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A multi-speciality, ophthalmic, in-person meeting. Offering symposia, workshops, live surgery, debates, mystery cases, YO sessions, YO Lounge and updates on all ophthalmic sub-specialties, this is an event you will not want to miss!

SOE 2023 will be an opportunity for friends and colleagues to meet once again and take part in a world class scientific program.

Our SOE Keynote Speakers will cover the following topics:



### Professor Gerd Auffarth

is the chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Heidelberg University Eye Hospital. He has received more than 200 awards for his scientific work. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles and 370 book chapters, and he has delivered over 800 invited talks. His main research interests include biomaterial and implant research in cataract and laser surgery of the eye. Professor Auffarth will deliver the José Barraquer Lecture at SOE 2023 in Prague.



### Professor Marc de Smet

is the founder and head of MIOS SA, dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of retinal disease. He has led numerous experimental programs and clinical trials in ocular inflammation, imaging and microsurgery of the retina. While at the University of Amsterdam, he discovered new treatments such as the use of methotrexate for the treatment of ocular lymphoma and Ocriplasmin in vitreomacular traction. Professor de Smet will give the Robert Macher Lecture during SOE 2023.



### Dr. Michèle Beaconsfield

is an honorary consultant in oculoplastic surgery at the Moorfields Eye Hospital in London. After first doing general surgery and later, neurosurgery, she chose the field of ophthalmology. She has been a consultant oculoplastic surgeon since 1991 with a particular interest in surgical rehabilitation and she initiated the specialized lid oncology service at Moorfields. She has always been passionate about training and is an examiner for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and the European Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Beaconsfield will deliver the Richard Collin Lecture.

Abstract submission is now open at <https://soe2023.soevision.org/scientific-programme/abstract-submission>



Registration is open as of November 2022. For more details go to <https://soe2023.soevision.org>  
The venue for SOE 2023 will be the Prague Congress Centre. June 2023 will be a perfect time to be in Prague with its rich architecture as a backdrop to the Congress.

Welcome to SOE 2023!



**Wagih Aclimandos, SOE President**

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## European Society of Ophthalmology

The organization's history dates back to the years following the Second World War when discussions considering the creation of a European society for ophthalmology began. In 1956, the organization was created and the Latin name, Societas Ophthalmologica Europæa (SOE), was chosen so that no language was preferred at the expense of another. Today, the society has representatives from 44 national ophthalmology societies across Europe

One of the main tasks of the organization is to arrange the SOE congress every second year. It also supports young Eastern European ophthalmologists so that they can travel to one of the SOE-recognized European training centers. In addition, SOE provides teaching grants for those who are involved in active residency training in select Eastern European countries. Through this, SOE wishes to strengthen links among teachers and their institutions.

In 2014, the first European Meeting of Young Ophthalmologists (EMYO) was held in Porto in Portugal. Since then, the meetings have gathered increasing attention, and the 4th EMYO meeting in Brussels, Belgium, July 2022 gathered more than 400 participants.

The SOE Lecture Initiative was established in 2005. The lectures are held at the national ophthalmology meetings by the most promising young (under 45 years) clinicians or researchers selected by the national societies. The honorary lecturers receive a voucher and participate at the next SOE congress for free. Travel and hotel costs are covered by the national ophthalmology societies.

I wish to congratulate the 2022 SOE lecture awardees already announced from the Nordic region:

- Ulrika Kjellström (Sweden) for the talk “Phenotypes and Genotypes in Retinal Dystrophies”
- Josephine Prener Holtan (Norway) for the talk “The Story of Inherited Retinal Disease in Norway”
- Trine Møldrup Jakobsen (Denmark) for the talk “Myopia: A Problem? Ortho-what?”

I am looking forward to seeing you in Prague in June 2023!

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