



The 16th Annual Congress on Controversies in Ophthalmology: COPHy 2025  
April 4-5, Seville, Spain

**Scientific Program as of March 27, 2025**

<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025</b>		
<b>08:30-10:00</b>	<b>BIG CONTROVERSIES IN RETINA AND BEYOND IN 2025</b>	<b>HALL A</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Baruch Kuppermann</u>, USA; <u>Anat Loewenstein</u>, Israel; <u>Patricia Udaondo</u>, Spain</b>	
<b>08:30-08:40</b>	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> <b><u>Baruch Kuppermann</u>, USA; <u>Anat Loewenstein</u>, Israel; <u>Patricia Udaondo</u>, Spain</b>	
<b>08:40-09:00</b>	<b><i>Keynote Lecture:</i></b>	
08:40-08:55	<b>Retinal Implants to Restore Vision</b> <b><u>Mark Humayun</u>, USA</b>	
08:55-09:00	Q&A	
<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<b>Debate 1: Will topical therapy become the standard of care for either prevention or delay of myopia progression?</b>	
09:00-09:10	Yes: <b><u>Andrzej Grzybowski</u></b> , Poland	
09:10-09:20	No: <b><u>Hakan Kaymak</u></b> , Germany	
09:20-09:30	Discussion	
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Debate 2: Gene Therapy for NVAMD will be the preferred therapy in the future</b>	
09:30-09:40	Yes: <b><u>Luis Arias</u></b> , Spain	
09:40-09:50	No: <b><u>Paolo Lanzetta</u></b> , Italy	
09:50-10:00	Discussion	
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition, View ePosters &amp; join us in the Speaker's Corner</b>	<b>EXHIBITION AREA</b>



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10:30-12:00	<b>MEDICAL RETINA 1   Neovascular (“Wet”) AMD Management</b>	10:30-12:00	<b>GLAUCOMA 1</b>
Chairs:	<u>Luis Arias</u> , Spain; <u>Francesco Bandello</u> , Italy; <u>Rufino Silva</u> , Portugal	Chairs:	<u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK
10:30-11:00	<b>Debate 1: New generation anti-VEGF agents are specifically beneficial for pigment epithelial detachment</b>	10:30-11:00	<b>Debate 1: Phaco alone is better than Phaco Plus MIGS</b>
10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Francesco Bandello</u> , Italy	10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Joel Suarez</u> , Spain
10:40-10:50	No: <u>Patricia Udaondo</u> , Spain	10:40-10:50	No: <u>Marta Pazos</u> , Spain
10:50-11:00	Discussion	10:50-11:00	Discussion
11:00-11:30	<b>Debate 2: Home monitoring has the potential to improve patient outcome in AMD</b>	11:00-11:30	<b>Debate 2: Clinicians decisions are better than AI decisions in Glaucoma</b>
11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Nancy Holekamp</u> , USA	11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK
11:10-11:20	No: <u>Rodrigo Abreu Gonzalez</u> , Spain	11:10-11:20	No: <u>Marta Pazos</u> , Spain
11:20-11:30	Discussion	11:20-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	<b>Debate 3: Sustained drug delivery has a potential to be a significant treatment option for neovascular AMD and other retinal diseases</b>	11:30-12:00	<b>Debate 3: Preventing Glaucoma is possible and feasible</b>
11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Dan Martin</u> , USA	11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Francesca Cordeiro</u> , UK
11:40-11:50	No: <u>Lloyd Clark</u> , USA	11:40-11:50	No: <u>Francesco Oddone</u> , Italy
11:50-12:00	Discussion	11:50-12:00	Discussion
12:15-13:15	<b>Industry Sponsored Luncheon Symposium</b> <i>(Lunch boxes served 12:00-12:15)</i>	<b>HALL A</b>	
13:30-14:30	<b>Industry-Sponsored Dessert Symposium</b> <i>(Dessert boxes served 13:15-13:30)</i>	<b>HALL A</b>	
14:30-15:00	<b>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition, View ePosters</b>	<b>EXHIBITION AREA</b>	



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<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>SURGICAL RETINA 1   Controversial Approaches to Common Surgical Questions</b>	<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>GLAUCOMA 2</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>William F. Mieler</u>, USA, <u>Jose Garcia-Arumi</u>, Spain; <u>Young Hee Yoon</u>, Korea</b>	<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Francesca Cordeiro</u>, UK</b>
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Debate 1: Inverted flap technique is the best surgical approach for large recurrent macular holes in high myopes</b>	<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Debate 1: Should Glaucoma be managed by comprehensive ophthalmologists or Glaucoma specialists?</b>
15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Zofia Anna Nawrocka</u> , Poland	15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Jose Belda</u> , Spain
15:10-15:20	No: <u>Jose Garcia-Arumi</u> , Spain	15:10-15:20	No: <u>Joel Suarez</u> , Spain
15:20-15:30	Discussion	15:20-15:30	Discussion
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Debate 2: In the setting of a phakic macula-on retinal detachment, with a superior retinal tear, comparable successful anatomic and visual outcomes can be achieved with either a vitrectomy, or with a scleral buckle</b>	<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Debate 2: Glaucoma drops should be Preservative Free from first line</b>
15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Zofia Anna Nawrocka</u> , Poland	15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Jose Belda</u> , Spain
15:40-15:50	No: <u>Diego Ruiz Casas</u> , Spain	15:40-15:50	No: <u>Antonio Ferreras</u> , Spain
15:50-16:00	Discussion	15:50-16:00	Discussion
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Debate 3: Pars plana vitrectomy is safe and effective in the management of symptomatic vitreous floaters</b>	<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Debate 3: Tradition or Innovation? Trabeculectomy versus Minimally Invasive Bleb-based surgeries.</b>
16:00-16:10	Yes: <u>Isabel Relimpio</u> , Spain	16:00-16:10	Tradition: <u>Antonio Fea</u> , Italy
16:10-16:20	No: <u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA	16:10-16:20	Innovation: <u>Sheng Lim</u> , UK
16:20-16:30	Discussion	16:20-16:30	Discussion



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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025		HALL A
16:30-17:30	VISION ACADEMY IN RETINA 2025   New challenges within retinal diseases: Navigating the evolving treatment landscape	
Chairs:	<u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
16:30-16:35	Introduction to the Vision Academy <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
16:35-16:50	Rapid-fire presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of residual retinal fluid on treatment outcomes in nAM) - <u>Dinah Zur</u>, Israel</li> <li>• Diagnosis and assessment of simultaneous GA and CNV/MNV - <u>Paolo Lanzetta</u>, Italy</li> <li>• Cataract surgery and anti-VEGF management – <u>Francesco Bandello</u>, Italy</li> </ul>	
16:50-17:00	Q&A <i>Moderators:</i> <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA	
17:00-17:25	Panel discussion / Q&A: Expert opinion on the use of new treatment regimens with extended injection intervals <i>Moderators:</i> <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel; <u>Baruch Kuppermann</u> , USA <i>Panelists:</i> <u>Dinah Zur</u> , Israel <u>Francesco Bandello</u> , Italy <u>Jean Francois Korobelnik</u> , France <u>Paolo Lanzetta</u> , Italy  Group discussion: All	
17:25-17:30	Session close <u>Anat Loewenstein</u> , Israel	
17:30-18:30	Industry Sponsored Symposium	
18:30-19:30	Welcome Reception	
End of Day		



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<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025</b>			
<b>07:30-08:30</b>	<b>Industries Sponsored Breakfast Symposium</b> <i>(Light breakfast will be served from 07:00-07:30 at the entrance of the hall)</i>	<b>HALL A</b>	
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<b>08:30-10:00</b>	<b>MEDICAL RETINA 2   Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) and Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>08:30-10:00</b>	<b>NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 1   The Afferent Pathway</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<b>Francesco Bandello</b> , Italy, <b>Jose Maria Ruiz Moreno</b> , Spain; <b>Rufino Silva</b> , Portugal	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Andrew G. Lee</b> , USA
<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: Steroid Therapy for DME is still relevant in the Era of New Generation Anti-VEGF agents</b>	<b>08:30-09:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: All acute ON patients require high dose corticosteroids</b>
08:30-08:40	Yes: <b>Francesco Bandello</b> , Italy	08:30-08:40	Yes: <b>Andrew G. Lee</b> , USA
08:40-08:50	No: <b>Juan Donate Lopez</b> , Spain	08:40-08:50	No: <b>Dan Milea</b> , France
08:50-09:00	Discussion	08:50-09:00	Discussion
<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Oral Therapy for NPDR will be adopted as primary approach to management of NPDR</b>	<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Temporal artery (TA) ultrasound should replace TA biopsy in GCA</b>
09:00-09:10	Yes: <b>David M. Brown</b> , USA	09:00-09:10	Yes: <b>Susan Mollan</b> , UK
09:10-09:20	No: <b>Jorge Ruiz Medrano</b> , Spain	09:10-09:20	No: <b>Andrew G. Lee</b> , USA
09:20-09:30	Discussion	09:20-09:30	Discussion
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Debate 3: Novel topical steroids will become standard of care for initial therapy in mild DME</b>	<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Case Presentations: Afferent</b>
09:30-09:40	Yes: <b>Baruch Kuppermann</b> , USA		<i>Moderator: <b>Andrew G. Lee</b>, USA</i>
09:40-09:50	No: <b>Francesco Boscia</b> , Italy		<i>Panelists: All Speakers</i>
09:50-10:00	Discussion		
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition, View ePosters &amp; join us in the Speakers' Corner</b>	<b>EXHIBITION AREA</b>	



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<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<b>MEDICAL RETINA 3   Novel Technologies and Therapies in Retinal Diseases</b>	<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<b>UVEITIS 1</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Dinah Zur</u>, Israel; <u>Maribel Lopez Galvez</u>, Spain; <u>Enrique Rodriguez de la Rua</u>, Spain</b>	<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Bahram Bodaghi</u>, France; <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u>, Israel</b>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: Multi-pathway or high dose inhibitors improve DME biomarkers more than previous treatments</b>	<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: The use of biosimilars in uveitis</b>
10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Enrique Rodriguez de la Rua</u> , Spain	10:30-10:40	Yes: <u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u> , Israel
10:40-10:50	No: <u>Dinah Zur</u> , Israel	10:40-10:50	No: <u>Sofia Androudi</u> , Greece
10:50-11:00	Discussion	10:50-11:00	Discussion
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Existing outcome measures are sufficient to demonstrate the efficacy of new therapies for inherited retinal diseases</b>	<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Prophylactic laser retinopexy and early pars plana vitrectomy (PPV) for preventing retinal detachment (RD) in acute retinal necrosis</b>
11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Enrique Rodriguez de la Rua</u> , Spain	11:00-11:10	Yes: <u>Alfredo Adán Civera</u> , Spain
11:10-11:20	No: <u>Dinah Zur</u> , Israel	11:10-11:20	No: <u>Sofia Androudi</u> , Greece
11:20-11:30	Discussion	11:20-11:30	Discussion
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Debate 3: Blocking more than VEGFA can help in improving visual acuity in retinal disease</b>	<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Debate 3: HLA - testing is mandatory in the investigation of posterior uveitis</b>
11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Young Hee Yoon</u> , Korea	11:30-11:40	Yes: <u>Bahram Bodaghi</u> , France
11:40-11:50	No: <u>Luis Arias</u> , Spain	11:40-11:50	No: <u>Ester Carreño</u> , Spain
11:50-12:00	Discussion	11:50-12:00	Discussion
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<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>SURGICAL RETINA 2   Controversies in the Utilization of Cutting Edge Vitreoretinal Surgical Technology</b>	<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 2   The Efferent Pathway</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<u>William F. Mieler</u> , USA, <u>Jose Maria Ruiz-Moreno</u> , Spain <u>Mark Humayun</u> , USA	<b>Chair:</b>	<u>Andrew G. Lee</u> , USA
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Debate 1: Artificial Intelligence (AI) can predict the success of retinal detachment surgery</b>	<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Debate 1: Functional visual loss is an organic disease</b>
15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Stanislao Rizzo</u> , Italy	15:00-15:10	Yes: <u>Susan Mollan</u> , UK
15:10-15:20	No: <u>Francesco Boscia</u> , Italy	15:10-15:20	No: <u>Dan Milea</u> , France
15:20-15:30	Discussion	15:20-15:30	Discussion
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Debate 2: Heavy silicone is the most beneficial adjuvant in the successful management of a retinal detachment with proliferative vitreoretinopathy (PVR)</b>	<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Debate 2: IIH is a medical not surgical disease now...</b>
15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Stanislao Rizzo</u> , Italy	15:30-15:40	Yes: <u>Susan Mollan</u> , UK
15:40-15:50	No: <u>Jose Garcia-Arumi</u> , Spain	15:40-15:50	No: <u>Andrew G. Lee</u> , USA
15:50-16:00	Discussion	15:50-16:00	Discussion
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Debate 3: Multifocal or Extended Depth of Focus (EDOF) IOLs can be employed after successful repair of a macula-off retinal detachment</b>	<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Case Presentations: Efferent</b>
16:00-16:10	Yes: <u>William Mieler</u> , USA		<i>Moderator:</i> <u>Susan Mollan</u> , UK
16:10-16:20	No: <u>Mari Carmen Desco</u> , Spain		<i>Panelists:</i> All Speakers
16:20-16:30	Discussion		



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<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b>MEDICAL RETINA 4   New Treatment Strategies</b>	<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b>UVEITIS 2</b>
<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Michaella Goldstein</u></b> , Israel; <b><u>Esther Ciancas</u></b> , Spain;	<b>Chairs:</b>	<b><u>Bahram Bodaghi</u></b> , France; <b><u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u></b> , Israel
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: Functional outcomes need to be used for assessment of treatment effects of drugs for non neovascular Age Related Macular Degeneration</b>	<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Debate 1: Systemic therapy is the best option to control uveitic macular edema</b>
16:30-16:40	Yes: <b><u>Michaella Goldstein</u></b> , Israel	16:30-16:40	Yes: <b><u>Alejandro Fonollosa Calduch</u></b> , Spain
16:40-16:50	No: <b><u>Jean-Francois Korobelnik</u></b> , France	16:40-16:50	No: <b><u>Zohar Habot-Wilner</u></b> , Israel
16:50-17:00	Discussion	16:50-17:00	Discussion
<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Photobiomodulation is a viable treatment in non neovascular AMD</b>	<b>17:00-17:30</b>	<b>Debate 2: Post-operative macular edema may be considered and managed as a uveitis</b>
17:00-17:10	Yes: <b><u>David Almeida</u></b> , USA	17:00-17:10	Yes: <b><u>Bahram Bodaghi</u></b> , France
17:10-17:20	No: <b><u>Jordi Monés</u></b> , Spain	17:10-17:20	No: <b><u>Alfredo Adán Civera</u></b> , Spain
17:20-17:30	Discussion	17:20-17:30	Discussion
<b>17:30-18:00</b>	<b>Debate 3: Complement inhibition for geographic atrophy has more benefit than risk</b>	<b>17:30-18:00</b>	<b>Debate 3: Inflammatory choroidal neovascularization may be treated by anti-VEGFs alone</b>
17:30-17:40	Yes: <b><u>Jordi Monés</u></b> , Spain	17:30-17:40	Yes: <b><u>Alejandro Fonollosa Calduch</u></b> , Spain
17:40-17:50	No: <b><u>Jean-Francois Korobelnik</u></b> , France	17:40-17:50	No: <b><u>Ester Carreño</u></b> , Spain
17:50-18:00	Discussion	17:50-18:00	Discussion
<b>End of Congress</b>			