

2021 Midyear meeting

Building networks of collaboration

COPE Activity No (pending)



Day 2

Sunday, June 27th 8:30 am –3:00 pm (US PST)

8:30 am – 8:40 am (US PST)

Welcome

8:40 am—9:40 am

A Practical and Evidence-Based Approach to Vision Screening of Children

COPE Course No 72553-PB

Bruce Moore, OD, FAAO

Professor Emeritus New England College of Optometry

Dr. Moore has devoted his career to studying the vision problems and therapeutic options for young children. His career began at the Boston Children’s Hospital Department of Ophthalmology and the Harvard Medical School, where he practiced, taught, and carried out research for 22 years. In 1997 he became Marcus Professor of Pediatric Studies at the New England College of Optometry and served as a Department Chair for over a dozen years. He is Co-Chair of the Children’s Vision Massachusetts Coalition and a member of the National Center for Children’s Vision and Eye Health. He has been working on a number of international vision care projects in Vietnam, Mongolia, Israel, Nicaragua, El Salvador, China, South Africa, Ghana and throughout Europe and leads VOSH/International Children’s Vision working group. He received the Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health from Prevent Blindness in 2016.



9:40 am—9:50 am

Break

9:50 am—10:50 am

First panel: Dominican Republic

Ely Cruz

Vice Dean Administrative Affairs Universidad Tecnológica de Santiago

Ely Cruz is a business administrator with master degrees on university education and top management. Ely is involved in the financial and infrastructure management of UTESA and has been working with VOSH/International for the donation of equipment for the school of optometry. He also volunteers to make endoscopy and colonoscopy treatments available for low-income people in his country



Enyel Rodriguez

President VOSH-FUMVISION

Enyel is the founder and director of Fundación para una Mejor Vision (Foundation for a better sight) a Dominican NGO focused on the prevention of visual impairment through the organization of humanitarian clinics and the provision of eyeglasses for low income communities. They partner with SEE International and the hospital Moscoso Puello.





Bina Patel, OD, FAAO

Faculty adviser SVOSH-NECO and member of VOSH-ONE

Dr Patel is Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Disease and the director of the Center for the International Advancement of Optometry at the New England College of Optometry. She has significant international teaching experience in primary care optometry with an emphasis on ocular disease. Dr Patel is member of the education committee and of the World Congress Scientific Committee of the World Council of Optometry (WCO), the International Optometric Education of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. Dr Patel was awarded the Dupuis-Pellerin Award for Faculty Excellence and the Carroll Martus Award for outstanding clinical instruction. In 2015, she was awarded the International Optometrist of the year by WCO and in 2016 the Humanitarian of the Year Award from VOSH International.



Ellen Weiss, OD, FVI

Past president VOSH-NE

Dr. Weiss is a past-president of VOSH/International and of VOSH-Nebraska. She also served for seven years as the coordinator and continues to volunteer for the Special Olympics Opening Eyes program. Dr Weiss is past- president of the Heart of America Contact Lens Society, past-president of the Nebraska Optometric Association, and past-president of the Millard Lions Club.



10:50 am—11:30 am

Optometry in the Caribbean: the experience of Trinidad & Tobago

Niall Farnon

Head of Optometry, University of West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago

11:30 am—11:40 am

Break

11:40—12:40

Focus on Haiti



Jean Claude Cadet, MD

Dean School of Optometry, Université d'Etat d'Haïti

Dr Cadet is an ophthalmologist and a recognized leader in the prevention of avoidable blindness and for the development of eye health professionals. He has been at the core of the development of the school of optometry in this country.



Mark Rakoczy, OD

President VOSH-Pennsylvania

Dr. Rakoczy practiced privately until his retirement at the end of 2018. Since 2012 he has been President of VOSH PA and led several clinics to Haiti. He has been an active member of the Everett Lions Club for 28 years and has served in all board positions. He also has served on the board of the Southcentral Blind Association for over 25 years.



12:40 pm—1:40 pm

Third panel: Peru

Severo Sanchez Melgarejo, PhD

Faculty adviser SVOSH-Eurohispano

Dr Sanchez is the founder and director of the Eurohispano Institute. He holds a master's on optometry and visual therapy and a PhD on public health. The Institute has educated hundreds of optometry technicians, offered thousands of free eye examinations to Peruvians in need and collaborated with several VOSH chapters visiting Peru. Dr Sanchez's humanitarian work was recognized with membership of the Franklin Harms Society with over 100 eye clinics in his record.



Adriana Garcia Aybar

President SVOSH-NOVA

Adriana leads this very active SVOSH chapter. She was awarded a student fellowship to participate in AAO's 2020 Meeting.

1:40 pm—1:50 pm

Break

1:50 am—2:50 pm

The internationalization of optometric education

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Timothy Wingert, OD, FAAO, FNAP, FEAPO

Dean, Rosenberg School of Optometry

University of the Incarnate Word, USA



Dr. Wingert is a *Founder Member* of the European Academy of Optometry and Optics and one of only three United States optometrists to have earned Fellowship in that organization. He was named a J. William Fulbright Scholar in 2005 and again in 2020 and has been named a Fulbright Specialist to Ghana. Before coming to RSO, Dr. Wingert was a Professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry, where he continues to hold the title of Professor Emeritus. While in Missouri, Dr. Wingert served as President of the Missouri Optometric Association, and was named Missouri Optometrist of the Year and St. Louis Optometrist of the Year. He is the Chair of the ASCO International Education Committee.

Dr. Carol Violet Pinzon

Head of Optometry Program

Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina, Seccional Pereira, Colombia



Dr Pinzón **holds** Master's degrees in Health Services Management and in Strategic Management of Health Organizations. She is a specialist in Health Auditing. She has 14 years of experience in AREANDINA, as a teacher, researcher and now as Program Director. She has extensive knowledge in academia contributing in the development of quality actions, self-evaluation processes and internationalization strategies to enhance mobility, cooperation, and internationalization of the curriculum of an academic program.

2:50 pm—3:00 pm

Closing of the day