

The Inaugural

Australian Eye Health Summit

Policy, Research & Innovation

14th & 15th September 2010 | Sydney Harbour Marriott at Circular Quay



Featuring a wide spectrum of national eye health experts including:

Sophie Plumridge, Director of Policy and Programs, **Vision 2020 Australia**

Emma Stanford, Research Fellow, Indigenous Eye Health Unit, Melbourne School of Population Health, **The University of Melbourne**

Dr Philip J Anderton B.Optom Ph.D, **Rural Optometrist Group, Optometrist Association Australia (National Division)**

Ian L McAllister, Professor of Ophthalmology, **Lions Eye Institute, Centre for Ophthalmology & Visual Science, University of Western Australia**

Professor Robyn Guymer MB BS PhD FRANZCO, Head of Macular Research Unit, **Centre for Eye Research Australia, University of Melbourne, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital**

Peter Larsen, Managing Director, **Specsavers Pty Ltd**

Grant Hannaford, Optical Dispenser, **Hannaford Eyewear, & Vice President, Australasian Dispensing Opticians Association**

Andrew Harris, President & Chairman of the Board, **Optometrists Association Australia**

Brian Doolan, Chief Executive Officer, **The Fred Hollows Foundation, & Member of the Board of Trustees, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness**

Key international contributions from:

Learn from the World Eye Center, the world's largest private eye hospital



Selin Yıldırım Peker, Executive Vice President, **World Eye Hospital Group, Turkey, & President, Turkish Medical Tourism Development Council**

Hear about ongoing and new research from the Aravind Eye Care System, the largest eye care facility in the world



Dr M Srinivasan, Director, **Arvind Eye Care System, India**

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DAY ONE

Tuesday 14th September 2010

8:30 Registration and coffee

9:00 Opening remarks by the Chair



Networking

Spend a few moments meeting with your peers and fellow professionals

CURRENT OUTLOOK

9:10

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Countdown to 2020: a plan to eliminate avoidable blindness in Australia and our region

Sophie Plumridge, Director of Policy and Programs, Vision 2020 Australia

9:40

The social and economic costs of visual impairment – national and international perspectives

- Measuring the burden of low vision and blindness
- The impact of vision loss in Australia
- The global cost of visual impairment

Adam Gordois, Principal Health Economist, Access Economics

10:20

Morning tea and networking

10:40

Australian policy initiatives

- Increasing early detection and access to care
- Working in partnerships
- Improving the quality of eye care services
- Streamlining the delivery of eye health care

11:20

Research in Indigenous eye health

- Outline of recent research
- National Indigenous Eye Health survey
- Clean faces, strong eyes, a trachoma health promotion project
- Provision of Indigenous Eye Health Services report
- Research program: current challenges

Emma Stanford, Research Fellow, Indigenous Eye Health Unit, Melbourne School of Population Health, The University of Melbourne

12:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

How does leading a healthy lifestyle affect eye health?

- How our diet can affect the health of our eyes
- The impact of smoking
- Effectively managing diabetes to improve eye health

Kady Brandon, Optometrist, & President, Queensland Vision Initiative

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12:50

Lunch

THE FUTURE OF EYECARE PROFESSIONALS

1:50

The future of ophthalmology

- Training and education

2:30

Mainstream optometry – the big picture

Andrew Harris, President & Chairman of the Board, Optometrists Association Australia

3:10

Afternoon tea

3:30

Rural optometry in Australia: closing the gap between rural and urban eye health care

Dr Philip J Anderton B.Optom Ph.D, Rural Optometrist Group, Optometrist Association Australia (National Division)

4:10

Ophthalmic nursing

- Increasing early detection
- Providing education and management strategies to patients
- Furthering education and training

4:50

Closing remarks from the Chair

5:00

End of day one

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inaugural Hospital Reform Summit

16th & 17th August 2010, Melbourne

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2nd Annual Integrated Cancer Centres Symposium

8th & 9th September 2010, Melbourne

www.informa.com.au/cancercentres

Healthcare Planning and Design Summit

28th & 29th September 2010, Sydney

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Health Summit



DAY TWO

Wednesday 15th September 2010

9:00 Opening remarks by the Chair

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

9:10 **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Medical tourism: the World Eye Hospital Group

- Success story of an eye hospital chain – one-stop-shop for eye care
- The rise of medical tourism for eye treatments
- How the global economic crisis has played a major role in the increase of medical tourism, particularly in Turkey
- Why are medical care packages attractive to patients?



Selin Yıldırım Peker, Executive Vice President, **World Eye Hospital Group, Turkey**, & President, **Turkish Medical Tourism Development Council**

10:00 **INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDY**

Eye banking and eye disease prevention

- Eye banking in India
- Prevention of corneal ulcers in rural population



Dr M Srinivasan, Director, **Aravind Eye Care System**

10:50 **Overcoming avoidable blindness – Australia's role in a global movement**

- The state of Australian Indigenous eye health
- Vision 2020: The Right to Sight – a global strategy

Brian Doolan, Chief Executive Officer, **The Fred Hollows Foundation**, & Member of the Board of Trustees, **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness**

11:30 Morning tea & networking

EYE RETAIL

11:50 **The new push for all inclusive eye health services**

- Creating Australia's first one-stop-shop eye clinic
- Early diagnostic services to detect glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetes
- Collaborating effectively with ophthalmologists, optometrists and optical dispensers

Dr Harry Unger, Chief Executive Officer, **Eyscan Australia**

12:30 Lunch

1:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

The future of the eye retail market

- Competition
- Consolidation
- Emerging markets
- Regulation/deregulation

Peter Larsen, Managing Director, **Specsavers Pty Ltd**
Kevin Reece, Managing Director, **GlassesOnline**
Grant Hannaford, Optical Dispenser, **Hannaford Eyewear**, & Vice President, **Australasian Dispensing Opticians Association**

INNOVATIONS IN EYE HEALTH

2:20 **Towards a bionic eye**

- Who will benefit from a bionic eye?
- How far have we got in achieving a retinal neuroprosthesis?

Professor Robyn Guymer MB BS PhD FRANZCO, Head, Macular Research Unit, **Centre for Eye Research Australia**, **University of Melbourne**, **Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital**

3:00 Afternoon tea

3:20 **Current and future trends in laser eye surgery for retinal disorders**

- Current utilisation of lasers in retinal disorders, diabetic retinopathy, retinal abnormalities, retinal vein occlusion and macular degeneration
- Retinal vein bypass project
- Future trends in advances for treatment of retinal disorders

Ian L McAllister, Professor of Ophthalmology, **Lions Eye Institute**, Centre for Ophthalmology & Visual Science, **University of Western Australia**

4:00 **Innovations in refractive surgery**

- Treating presbyopia
- Australia at the forefront of eye procedure innovation
- Turning back the clock on ageing eyes
- Eliminating or reducing the need for glasses

Dr Patrick Versace, **Vision Eye Institute, Bondi**, & Refractive & Cataract Surgery, **University of NSW**

4:40 Closing remarks from the Chair

4:50 Close of conference

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