

PROGRAM

IV-th Ophthalmology Conference “*Theory Meets Practice*”

Friday | 20.02.2026

12:00 Registration

14:00 Opening | Milenium Grand Hall, 2-nd floor

14:10 – 16:10 Session I Surgical treatment of corneal diseases

Moderators: A. Andreev, A. Angelov

14:10-14:20 (1) Seamless Intrastromal Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (SIALK) for correction of irregular astigmatism in patients with keratoconus – stages of development, challenges, limitations | **A. Angelov, Ya. Angelov (Resbiomed Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

14:20-14:30 (2) DMEK – results and follow-up | **I. Borshukov, R. Rangelova, V. Petkov, V. Petrova (DEN Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

14:30-14:40 (3) Clinical Application of Brillouin Spectroscopy to Evaluate the Corneal Bioelasticity in Patients with Low Grade Topographic Irregularity. | **A. Angelov, Ya. Angelov (Resbiomed Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

14:40-14:50 (4) Triple procedure (keratoplasty, cataract extraction and IOL implantation) – indications and results | **A. Andreev, V. Petkov, S. Petrov, E. Marteva (DEN Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

14:50-15:00 (5) Our surgical approach to the treatment of traumatic keratopathy with aniridia | **V. Daskalov, R. Kermedchieva, T. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

15:00-15:10 (6) Combined procedures for keratoconus – indications and limitations | **D. Mitova (“St. Petka” Eye Clinic, Varna)**

15:10-15:30 (7) „Simplex or Zoster? Threat and emergency!” | **P. Vasileva (“Acad. Pashev” Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

15:30-15:40 (8) Theranostics – myth or reality for Bulgarian reality | **Hr. Grupcheva (Medical Center Grupchevi Plus, Varna)**

15:40-16:00 (9) Laser evolution: A modern Approach to Refractive Error Solutions | **Sundeep Vaswani (United Kingdom)**

16:00-16:10 Discussion

16:10-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Session II Inflammatory and pediatric eye diseases

Moderators: I. Tanev, N. Stoyanova

16:30-16:45 (10) Corporate Presentation “Fidia” – A new partner for ophthalmologists in Bulgaria. From nutritional supplements to surgery | **M. Benova (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

16:45-16:55 (11) TAO – challenges | **N. Stoyanova (University Hospital “St. George”, Plovdiv)**

16:55-17:05 (12) Diagnostic findings in the fundus of the eye in uveitis, as a diagnostic reference point | **V. Mitkova (University Hospital “St. George”, Plovdiv)**

17:05-17:15 (13) Theory and practice in a case of toxoplasmosis | **I. Tanev (Zrenieto Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

17:15-17:25 (14) Hot Call !!! Call a friend. Systemic thrombolysis in a patient with occlusion of the central retinal artery | **R. Trajkovski (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

17:25-17:35 (15) Diagnostic mimicry: Foveolar hypoplasia and amblyopia | **N. Muneva (Visus Eye Clinic, Medical Center Pentagram, Sofia)**

17:35-17:45 (15A) Torticollis – Attention! | **N. Sokolova, V. Chernodrinska, G. Aleksieva (Visus Eye Clinic)**

17:45-17:55 (16) Vision for rights and Law. Surgeon protection in the doctor-patient-health insurance fund triangle | **Adv. S. Velichkova**

17:55-18:00 Discussion

18:30 Welcome reception | Exhibition Lobby

Saturday | 21.02.2026

08:00-10:40 Session III Refractive and Cataract Surgery

Moderators: V. Daskalov, St. Troshev, A. Angelov

8:00-8:15 (17) Corporate presentation “Zeiss” – Key Factors for Choosing SMILE | **Sundeep Vaswani, United Kingdom**

8:15-8:25 (18) Two times MEL | **V. Daskalov, R. Trajkovski, D. Petkov, T. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

08:25-08:40 (19) Corporate presentation “Oftalabs” – My first experience with CAPSULaser | **Dr. Dimitris Sakelaridis (Ophthalmica Eye Clinic, Thessaloniki)**

08:40-08:50 (20) Femtosecond laser or CAPSULaser in cataract surgery | **V. Daskalov, M. Hubanova, T. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

08:50-09:20 (21) Empowering Everyday Vision: The LuxSmart IOL Experience
| **Prof. Mirko Yankov (Serbia)**

09:20-09:30 (22) Our approach to selecting patients as candidates for EDOF or trifocal lenses | **P. Hubanov (“St. Nikolay Chudotvorets” Eye Hospital, Varna)**

09:30-09:40 (23) Postoperative results of multifocal IOL implantation – objective and subjective analysis | **M. Lazov, D. Angelova V. Daskalov (Pentagram, Eye Hospital Sofia)**

09:40-09:50 (24) Posterior capsulorhexis (PCR) in cataract surgery | **B.Kyuchukov, N. Velikova, B.Kyuchukov (“Tsaritsa Yoanna” Hospital, Sofia)**

09:50-10:20 (25) Corporate presentation “Bayer” – Why and how does Eylea 8mg. make the difference? | **Dr. Tryfon Rotsos (Greece)**

10:20-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40-11:10 Official greeting from the Organizing Committee

11:10-11:30 (26) 3-D presentation: Cataract Surgery | **St. Troshev, D. Troshev (Troshev Eye Clinic, St. Zagora), L. Mishev (Eye Clinic Focus, Sofia)**

11:30-13:00 Session IV Glaucoma

Moderators: M. Atanasov, R. Kermedchieva

11:30-11:45 (27) Corporate Presentation “Santen” – When Preserflo is a good alternative for your patient | **Assoc. prof. Nora Majtanova (Slovakia)**

11:45-11:55 (28) Comparative study of the impact of glaucoma on the implantation of XEN and Preserflo | **R. Kermedchieva, V. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

11:55-12:05 (29) Malignant glaucoma | **M. Atanasov (University Hospital “St. George”, Plovdiv)**

12:05-12:15 (30) The role of the lens in the pathogenesis and its surgical treatment in angle-closure glaucoma | **B. Angelov (Eye Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs Hospital, Sofia)**

12:15-12:25 (31) The role of OCT-A in the diagnosis and monitoring of patients with glaucoma | **M. Benova (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

12:25-12:35 (32) Intraoperative gonioscopy – tips and tricks | **N. Velikova, B. Kyuchukov (“Tsaritsa Yoanna” Hospital, Sofia)**

12:35-12:45 (33) Congenital glaucoma – Scharm goniotomy | **N. Petkova**

12:45-12:55 (34) Surgical pearls – clinical cases, video presentation | **Assoc. prof. Nora Majtanova (Slovakia)**

12:55-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK | M Restaurant

14:00-15:40 Session V Medical retina

Moderators: Hr. Grupcheva, B. Kyuchukov

14:00-14:10 (35) Atypical cases of CNV | **T. Bozeva, Pentagram (Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

14:10-14:40 (36) Corporate presentation “**Roche**” – The future of continuous drug delivery for retinal diseases | **V. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

14:40-14:50 (37) Dry form of macular degeneration – innovations in diagnostics and treatment | **R. Kermedchieva (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

14:50-15:00 (38) New hope for patients with macular degeneration – EYEMax – mono | **Hr. Grupcheva (Medical Center Grupchevi Plus, Varna)**

15:00-15:10 (39) Theory and practice in pachychoroid spectrum | **I. Tanev (Zrenieto Eye Clinic, Sofia)**

15:10-15:20 (40) A science-based subthreshold laser concept for diabetic macular oedema | **Prof. V. Popovsky (Barcelona)**

15:20-15:30 (41) Diagnosis of congenital eye diseases through whole genome sequencing | **L. Balabanski**

15:30-15:40 Discussion

15:40-16:10 Coffee Break

16:10-17:40 Session VI Surgical retina

Moderators: L. Mishev, D. Efremova

16:10-16:20 (42) Intraoperative fluorescein angiography and Blue light reflectance in vitreoretinal surgery | **L. Mishev (Medical Center Focus, Sofia)**

16:20-16:30 (43) Digital filters, fluorovitrectomy and multicolor endoillumination in patients with retinal detachment | **L. Mishev (Medical Center Focus, Sofia)**

16:30-16:45 (44) Keynote lecture – Large Macular Hole repair | **Prof. C. Claes (Belgium)**

16:45-17:00 (45) Keynote lecture – On trauma, no problem | **Prof. C. Claes (Belgium)**

17:00-17:10 (46) Use of Carlevale IOL in anterior segment trauma and lens luxation | **V. Daskalov, D. Petkov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

17:10-17:20 (47) Epiretinal membranes – classification, clinic and treatment | **V. Daskalov (Pentagram Eye Hospital, Sofia)**

17:20-17:35 (48) Corporate presentation “**Avanzanite Bioscience**” – Enhancing diagnosis and treatment of Acanthamoeba keratitis | **Prof. Adam Wylegala (Poland)**

17:35-17:40 Discussion and closing of the conference

20:00 GALA DINNER | Millenium Grand Ballroom, floor 2