



PROGRAMME

CHALLENGES AND EMERGENCIES IN MODERN OPHTHALMOLOGY – EXPERT PRACTICES AND DIRECTIONS FOR SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT

16 May 2026

Rossllyn Dimyat Hotel, Varna, Bulgaria

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

16 May 2026 /Saturday/

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
09:00 – 09:10 Official opening

SESSION I: ANTERIOR OCULAR SURFACE REGENERATION (09:10–10:20)

- 09:10 – 09:40 **Biology and regenerative potential of the anterior ocular surface** –
Andreas Kontny
- 09:40 – 10:00 **The role of the amniotic membrane in anterior ocular surface
reconstruction** – Dimitar Gunev
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Limbal stem cell deficiency: future perspectives in regenerative
ophthalmology** – Maria Boyadjieva
- 10:20 – 10:45 **Poster presentations**
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

SESSION II: RETINA AND NEURO - OPHTHALMOLOGY – CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES (11:00–13:10)

- 11:00 – 11:30 **The eye as a window to the brain: how neuro-ophthalmology saves lives** –
Alexander Oscar
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Clinical case discussions** – Neviana Veleva-Krasteva
- 11:50 – 12:10 **Life-threatening emergencies mimicking common ophthalmic diagnoses**
– Salome Akhvlediani (Georgia)
- 12:10 – 12:40 **When should patients be referred for electrophysiological testing?** –
Margarita Todorova, (Switzerland)
- 12:40 – 13:10 **Contemporary Challenges in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Socially
Significant Retinal Diseases** – Polona Jaki Mekjavić, (Slovenia)
- 13:10 – 14:00 *Lunch break*



**SESSION III: OCULAR TRAUMA – ANTERIOR SEGMENT AND PERIOCCULAR REGION
(14:00–15:00)**

- 14:00 – 14:20** **Chemical and thermal ocular burns: first aid and emergency management**
–Elitsa Hristova
- 14:20 – 14:40** **Corneal trauma: reconstructive surgical techniques** – Mladena Radeva
- 14:40 – 15:00** **Eyelid and lacrimal system injuries** – Georgi Balchev
- 15:00 – 15:25** **Poster presentations**
- 15:25 – 15:40** *Coffee break*

**SESSION IV: RETINAL EMERGENCIES AND POSTERIOR SEGMENT TRAUMA
(15:10–17:30)**

- 15:40 – 16:00** **Acute vision loss in retinal diseases: diagnostic algorithms and therapeutic approaches** – Zornitsa Zlatarova
- 16:00 – 16:20** **Traumatic and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment: urgency and surgical management** – Dobrin Boyadzhiev
- 16:20 – 16:40** **Management of intraocular foreign bodies** – Dimitar Dimitrov
- 16:40 – 17:00** **Vitreoretinal surgery in ocular trauma** – Snezhana Murgova
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Усложнена травма - витреоретинален подход; анализ на клинични случаи** – José Pablo Guerra-Meniconi, Испания
- Закриване
- 19:00** **Официална вечеря**

