos	
09:30 - 09:50	**Ultra Wide Field OCTA: a new era in real life practice** Magdy Moussa	
09:50 - 10:35	Satellite Symposium **Advancing Treatment Outcomes with Faricimab in Retinal Vascular Diseases** Peter Cikatricis	Roche
10:35 - 11:05	Coffee Break	
	Moderators: Minas Kafataris, Eleni Kontou	
11:05 - 11:15	**Complex glaucoma and cornea case** Spyros Pipis	
11:15 - 11:25	**Interesting case presentation** Marina Syrimi	
11:25 - 11:35	**Our experience in the treatment of keratoconus- the crosslinking procedure** Christina Nicula	
11:35 - 11:45	**Dilopia: neurologist vs. Ophthalmologist** Antigoni Koukouli	
11:45 - 11:55	**Myopia control – update** Sophocles Sophocleous	
11:55 - 12:10	**Q&A**	
	Moderadors: Savvas Christou, Spyros Pipis	
12:10 - 12:30	**Periocular Rejuvenation: My Preferred Practice Patterns** Ben Simon	
12:30 - 12:50	**Small Pupil: Mechanical Devices** Carlo Carlevale	
12:50 -13:00	**Closing Remarks**	
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch (Kalypso Restaurant)	Bayer NovaGem

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Chairman of Ophthalmology Department Faculty of Medicine, Tanta University, Egypt (July 2019-September 2020)

President of the Egyptian vitreoretinal society (EGVRS) and board member of the Afro-Asian council of ophthalmology (AACO) and International Member of AAO .

Presenting widely in the field of diagnosis and management of retinal diseases, nationally and internationally: World ophthalmology congress WOC, Royal College Of Ophthalmologists RCOP, Thessaloniki Vitreoretinal School TVRS (instructor) , and American Academy of Ophthalmology AAO as course instructor.

Research interests and publications: Retinal imaging, Age-related macular degeneration, Diabetic retinopathy, Retinal vein occlusion, Retinal diagnostic & therapeutic challenges



Dr Carlo Carlevale, MD

Director, Department of Ophthalmology, Karol Wojtyla Hospital, Rome, Italy
Inventor of the Carlevale Sutureless Scleral-Fixation IOL

He was graduated in Medicine and Surgery at "La Sapienza" Rome university, Majored in Ophthalmology at the Postgraduate School of Ophthalmology at "La Sapienza", University of Rome.

He is Director of Ophthalmology Department at the "Karol Wojtyla Hospital" of Rome, and from 2001 till now he performs high volume surgeries mainly anterior segment, he is consultant surgeon at "Neuromed Hospital" in Pozzilli.

He routinely helds courses on scleral suspension techniques at several international and national congresses. He developed the first flexible intraocular lens in the world with a sutureless scleral fixation system on 2011 and registered the relative trade mark.



Guy J. Ben Simon, MD, MHA

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Antigoni Koukkouli, MD
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Oculoplastics, Thyroid Eye Disease, Lacrimal Surgery & Neuro-ophthalmology

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Consultant Ophthalmologist, specialising in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
President of Academic Committee, Cyprus Ophthalmological Society

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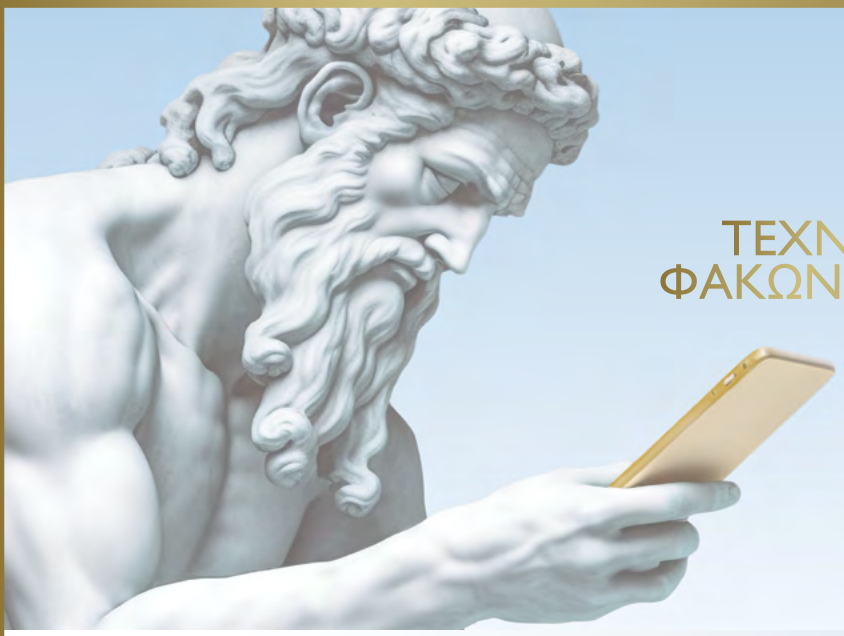
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