2026 PAO ANNUAL CONGRESS
September 29 - October 2
SMX Convention Center

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

VISION BEYOND BOUNDARIES
Science • Skills • Systems • Society

DAY 0 | SEPTEMBER 29 | TUESDAY

	Function Room 1	Function Room 2	Function Room 3	Meeting Rooms 4-6	Meeting Rooms 7-9	
08:30 - 08:45					PAO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM *by invitation*	08:30 - 08:45
08:45 - 09:00						08:45 - 09:00
09:00 - 09:15				SURGICAL VIDEO CONTEST		09:00 - 09:15
09:15 - 09:30						09:15 - 09:30
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DAY 1 | SEPTEMBER 30 | WEDNESDAY

	Function Room 1	Function Room 2	Function Room 3	Meeting Rooms 4-6	Meeting Rooms 7-9	
08:30 - 08:45	SPECIAL FORUM Misadventures to Mastery: Learning from Difficult Cases	SPECIAL FORUM Women in Ophthalmology	SPECIAL FORUM Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology	YOUNG OPHTHALMOLOGISTS Beyond Residency: YO Life after Training	SPECIAL FORUM Eyes on the Ground: Chapter Spotlight	08:30 - 08:45
08:45 - 09:00						08:45 - 09:00
09:00 - 09:15						09:00 - 09:15
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10:00 - 10:15	Break	Break	Break			10:00 - 10:15
10:15 - 10:30						10:15 - 10:30
10:30 - 10:45	PAO OPENING CEREMONY					10:30 - 10:45
10:45 - 11:00						10:45 - 11:00
11:00 - 11:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	11:00 - 11:15
11:15 - 11:30	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	11:15 - 11:30
11:30 - 11:45						11:30 - 11:45
11:45 - 12:00						11:45 - 12:00
12:00 - 12:15						12:00 - 12:15
12:15 - 12:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	12:15 - 12:30
12:30 - 12:45	CATARACT	GLAUCOMA Gonioscopy and Anterior Segment Imaging: Correlations and Dilemmas	UVEITIS Paradigm Shifts in Ocular Tuberculosis	NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY Bizarre Visual Symptoms: Approach to Diagnosis	OCULOPLASTICS & ORBIT Advanced Eyelid Surgery: Accuracy, Stability, and Functional Aesthetics	12:30 - 12:45
12:45 - 13:00						12:45 - 13:00
13:00 - 13:15						13:00 - 13:15
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14:00 - 14:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	14:00 - 14:15
14:15 - 14:30	EXTERNAL DISEASES & CORNEA Philippines-Thailand Joint Symposium	RETINA Pushing Surgical Boundaries: New Tools, New Techniques, New Possibilities	PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY & STRABISMUS Managing Aphakia after Pediatric Cataract Surgery	NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY Practical Neuro-Ophthalmology: Clinics, Crises, and Care Systems	OCULAR PATHOLOGY	14:15 - 14:30
14:30 - 14:45						14:30 - 14:45
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15:30 - 15:45				Break		15:30 - 15:45
15:45 - 16:00		Break	Break	YOUNG OPHTHALMOLOGISTS Beyond the Charts: Trivia & Taproom	Break	15:45 - 16:00
16:00 - 16:15						16:00 - 16:15
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DAY 2 | OCTOBER 1 | THURSDAY

	Function Room 1	Function Room 2	Function Room 3	Meeting Rooms 4-6	Meeting Rooms 7-9	
08:30 - 08:45	GLAUCOMA Basics, Innovations, and Options in Glaucoma Surgery	RETINA Seeing Beyond the Visible: How Retinal Imaging is Redefining Retina Care	OCULOPLASTICS & ORBIT Innovations in Orbital Surgery: Precision, Reconstruction, and Discovery	PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY & STRABISMUS Vision and Neurodevelopment in Early Life: Milestones to Management	LOW VISION Low Vision Workshop: Optical Devices for Dummies	08:30 - 08:45
08:45 - 09:00						08:45 - 09:00
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10:00 - 10:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	10:00 - 10:15
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10:30 - 10:45	COSME NAVAL MEMORIAL LECTURE					10:30 - 10:45
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11:15 - 11:30						11:15 - 11:30
11:30 - 11:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	11:30 - 11:45
11:45 - 12:00	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY LUNCH SYMPOSIUM	11:45 - 12:00
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12:30 - 12:45						12:30 - 12:45
12:45 - 13:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	12:45 - 13:00
13:00 - 13:15	Clinical Minds: THE JORGE G. CAMARA CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CASE COMPETITION	ROP Ethical Crossroads in Retinopathy of Prematurity	EXTERNAL DISEASES & CORNEA Beyond the Surface: Innovative Skills and Emerging Techniques in External Eye and Corneal Disease	PRACTICE MANAGEMENT Practice Management in the Era of Accountability: Efficiency, Ethics, and Sustainability in Ophthalmology	INTERESTING CASE REPORT CONTEST	13:00 - 13:15
13:15 - 13:30						13:15 - 13:30
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14:30 - 14:45	Break	Break	Break	Break		14:30 - 14:45
14:45 - 15:00	REFRACTIVE SURGERY		PAO-APOTS JOINT SESSION ON OPHTHALMIC TRAUMA	GENETICS Genes Within Reach: Expanding Access to Diagnosis and Treatment		14:45 - 15:00
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18:00 - 24:00	FELLOWSHIP NIGHT					18:00 - 24:00

DAY 3 | OCTOBER 2 | FRIDAY

	Function Room 1	Function Room 2	Function Room 3	Meeting Rooms 4-6	Meeting Rooms 7-9	
09:00 - 09:15	REFRACTIVE SURGERY Beyond Boundaries: Safe, Strategic Refractive Surgery in High Myopia	PBO RTO Symposium for Ophthalmology Training Leaders Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Residency Training: Friend or Foe?	RETINA From Consensus to Clinics: Key Updates from the 2025-2026 APVRS Guidelines and Its Implications to Patient Care	OCULAR ONCOLOGY		09:00 - 09:15
09:15 - 09:30						09:15 - 09:30
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10:30 - 10:45	Break	Break	Break	Break		10:30 - 10:45
10:45 - 11:00	EXTERNAL DISEASES & CORNEA Cornea Essentials for the General Ophthalmologist	GLAUCOMA The Optic Nerve: Diagnosing and Treating Glaucomatous Optic Nerve Damage	CATARACT Skills Transfer from ECCE to Phaco: A Training Perspective	ETHICS Seeing with Integrity: Ethics and Professionalism Across Pillars		10:45 - 11:00
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13:30 - 13:45	Break	Break	Break	Break		13:30 - 13:45
13:45 - 14:00	SCORED 2 by PCSI	COMMUNITY OPHTHALMOLOGY Missions, Models, and Multisectoral Engagement	UVEITIS Pearls in Managing Complications of Uveitis	FILM FESTIVAL		13:45 - 14:00
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15:30 - 15:45	LIBORIO MANGUBAT MEMORIAL LECTURE					15:30 - 15:45
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16:30 - 16:45	Break					16:30 - 16:45
16:45 - 17:00	PAO BUSINESS MEETING					16:45 - 17:00
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17:30 - 17:45						17:30 - 17:45
17:45 - 18:00	CLOSING CEREMONY					17:45 - 18:00
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