



SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL CONFERENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

MYOPIA DAY - 2ND EDITION

 Socio-Cultural University Complex, Str. Nicolae Testemițanu 25, Chișinău
 October 2-3, 2025

October 2, 2025 (Thursday)

LARGE CONFERENCE HALL - 2nd Floor

08:00 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Ceremony

Emil Ceban, Rector of SUMF “Nicolae Testemițanu,” Dr. hab. med., university professor, corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

Eva Gudumac, Dr. hab. med., university professor, academician of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Honored Person, vice president of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, director of the National Scientific-Practical Center of Pediatric Surgery "Acad. Natalia Gheorghiu", Department of pediatric surgery, orthopedics and anesthesiology "Natalia Gheorghiu"

Victor Lacusta, Dr. hab. med., university professor, academician of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Honored Person, head of the Department of alternative medicine

Lilia Dumbrăveanu, Ph.D. MD, associate professor, head of the Department of ophthalmology and optometry, chair of the Scientific Committee of the Moldovan Association of Orthokeratology and Management of Myopia

Stela Adauji, Dr. hab. med., associate professor, head of the Department of social pharmacy "Vasile Procopișin", head of the continuing medical education Department



Angela Cazacu Stratu, PhD MD, MPH, associate professor, Department of preventive medicine, vice-dean of the Faculty of medicine, program study public health

Valeriu Cușnir, Dr. hab. med., university professor, head of ophthalmology Clinic, president of the Glaucoma and Eye Inflammation Society from Republic of Moldova

Rodica Bîlba, Ph.D. MD, head of the medical studies of the Department of ophthalmology and optometry, president of the Moldovan Association of Orthokeratology and Myopia Management

Moderators: Prof. Sandra Blok, Prof. Langis Michaud, Assoc. Prof. Lilia Dumbraveanu

9:30 - 10:15

Lecture: Myopia Management - how clinical practice moved from treating myopia as an uncorrected refractive error to a condition that can lead loss of vision.

Prof. Sandra Blok (USA) - President, World Council of Optometry.

10:15 - 11:15

Lecture: Literature Review

Prof. Langis Michaud (Canada) - Professor, École d'optométrie of the Université de Montréal

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee Break with Sponsors

Moderators: Prof. Marino Formenti, Prof. Antonio Calossi, Prof. Valeriu Cușnir, PhD MD Rodica Bîlba, OD Patrik Simard, OD Ana Maria Sochirca

11:45 - 12:30

Lecture: Myopia management based on the best evidence

Prof. Antonio Calossi (Italy) - Professor, Florence University

12:30 - 13:00

Lecture: One Child at a Time: Case Discussion

Prof. Marino Formenti (Italy) - President, International Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

**13:00 - 13:30**

Lecture: Digital Device Use in Children: What Should We Really Tell Parents?

OD Patrick Simard (Canada) - Member of the Board of Directors, American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

13:30 - 14:00

Lecture: From Theory to Practice: The Montreal Experience Model

OD Ana Maria Sochirca (Canada)

14:00 - 14:30**Lunch Break with Sponsors**

Moderators: OD Juan Bolivar, PhD OD Jaume Paune, PhD MD Rodica Bîlba, PhD MD Vera Chiriac

14:30 - 15:00

Lecture: Myopia Control with Ortho-k: How to Improve Efficacy

PhD OD Jaume Paune (Spain) - Vice President, European Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

15:00 - 15:45

Lecture: Orthokeratology Fitting: From Start to Finish - Topography, Fluorescein, Mistakes, and Tips

Real-time Investigations

OD Juan Bolivar (Spain) - Member of the Board of Directors, European Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

15:45 - 16:15**Sponsor Presentations:**

Sponsor Presentation: SwissLens (Switzerland), OD Pierre Brémont

Sponsor Presentation: Oculus (Germany), PM Kai Mothes

Sponsor Presentation: ESW Vision (France), Ing., MBA Peter Baranovič

Sponsor Presentation: CSO (Italy), IT Claudio Baglini

Sponsor Presentation: Uraga (Lithuania), CEO Andrius Gricius

16:15 - 16:35**Coffee Break with Sponsors**



Moderators: MD Daniela Goicea, PhD MD Vera Chiriac, OD Pierre Brémont, OD Pascal Blaser

16:35 - 17:05

Lecture: Common Issues in Orthokeratology and Why?
OD Pierre Brémont (France) - Member of the Board of Directors, European Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

17:05 - 17:50

Lecture: Focus on the Patient: Advancing Myopia Care with Patient - Oriented Strategies
OD Pascal Blaser (Switzerland) - Medical Director, DACH and Global Professional Affairs Manager, Myopia

17:50 - 18:30

Lecture: Where Do Combined Therapies Stand in Myopia Management?
MD Daniela Goicea (Romania) - Coordinator of the Southeastern Europe Section, European Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

 **SMALL CONFERENCE HALL, EXPO AREA - 1st Floor**

Moderators: PhD MD Iulia Lopata, OD Nastiuc Sabina, OD Cristina Popusoi

14:30 - 16:15

Workshop: The Eye in Your Hands: Ophthalmoscopy, Tonometry, and Recognition of Inflammatory Pathologies of the Anterior Segment - Focus on Myopic Patients
PhD MD Iulia Lopata & OD Sabina Nastiuc (Moldova)



October 3, 2025 (Friday)

 **LARGE CONFERENCE HALL - 2nd Floor**

Moderators: OD Lorcan Butler, PhD MD Vera Chiriac, OD Errica Porada

08:30 - 11:00

Interactive Clinical Workshop - Dodgy Looking Discs - You've got some Nerve!



OD Lorcan Butler (UK) - Neuro-optometrist, Fellow of the European Academy of Optometry and Optics

Lecture: Maximising OCT in the differential diagnosis of papilloedema from pseudopapilloedema

OD Lorcan Butler (UK) - Neuro-optometrist, Fellow of the European Academy of Optometry and Optics

Lecture: 4 Paediatric Neuro Optometric Presentations you cannot afford to miss

OD Lorcan Butler (UK) – Neuro-optometrist, Fellow of the European Academy of Optometry and Optics

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break with Sponsors

Moderators: Assoc. Prof. Lilia Dumbrăveanu, PhD MD Rodica Bîlba, Prof. Brendan Barrett, Prof. Lagis Michaud, Prof. Valeriu Cușnir, OD Sandro Sciacca

11:30 - 11:45

Presentation: The Achievements of Optometrists in Moldova

Assoc. Prof. Lilia Dumbrăveanu (Moldova) - Head of the Department of ophthalmology and optometry SUMF “Nicolae Testemițanu”

11:45 - 12:30

Lecture: Detection and significance of uncorrected refractive error in school children

Prof. Brendan Barrett (UK) - Co-Chair of the European Qualifications Board, European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO)

12:30 - 13:30

Lecture: What do we know about myopia mechanisms and its evolution

Prof. Langis Michaud (Canada) - Professor, École d'optométrie of the Université de Montréal

13:30 - 14:00

Panel: Ophthalmologist and Optometrist - Two Perspectives, One Common Goal

PhD MD Rodica Bîlba (Moldova) - Head of the medical studies, Department of ophthalmology and optometry SUMF “Nicolae Testemițanu”



President, Moldovan Association of Orthokeratology and Myopia Management

OD Sandro Sciacca (Italy) - President, European Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control

14:00 - 14:30

Lunch Break with Sponsors

Moderators: Prof. Langis Michaud, PhD MD Vera Chiriac, PhD MD Iulia Lopata, PhD MD Cristina Pac, OD Ana Maria Sochirca

14:30 - 15:00

Lecture: Evaluation of tear film stability and meibomian glands functionality after multi-session IRPL treatment

PhD MD Cristina Pac (Romania)

15:00 - 15:30

Lecture: Case Report Presentations

Prof. Langis Michaud Professor, École d'optométrie of the Université de Montréal & OD Ana Maria Sochirca (Canada)

15:30 - 16:00

Lecture: Refractive Surgery and Myopia: Clinical Perspectives and Outcomes
PhD MD Vera Chiriac (Moldova)

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break with Sponsors

16:30 – 17:00

Lecture:

Obscurational Myopia in Partial Congenital Cataracts

Prof. Nadya Bobrova (Ukraine) - Departamentul de Oftalmologie Pediatrică la Filatov Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy, Odessa

17:00 - 17:30

Lecture: How AI Can Be Used in Myopia Diagnosis and Control



Prof. Andrzej Grzybowski (Poland) - Head of the Department of
Ophthalmology
University of Warmia and Mazury in Poland.

17:30 – 18:00

Awards Ceremony: Best Poster, Best Myopia Box, Best Eye Painting

18:00

Closing Ceremony

20:00

Gala Dinner

■ **SMALL CONFERENCE HALL - Ground Floor**

Moderators: MD Elena Chisleacova, MD Irina Rotaru, OD Stelian Curca, OD Cristina Coșula

08:30 - 11:00

Workshop: Refraction and Binocular Vision in Myopia Management

Prof. Marino Formenti & OD Chiara Pastorelli (Italy)

Hands-on session with optometric equipment

■ **EXPO AREA - 1st Floor**

Moderators: OD Cristina Coșula, OD Ecaterina Macarenco, OD Nastiuc Sabina, OD Stelian Curca

14:30 - 15:00

Workshop: All About SwissLens

OD Lisa Kurischev & OD Pierre Brémont (SwissLens, Switzerland)

Moderators: OD Cristina Coșula, OD Ecaterina Macarenco, OD Nastiuc Sabina, OD Errica Porada

15:30 - 16:00

Workshop: Ocular Surface - Patient Experiences

Ing. MBA Peter Baranovič & PhD MD Cristina Pac (ESW Vision, France)