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نحييكم من بلاد الشمس، سورية، حيث اخترعت أول أبجدية في التاريخ، ولحّنت أول مقطوعة موسيقية في العالم ..

يسرنا الترحيب بكم في مؤتمر أكاديميا - سورية ٢٠٢٦ لتبادل الخبرات في مجال طب وجراحة العيون. يتميز هذا المؤتمر بأنه يركز على التخصصات الدقيقة لتعميقها ونقل آخر ما توصل إليه العالم. هذا العام، يركز المؤتمر على الحول والساد والزرق والقرنية المخروطية والجراحة الانكسارية. ويتضمن المؤتمر ورشات عمل على عيون اصطناعية لتدريب مقيمي التخصص على عمليات الساد والزرق في مشافي وزارة التعليم العالي ووزارة الصحة في الجمهورية العربية السورية. كما يتضمن المؤتمر معرضاً للتجهيزات الطبية العينية ومعرضاً للكتب الطبية. وبكل فخر، يشارك في المؤتمر نخبة فذة من المحاضرين الدوليين ذوي الخبرة والحضور الأكاديمي في المحافل العلمية العالمية، وذلك لتبادل الأفكار والمهارات مع الخبرات الوطنية في سورية.

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نتطلع قدماً للترحيب بكم في مدينة الياسمين، دمشق، أقدم مدينة مأهولة في التاريخ.

Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Honored Guests,

We welcome you from the land of the sun, Syria—where the first alphabet in history was invented and the world's first musical composition was written.

We are delighted to welcome you to the Academia Syria 2026 Conference for the exchange of expertise in ophthalmology and eye surgery. This conference focuses on subspecialties to deepen knowledge and share the latest global advancements. This year's key topics include strabismus, cataracts, glaucoma, keratoconus, and refractive surgery.

The program features hands-on workshops using artificial eyes to train resident physicians in cataract and glaucoma surgeries, hosted by hospitals under the Ministry of Higher Education and the Ministry of Health in the Syrian Arab Republic. It also includes exhibitions for ophthalmic medical equipment and medical literature. We are proud to host an elite group of international lecturers with distinguished academic and global standing, collaborating with national experts in Syria to share ideas and skills.

This valuable opportunity is made possible through the generous patronage of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the Ministry of Health of the Syrian Arab Republic. It allows us to exchange expertise, build the foundations of clinical and surgical practice according to international standards, and establish global scientific networks.

We look forward to welcoming you to the City of Jasmine, Damascus—the oldest continuously inhabited city in history.



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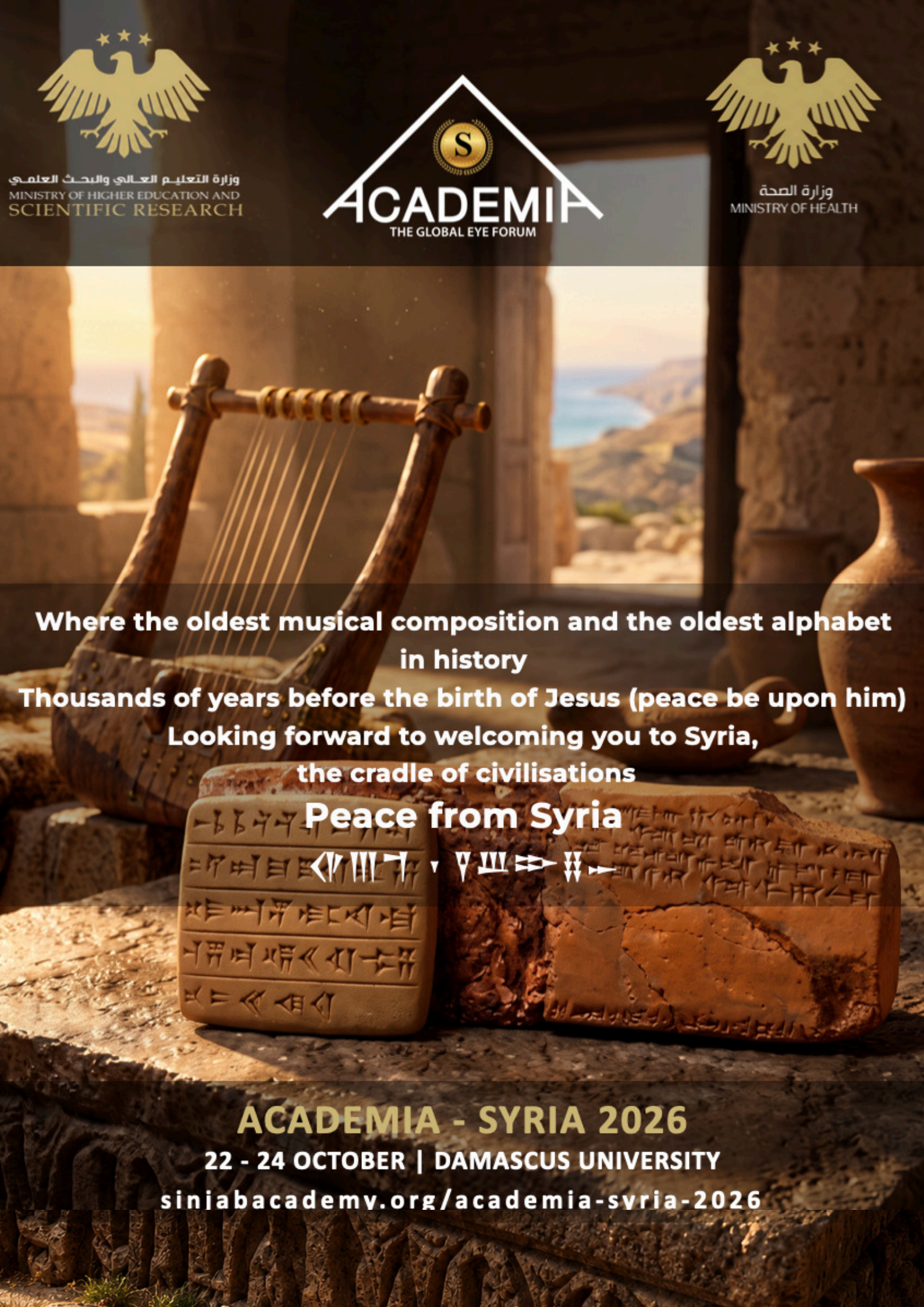
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Where the oldest musical composition and the oldest alphabet in history

Thousands of years before the birth of Jesus (peace be upon him)

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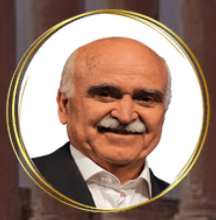

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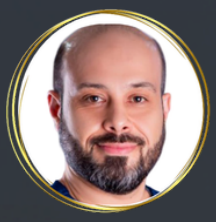
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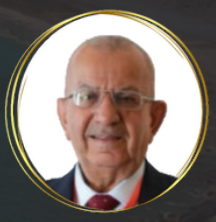

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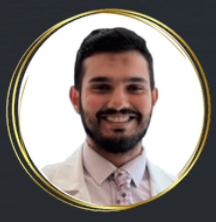

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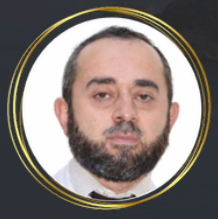

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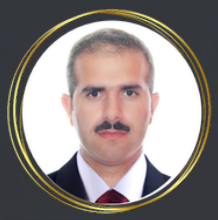

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Opening Ceremony

Thursday 22 October · 13:30 – 15:00

1	Ahead of the Future	**Prof. Mazen Sinjab** *Conference President*
2	Syria: Back to The Future	
3	Word of the Minister of Health	**Dr. Musaab Alali**
4	Word of the Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research	**Prof. Marwan Alhalabi**
5	Through the lens of time	**Prof. Aly Sergie**
6	Beyond Expectations	**Prof. Muawyah Albdour**
7	Leading the Power	**Dr. Noha Alfayoumi**
8	Opening the Medical Exhibition by their Highness the Ministers	



PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Thursday 22 October 2026

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09:00 – 09:30	Refractive Course p. 19	—
09:30 – 10:00		Myopia Management p. 23
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11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:30	Research Workshop p. 20	—
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15:00 – 16:00	Innovations p. 21	Low Vision Aids p. 24
16:00 – 17:00	Squint Course p. 22	—
17:00 – 17:30	Coffee Break	
17:30 – 18:30	Cataract Course p. 22	Ocularist Course p. 24

Main Hall Optometry Workshops

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Friday 23 October 2026

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09:00 – 10:30	The International Keratoconus Society Session p. 25	—
10:30 – 12:00	Cataract Session 1 p. 25	Workshop in Orthoptics p. 30
12:00 – 14:00	Jumaa Prayer	
14:00 – 15:15	Glaucoma Session 1 p. 26	Contact Lens Fitting p. 31
15:15 – 15:30	The New Era of Multifocal Lenses **Sponsored by Rayner**	Rayner Your skill. Our vision. p. 27
15:30 – 15:45	Z8-CLEAR - What is beyond the Femto? **Sponsored by Ziemer**	ziemer OPHTHALMOLOGY p. 27
15:45 – 16:45	ACADEMIA Prize Competition p. 27	—
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 18:00	Free Paper Session 1 p. 29	Workup for Cataract Surgery p. 31
18:00 – 19:30	Squint Session 1 p. 30	—

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Saturday 24 October 2026

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09:00 – 10:30	Refractive Surgery Session p. 32	—
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Glaucoma Session 2 p. 33	Pediatric Optometry p. 37
12:30 – 13:30	Free Paper Session 2 p. 34	Workshop for Keratoconus p. 37
13:30 – 14:30	Coffee Break	
14:30 – 16:00	Squint Session 2 p. 35	—
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:00	Ophthalmologist & Optometrist Fun Club	
17:00 – 18:30	Cataract Session 2 p. 36	—

See You Next Year!

Main Hall Optometry Workshops

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THURSDAY 22 October 2026

MAIN HALL

Refractive Surgery Course

Optimizing The Outcomes

09:00 – 10:00

MODERATOR Osama Giledi

PANELLISTS Sami Alrabyiah · Abdelrahman Salman

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:00 – 09:10	Optimizing ocular surface	**Mazen Sinjab**
09:10 – 09:20	Role of corneal epithelium in refractive surgery	**Osama Giledi**
09:20 – 09:30	High myopia: What to do?	**Yusuf Yildirm**
09:30 – 09:40	High hyperopia: What to do?	**Buraa Kubaisi**
09:40 – 09:50	High astigmatism: What to do?	**Sami Alrabyiah**
09:50 – 10:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	



THURSDAY 22 October 2026

MAIN HALL

Glaucoma Course

10:00 – 11:00

Medical, Laser, or Surgery: When, Why, and for Whom?

MODERATOR Ahmed Mostafa

PANELLISTS Yusra Haddeh · Basel Alfaouri · Sherif Ekram

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:00 – 10:10	The truth about glaucoma medical therapy	Tarek Shaarawy
10:10 – 10:20	SLT as first-line therapy: Evidence, patient selection, and real-world practice	Gdih Gdih
10:20 – 10:30	Small opening, big impact: Mastering laser peripheral iridotomy	Noha Alfayoumi
10:30 – 10:40	Juvenile angle-closure glaucoma: When LPI is not enough	Ahmed Mostafa
10:40 – 10:50	Beyond drops and laser: Choosing the right surgery for the right patient	Mohamed Alkoukou
10:50 – 11:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	

MAIN HALL

Research Workshop

11:30 – 12:30

Be Involved Precisely

MODERATOR Muawyah Albdour

PANELLISTS Nour Aldeen Alkhateeb · Abir Kudsi · Nawras Alhalabi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:30 – 11:50	How to find your research question	Hashem Abu Serhan
11:50 – 12:10	Structure of a scientific paper (IMRAD)	Wissam Zam
12:10 – 12:30	Manuscript submission and peer review	Hashem Abu Serhan



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MAIN HALL

Retina Course

Enlightening The Cave

12:30 – 13:30

MODERATOR Arwa Azmeh PANELLISTS Samer Alkhalil · Abdulaziz Badla

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 – 12:45	The art of managing the macular oedema	Abdulaziz Badla
12:45 – 13:00	Anti-VEGF treatment for wet AMD	Arwa Azmeh
13:00 – 13:10	Update on treatment of dry AMD and geographic atrophy	Samer Alkhalil
13:10 – 13:30	Case presentation and panel discussion	Nabil Refka

MAIN HALL

Opening Ceremony

13:30 – 15:00

MAIN HALL

Innovations

All Roads Lead to Damascus

15:00 – 16:00

MODERATORS Hamza Almajidi · Sameh Issa

PANELLISTS Wahib Wahbeh · Gdih Gdih · Ramez Bitar

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
15:00 – 15:15	Eye-guided smile design	Mohamed Al Hraisi
15:15 – 15:30	Recent advances in ocular drug delivery systems	Samer Hosha
15:30 – 15:45	Rethinking routine: Myths in everyday ophthalmology	Hashem Abu Serhan
15:45 – 16:00	From genes to vision: An introduction to genetic counseling	Nawras Alhalabi



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MAIN HALL

Squint Course

16:00 – 17:00

What should every ophthalmologist know about strabismus

MODERATORS Feras Alhassan · Jamal Bleik

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00 – 17:00	What should every ophthalmologist know about strabismus	Ibrahim Eladawi

MAIN HALL

Cataract Course

17:30 – 18:30

Thinking and Acting Differently

MODERATOR Khaled Khalifa

PANELLISTS Talal Habboush · Wael Dughmush · Hassan Mahfouz

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:30 – 17:40	Preoperative planning: Setting the stage for success	Hamdi Alquoqa
17:40 – 17:50	Tips & tricks for incisions, OVDs, and capsulorhexis	Hassan Khaled
17:50 – 18:00	Tips & tricks for hydrodissection, nucleus management, and phacoemulsification	Sherif Ekram
18:00 – 18:10	Tips & tricks for cortical cleanup, IOL implantation, and wound closure	Khaled Khalifa
18:10 – 18:20	Managing intraoperative challenges: Prevention, recognition, and decision-making	Safwan Al Bayati
18:20 – 18:30	*Discussion and Q&A*	



THURSDAY 22 October 2026

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Myopia Management

09:30 – 11:00

MODERATORS Hawa Alshereiqi · Mustafa Abdu

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:30 – 09:45	Epidemiology of myopia	Zoelfigar D. Mohamed
09:45 – 10:00	Myopia control strategies: Optical management	Mustafa Abdu
10:00 – 10:15	Myopia control strategies: Pharmacological	Siba Sharba
10:15 – 10:30	Myopia control strategies: Red light	Hawa Alshereiqi
10:30 – 10:45	Myopia control with Ortho-K lenses	Ammar Idris
10:45 – 11:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Workup for a Refractive Surgery Candidate

12:30 – 13:30

MODERATORS Hawa Alshereiqi · Dalin Bani Al Margih

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 – 12:45	Role of optometrists in laser vision correction	Dalin Bani Al Margih
12:45 – 13:00	Patient selection (good candidate)	Dalin Bani Al Margih
13:00 – 13:15	Types of refractive surgery	Mazen Sinjab
13:15 – 13:30	Post LVC surgery follow up	Hawa Alshereiqi



THURSDAY 22 October 2026

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Low Vision Aids

15:00 – 16:00

MODERATORS Zoelfigar D. Mohamed · Mustafa Abdu

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
15:00 – 16:00	Low vision experience and tools	**Faisal Baroudi**

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Ocularist Course

17:30 – 18:30

MODERATORS Saad Charbak · Saad Al Anbari

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:30 – 17:45	Orbital prosthesis and artificial eyes	**Hossin Al Malouhi**
17:45 – 18:00	Expectations of the surgeon and the patient from the ocularist	**Saad Charbak**
18:00 – 18:15	Microphthalmia	**Ayman Kake**
18:15 – 18:30	Artificial eye using GPT method	**Saad Al Anbari**



FRIDAY 23 October 2026

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

MAIN HALL

The International Keratoconus Society Session

Climbing The Mountain Carefully

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATORS Ioannis Pallikaris · Rashid Alsaidi · Tarek Elnaggar

TIME	ROUND TABLE
09:00 – 10:30	• To treat or not to treat • Best treatment options • Avoiding complications **Tarek Elnaggar · Safwan Al Bayati · Abdelrahman Salman · Marwan Ghabra · Osama Giledi · Sami Alrabyiah · Waleed Altuwairqi · Khaled Ayesh · Miltos Balidis**

MAIN HALL

Cataract Session 1

Let's Put All on The Table

10:30 – 12:00

MODERATOR Safwan Al Bayati

PANELLISTS Yahya Neama · Ziad Oyoun · Farid Tayfour

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30 – 10:40	Optimizing IOL selection: Choosing the right lens for the right patient	**Khaled Khalifa**
10:40 – 10:50	IOL extraction when and how	**Yahya Neama**
10:50 – 11:00	Decision-making in challenging cataract surgery	**Hassan Khaled**
11:00 – 11:10	Correction of astigmatism in modern cataract surgery	**Osama Giledi**
11:10 – 11:20	When a multifocal IOL becomes a nightmare	**Tarek Elnaggar**
11:20 – 11:40	OMG, what should I do!	**Safwan Al Bayati**
11:40 – 12:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	



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Glaucoma Session 1

14:00 – 15:15

Tailoring Glaucoma Care: The Right Treatment for the Right Patient

MODERATOR Yusra Haddeh

PANELLISTS Noha Alfayoumi · Ahmed Mostafa · Basel Alfaouri

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14:00 – 14:10	Necrotizing scleritis after diode CPC: Early diagnosis is critical	**Ahmed Mostafa**
14:10 – 14:20	Complex medical decision-making in glaucoma: Beyond the drops decision	**Muneer Otri**
14:20 – 14:30	Beyond the bleb: Modern monitoring and wound-healing modulation after filtering surgery	**Somar Hassan**
14:30 – 14:40	When deep sclerectomy gets complicated: An evidence-based case	**Hassan Khaled**
14:40 – 14:50	The tube–cornea dilemma: Corneal endothelial failure after glaucoma drainage device implantation	**Ali Alsheikheh**
14:50 – 15:00	When glaucoma surgery fails: Revise, reoperate, or switch?	**Basel Alfaouri**
15:00 – 15:10	ClearPath 250 & 350 in complex glaucoma: Choosing the right device for the right patient	**Sherif Ekram**
15:10 – 15:15	Complex glaucoma: What would you do?	*Panel Discussion*



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Satellite

15:15 – 15:45

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
15:15 – 15:30	Galaxy - The New Era of Multifocal Lenses **Sponsored by Rayner**	Miltos Balidis
15:30 – 15:45	Z8-CLEAR - What is beyond the Femto? **Sponsored by Ziemer**	Abdulhadi Al Khateeb

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ACADEMIA Prize Competition

15:45 – 16:45

JURY BOARD Arwa Azmeh · Yusra Haddeh · Muawyah Albdour · Malek Al Atawi · Noha Alfayoumi · Nawras Alhalabi · Sherif Ekram · Hashem Abu Serhan

TIME	TOPIC	COMPETITOR
15:45 – 15:50	Occupational ocular trauma	Bakri Roumi Jamal
15:50 – 15:55	Traditional eye medicine in Syria: Between fact, fiction, and preventable crisis	Mohammed Ghiath Shaheen
15:55 – 16:00	AI mental dependence	Omar Alemam
16:00 – 16:05	Predicting visual acuity change by OCT and OCTA biomarkers in diabetic macular edema	Mai Alhelaly
16:05 – 16:10	Central corneal thickness in a Syrian cohort measured by Scheimpflug tomography	Hala Almohi Alsaid Mushaweh



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ACADEMIA Prize Competition *continued*

15:45 – 16:45

TIME	TOPIC	COMPETITOR
16:10 – 16:15	Adapting and validating AI models for glaucoma diagnosis and progression prediction in low-resource settings	**Asmaa Hejazi**
16:15 – 16:20	Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular safety signals of intravitreal anti-VEGF therapy	**Mahmoud Elgazzar**
16:20 – 16:25	Bilateral optic neuropathy following cranial vault surgery in a child with suspected syndromic craniosynostosis	**Joudi Herh**
16:25 – 16:30	Correlation between Fourier series coefficients of peripapillary RNFL thickness curve (TSNIT chart) and refractive errors.	**Bilal Al-Assadi**
16:30 – 16:35	A novel smartphone-based pachymetry technique using deep learning model	**Obaida Al Mashhour**

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Free Paper Session 1

17:00 – 18:00

MODERATOR Khaled Ayesh

PANELLISTS Osama Giledi · Rahaf Al Deghli · Talal Mahsoun

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:00 – 17:07	Presentation 1: Evidence-based management of challenging anterior segment cases	**Bashir Alnajjar**
17:07 – 17:14	Presentation 2: Zero OVD phaco: A viscoelastic-free technique for modern cataract surgery	**Islam Zayed**
17:14 – 17:21	Presentation 3: Staged surgical management of severe congenital lower lid ectropion using lateral tarsal strip, midface lift, and scleral spacer graft	**Sara Moustafa**
17:21 – 17:28	Presentation 4: The effect of SMILE cap thickness variation on corneal biomechanical stability parameters	**Mohamed Ghazi**
17:28 – 17:35	Presentation 5: Role of dichoptic therapy in amblyopia: A promising intervention beyond the critical period	**Adnan Shallal AL Hassani**
17:35 – 17:42	Presentation 6: Congenital colour vision defects - a cross sectional study	**Yaman Alhusain**
17:42 – 18:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	

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Squint Session 1

Alignment of Pisa Tower

18:00 – 19:30

MODERATORS Ibrahim Eladawi · Jamal Bleik

PANELLISTS Walaa Alsaka · Mohamed Alnajjar

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
18:00 – 18:10	Surgery for Brown syndrome	Ibrahim Eladawi
18:10 – 18:20	The strabismus surgeon's toolbox: Pearls, preferences, and innovations	Samer Hajjo
18:20 – 18:30	Lost medial rectus muscle: Prevention and management	Mohammad Halabia
18:30 – 18:40	Highlights of new surgical techniques	Feras Alhassan
18:40 – 18:50	Inferior oblique surgery: Expanding the surgical options	Samer Hajjo
18:50 – 19:00	Sixth nerve palsy	Mohamed Alnajjar
19:00 – 19:30	*Discussion and Q&A*	

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Workshop in Orthoptics

10:30 – 12:00

MODERATORS Dalin Bani Al Margih · Nasser Alshamli

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30 – 12:00	• Introduction to orthoptics • Binocular vision • Eye movement and amblyopia • Neurological disorders	Fahima Karolia



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Contact Lens Fitting

14:00 – 15:15

MODERATORS Nasser Alshamli · Mustafa Abdu

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14:00 – 14:25	Challenges in soft toric contacts	Zoelfigar D. Mohamed
14:25 – 14:50	The efficacy of GP lenses in correcting HOAs in KC patients	Mustafa Abdu
14:50 – 15:15	The scleral contact lenses	Nasser Alshamli

OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Workup for Cataract Patients

17:00 – 18:00

MODERATORS Fahima Karolia · Buraa Kubaisi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:00 – 17:15	Step-by-step dealing with cataract patients	Buraa Kubaisi
17:15 – 17:30	Examinations for IOLs & IOLs selection	Mazen Sinjab
17:30 – 17:45	Orthoptics for unsatisfied patients	Fahima Karolia
17:45 – 18:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	



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Refractive Surgery Session

Out of The Box Vision

09:00 – 10:30

MODERATOR Waleed Altuwairqi

PANELLISTS Tarek Elnaggar · Safwan Al Bayati · Buraa Kubaisi

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
09:00 – 09:10	When TPTK is better than other options	Yahya Neama
09:10 – 09:20	Road map to presbyopic success	Miltos Balidis
09:20 – 09:30	Irregular cornea: What comes first?	Safwan Al Bayati
09:30 – 09:40	Rules of bioptics	Sami Alrabyiah
09:40 – 09:50	Getting out of the trouble	Khaled Ayesh
09:50 – 10:00	Challenging cases	Abdelrahman Salman
10:00 – 10:10	Presbia inlay	Ioannis Pallikaris
10:10 – 10:20	Presbyopia correction with XENIA implant	Marwan Ghabra
10:20 – 10:30	*Discussion and Q&A*	



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Glaucoma Session 2

Challenging the Limits: Complex Cases in Glaucoma Management

11:00 – 12:30

MODERATOR Tarek Shaarawy

PANELLISTS Gdih Gdih · Hassan Khaled · Ali Alsheikheh

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:00 – 11:10	Setting the Target IOP: How Low	Gdih Gdih
11:10 – 11:20	Treat or Watch	Muneer Otri
11:20 – 11:30	Interventional Glaucoma: An Era of Highly Individualized Glaucoma Surgery	Somar Hassan
11:30 – 11:40	GATT in the Surgical Glaucoma Algorithm: When, Why, and for Whom?	Sherif Ekram
11:40 – 11:50	New Frontiers in Childhood Glaucoma Surgery: Unlocking Schlemm's Canal	Ali Alsheikheh
11:50 – 12:00	PreserFlo MicroShunt: Standalone vs Combined with Phacoemulsification in POAG — A 24-Month Prospective Comparative Evaluation	Hassan Khaled
12:00 – 12:10	The New Era of Glaucoma Implants: Choosing the Right Device for the Right Patient	Tarek Shaarawy
12:10 – 12:30	*Panel Discussion: The Right Treatment for the Right Patient — How Do We Really Choose?*	



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Free Paper 2

12:30 – 13:30

MODERATOR Ammar Kayali **PANELLISTS** Yasser Habrawi · Ghazwan Almorie

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 – 12:37	Presentation 1: Modern advanced-technology intraocular lenses - case report	Yehia Dali
12:37 – 12:44	Presentation 2: Post-PRK haze: Prevention and management	Abdulrahman Najjoum
12:44 – 12:51	Presentation 3: Glaucoma—or myopia? When structure meets function	Wessam Alali
12:51 – 12:58	Presentation 4: True or myth?: Challenging dogma with modern evidence	Mohamed Shabllot
12:58 – 13:05	Presentation 5: Artificial corneal transplant	Didar Anwar
13:05 – 13:12	Presentation 6: Beyond evisceration: When a blind eye still deserves a chance	Marios Hakim
13:12 – 13:19	Latest advances in ptosis surgery	Muhammed Khaldoun Muallem
13:19 – 13:30	*Discussion and Q&A*	

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Squint Session 2

A Case that Taught Me a Lesson

14:30 – 16:00

MODERATORS Samer Hajjo · Jamal Bleik

PANELLISTS Lina Tomeh Gazzol · Mohammad Halabia

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
14:30 – 14:45	Case 1	Ibrahim Eladawi
14:45 – 15:00	Case 2	Lina Tomeh Gazzol
15:00 – 15:15	Case 3	Mohammad Halabia
15:15 – 15:30	Case 4	Feras Alhassan
15:30 – 16:00	*Discussion and Q&A*	



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Cataract Session 2

Video Session on Complicated Cases in Cataract

17:00 – 18:30

MODERATOR Marwan Ghabra

PANELLISTS Abdelrazzak Al Kilani · Roua Abdulrahman

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:00 – 17:10	Case 1: Zero power, maximum impact: Why implant a 0.0 D IOL in extreme myopia?	Sherif Ekram
17:10 – 17:20	Case 2: Cornea guttata and phacoemulsification: How safe can we go?	Hassan Khaled
17:20 – 17:30	Case 3: What a surprise under the snow	Khaled Khalifa
17:30 – 17:40	Case 4: LIDRS (lens iris diaphragm retropulsion syndrome)	Nabil Refka
17:40 – 17:50	Case 5: Subluxated IOL, save or change?	Khaled Ayesh
17:50 – 18:00	Case 6: Traumatic cataract	Miltos Balidis
18:00 – 18:30	*Discussion and Q&A*	



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OPTOMETRY WORKSHOPS

Pediatric Optometry

11:00 – 12:30

MODERATORS Ayman Kake · Firas Rostom

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11:00 – 11:30	Dealing with a child in optometry clinic	Hawa Alshereiqi
11:30 – 11:50	The importance of BV investigations	Fahima Karolia
11:50 – 12:10	Vision therapy & binocular balancing	
12:10 – 12:30	When we refer a child to ophthalmological care	Firas Rostom

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Keratoconus Workshop

12:30 – 13:30

MODERATORS Zoelfigar D. Mohamed · Mazen Sinjab

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 – 12:50	Refraction	Hawa Alshereiqi
12:50 – 13:10	Diagnosis	Zoelfigar D. Mohamed
13:10 – 13:30	Treatment options	Hawa Alshereiqi

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