



The 15th Annual Congress on Controversies in Ophthalmology: COPHy 2024
March 15-16, 2024, Athens, Greece

COPHy 2024 Preliminary Program
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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024		
07:30-08:30	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium (Light breakfast will be served from 07:00-07:30 at the entrance of the hall)	HALL A
08:30-10:00	BIG CONTROVERSIES IN RETINA IN 2024	HALL A
Chairs:	<u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA; <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Stratos Gotzaridis</u> , Greece; <u>George Charonis</u> , Greece	
08:30-08:40	Welcome Remarks <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA; <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Stratos Gotzaridis</u> , Greece	
08:40-09:00	Keynote Lecture: How good are we really without Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools <u>Ursula Schmidt-Erfurth</u> , Austria	
08:40-08:55	Q&A	
08:55-09:00		
09:00-09:30	Debate 1: Is AI ready to replace physicians? Yes: <u>Guiseppe Querques</u> , Italy No: <u>Paolo Lanzetta</u> , Italy Discussion	
09:00-09:10		
09:10-09:20		
09:20-09:30		
09:30-10:00	Debate 2: Intraocular inflammation is a major risk factor which should impede us from using anti complement agents for Geographic atrophy Yes: <u>Dinah Zur</u> , Israel No: <u>Jordi Monés</u> , Spain Discussion	
09:30-09:40		
09:40-09:50		
09:50-10:00		
10:00-10:30	Visit Exhibition, Posters & Coffee and Refreshment Break	



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	HALL A		HALL B
10:30-12:00	MEDICAL RETINA 1 Neovascular (“Wet”) AMD Management	10:30-12:00	GLAUCOMA 1
Chairs:	<u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	Chairs:	<u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK; <u>George Mangouritsas</u> , Greece
10:30-11:00	Debate 1: New generation molecules as first-line treatment in neovascular AMD	10:30-11:00	Debate 1: SLT – first-line or second-line?
10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Patricia Udaondo</u> , Spain	10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Dimitrios Besinis</u> , Greece
10:40-10:50	No: <u>Reinier Schlingemann</u> , Netherlands	10:40-10:50	No: <u>Ioannis Halkiadakis</u> , Greece
10:50-11:00	Discussion	10:50-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Debate 2: We are already in the era of personalized treatment strategies	11:00-11:30	Debate 2: IOP assessment – Are Diurnal measurements better than alternatives e.g. Water Drinking Test?
11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Stela Vujosevic</u> , Italy	11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>John Danias</u> , USA
11:10-11:20	No: <u>Francesco Bandello</u> , Italy	11:10-11:20	No: <u>Ioannis Halkiadakis</u> , Greece
11:20-11:30	Discussion	11:20-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Debate 3: Durability associated with multi target therapies is superior to anti-VEGF mono-target therapy in AMD	11:30-12:00	Debate 3: NTG – Is this a separate disease from POAG?
11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Irini Chatziralli</u> , Greece	11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>John Danias</u> , USA
11:40-11:50	No: <u>Reinier Schlingemann</u> , Netherlands	11:40-11:50	No: <u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK
11:50-12:00	Discussion	11:50-12:00	Discussion
12:15-13:15	Industry Sponsored Luncheon Symposium HALL A (Lunch boxes served 12:00-12:15)		
13:30-14:30	Industry-Sponsored Dessert Symposium HALL A (Dessert boxes served 13:15-13:30)		
14:30-15:00	Visit Exhibition, Posters & Coffee and Refreshment Break EXHIBITION AREA		



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	HALL A		HALL B
15:00-16:30	SURGICAL RETINA 1 Controversial Approaches to Common Surgical Questions	15:00-16:30	GLAUCOMA 2
Chairs:	<u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA; <u>Stanislao Rizzo</u> , Italy, <u>Stratos Gotzaridis</u> , Greece	Chairs:	<u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK; <u>Petros Smahliou</u> , Greece
15:00-15:30	Debate 1: Vitrectomy is safe and effective in the management of visually significant floaters (myodesopsia)	15:00-15:30	Debate 1: MIGS - first-line or second-line?
15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Petros Petrou</u> , Greece	15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Ioanna Tryfinopoulou</u> , Greece
15:10-15:20	No: <u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA	15:10-15:20	No: <u>Dimitrios Besinis</u> , Greece
15:20-15:30	Discussion	15:20-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Debate 2: In epiretinal membrane (ERM) surgery, removal of the internal limiting membrane (ILM) is essential to improve vision and limit recurrences	15:30-16:00	Debate 2: MIGS – Should all devices have corneal endothelial cell counts?
15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Francesco Boscia</u> , Italy	15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Stelios Kandarakis</u> , Greece
15:40-15:50	No: <u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA	15:40-15:50	No: <u>George Mangouritsas</u> , Greece
15:50-16:00	Discussion	15:50-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:30	Debate 3: Treatment of recurrent macular hole should include the use of a free ILM flap or other intraoperative surgical adjuvants	16:00-16:30	Debate 3: Neuroprotection – can we really measure it in glaucoma?
16:00-16:10	Yes: <u>Orit Vidne</u> , Israel	16:00-16:10	Yes: <u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK
16:10-16:20	No: <u>Stanislao Rizzo</u> , Italy	16:10-16:20	No: <u>George Mangouritsas</u> , Greece
16:20-16:30	Discussion	16:20-16:30	Discussion



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16:30-17:30	VISION ACADEMY IN RETINA 2024 Artificial intelligence in retinal disease management: evolution or revolution?	HALL A
Chairs:	<u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
16:30-16:35	Introduction to the Vision Academy <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel	
16:35-16:45	AI in retinal disease screening and diagnosis – introduction to current and future options <u>Paolo Lanzetta</u> , Italy	
16:45-16:55	AI in retinal disease management –introduction to current and future options <u>Tariq Aslam</u> , UK	
16:55-17:00	Q&A Moderated by: <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
17:00-17:30	Panel discussion / Audience Q&A Considerations for implementing AI solutions in clinical practice – impact on patients and HCPs Moderators: <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA Panelists: <u>Dinah Zur</u> , Israel <u>Paolo Lanzetta</u> , Italy <u>Tariq Aslam</u> , UK <u>Javier Zarranz-Ventura</u> , Spain Session Close: <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
17:30-18:30	Industry Sponsored Symposium	HALL A
18:30-19:30	"Happy Hour" Cocktail	EXHIBITION AREA
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07:30-08:30	Industry Sponsored Breakfast Symposium (Light breakfast will be served from 07:00-07:30 at the entrance of the hall)		HALL A
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08:30-10:00	MEDICAL RETINA 2 Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) and Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy	08:30-10:00	NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 1 The Afferent Pathway
Chairs:	Francesco Bandello, Italy; Irini Chatziralli, Greece	Chairs:	Andrew G. Lee, USA
08:30-09:00	Debate 1: Oral drugs have the potential to be beneficial for halting the progression of NPDR	08:30-09:00	Debate 1: Should all elderly patients with acute visual loss go to the ER for stroke evaluation and treatment?
08:30-08:40	Yes: Irini Chatziralli, Greece	08:30-08:40	Yes: John Chen, USA
08:40-08:50	No: Dinah Zur, Israel	08:40-08:50	No: Susan Mollan, UK
08:50-09:00	Discussion	08:50-09:00	Discussion
09:00-09:30	Debate 2: Are regular anti-VEGF injections beneficial for long term management of diabetic retinopathy?	09:00-09:30	Debate 2: Patients with visual snow syndrome should undergo work up and treatment?
09:00-09:10	Yes: Francesco Bandello, Italy	09:00-09:10	Yes: Eleni Papageorgiou, Greece
09:10-09:20	No: Michaella Goldstein, Israel	09:10-09:20	No: Andrew G. Lee, USA
09:20-09:30	Discussion	09:20-09:30	Discussion
09:30-10:00	Debate 3: Is high dose anti-VEGF monotherapy superior to regular dose anti-VEGF monotherapy for DME	09:30-10:00	Case Presentations
09:30-09:40	Yes: Anat Loewenstein, Israel		Moderator: John Chen, USA
09:40-09:50	No: Michaella Goldstein, Israel		Panelists: All Speakers
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10:30-12:00	MEDICAL RETINA 3 AMD and Hereditary Retinal Degeneration Topics	10:30-12:00	UVEITIS 1
Chairs:	<u>Tryfon Rotsos</u>, Greece	Chairs:	<u>Bahram Bodaghi</u>, France; <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u>, Israel
10:30-11:00	Debate 1: Complement inhibition is generally recommended for patients with geographic atrophy	10:30-11:00	Debate 1: Multifocal lenses in uveitic cataract
10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Ursula Schmidt-Erfurth</u> , Austria	10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Aniruddha Agarwal</u> , UAE
10:40-10:50	No: TBA	10:40-10:50	No: <u>Bahram Bodaghi</u> , France
10:50-11:00	Discussion	10:50-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	Debate 2: Gene therapy is the new era of treating retinal diseases	11:00-11:30	Debate 2: The use of biosimilar drugs in uveitis
11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Hendrik Scholl</u> , Switzerland	11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Sarah Touhami</u> , France
11:10-11:20	No: <u>Patricia Udaondo</u> , Spain	11:10-11:20	No: <u>Sofia Androudi</u> , Greece
11:20-11:30	Discussion	11:20-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Debate 3: Biosimilars are equivalent to established Anti-VEGF agents to treat neovascular AMD	11:30-12:00	Debate 3: OCT-Angiography is a Must-Have Tool for the Management of White Dot Syndromes
11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Bahram Bodaghi</u> , France
11:40-11:50	No: <u>Javier Zarranz-Ventura</u> , Spain	11:40-11:50	No: <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u> , Israel
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15:00-16:30	SURGICAL RETINA 2 Controversies in the Utilization of Cutting Edge Vitreoretinal Surgical Technology	15:00-16:30	NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 2 The Efferent Pathway
Chairs:	<u>Stratis Paroikakis</u> , Greece, <u>Jose Maria Ruiz-Moreno</u> , Spain, <u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA	Chairs:	<u>Andrew G. Lee</u> , USA
15:00-15:30	Debate 1: The use of the heads up, digital imaging operating microscope, has led to significant visual and anatomic improvement in surgical outcomes	15:00-15:30	Debate 1: Should all patients with myasthenia gravis be offered thymectomy?
15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Stratos Gotzaridis</u> , Greece	15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>John Chen</u> , USA
15:10-15:20	No: <u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA	15:10-15:20	No: <u>Eleni Papageorgiou</u> , Greece
15:20-15:30	Discussion	15:20-15:30	Discussion
15:30-16:00	Debate 2: Surgical intraoperative OCT is essential for best anatomic outcomes in macular surgery	15:30-16:00	Debate 2: Should all patients with idiopathic intracranial hypertension (IIH) have an LP?
15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Efstratis Paroikakis</u> , Greece	15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Susan Mollan</u> , UK
15:40-15:50	No: <u>Jose Maria Ruiz-Moreno</u> , Spain	15:40-15:50	No: <u>Andrew G. Lee</u> , USA
15:50-16:00	Discussion	15:50-16:00	Discussion
16:00-16:30	Debate 3: The use of intravitreal methotrexate in the management of RD with significant PVR leads to better anatomic and visual outcomes	16:00-16:30	Case Presentations
16:00-16:10	Yes: <u>Theodoros Giannopoulos</u> , Greece		<i>Moderator: <u>John Chen</u>, USA</i>
16:10-16:20	No: <u>Francesco Boscia</u> , Italy		<i>Panelists: All Speakers</i>
16:20-16:30	Discussion		



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16:30-18:00	MEDICAL RETINA 4 New Treatment Strategies
Chairs:	<u>Baruch Kuppermann</u>, USA; <u>Ursula Schmidt-Erfurth</u>, Austria
16:30-17:00	Debate 1: The role of biosimilars will remain important even with many new non-biosimilar drug options becoming available
16:30-16:40	Yes: <u>Stela Vujosevic</u> , Italy
16:40-16:50	No: <u>Sobha Sivaprasad</u> , UK
16:50-17:00	Discussion
17:00-17:30	Debate 2: Genetic treatment has the potential to change the outcome of AMD patients
17:00-17:10	Yes: <u>Hendrik Scholl</u> , Switzerland
17:10-17:20	No: <u>Sobha Sivaprasad</u> , UK
17:20-17:30	Discussion
17:30-18:00	Debate 3: Are OCT parameters better than visual acuity in determining the benefit of new dry AMD agents?
17:30-17:40	Yes: TBA
17:40-17:50	No: <u>Jordi Monés</u> , Spain
17:50-18:00	Discussion
	End of Congress

	HALL B
16:30-18:00	UVEITIS 2
Chairs:	<u>Bahram Bodaghi</u>, France; <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u>, Israel
16:30-17:00	Debate 1: Prophylactic laser photocoagulation and vitrectomy for ARN
16:30-16:40	Yes: <u>Marilita Moschos</u> , Greece
16:40-16:50	No: <u>Sarah Touhami</u> , France
16:50-17:00	Discussion
17:00-17:30	Debate 2: Topical prostaglandins can be given in eyes with uveitis
17:00-17:10	Yes: <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u> , Israel
17:10-17:20	No: <u>Sofia Androudi</u> , Greece
17:20-17:30	Discussion
17:30-18:00	Debate 3: Glaucoma tube shunts are better than trabeculectomy for uveitic glaucoma
17:30-17:40	Yes: <u>Marilita Moschos</u> , Greece
17:40-17:50	No: <u>Aniruddha Agarwal</u> , UAE
17:50-18:00	Discussion
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