

Lectures, papers, and posters recommended by VOSH/International

Several VOSH and SVOSH chapters and/or the AAO African Chapter members will present lectures, papers, and/or posters during the American Academy of Optometry meeting.

If you are attending the AAO, consider attending these sessions and show your support for our colleagues' intellectual production.

**Note: Double-check the official programme for accurate information.*

Time	Session	Meeting room
Wednesday, September 30		
2:00-3:00 pm	GL-02 Beyond glaucoma: recognising mimickers in clinical practice Matthew Bovenzi (USA-SUNY)	201 A/D
4:00-5:00 pm	LV-06 The road to diagnosis and rehabilitation in retinitis pigmentosa Tracy Machinski (USA-ICO) , Frederick Collison , Kelly Scherer	260 A/B
Thursday, October 1		
9:00-11:00 am	SS-05 Let's talk about sex: female hormones and the life cycle (Women's Health SIG). Melissa Barnett , Millicent Knight , Maureen Haroon , Christine Smoczer , Neda Gioia	156
1:30-2:30 pm	GL-07 Glaucoma in focus: emerging trends and clinical updates Matthew Bovenzi (USA-SUNY) , Sarah Gleason	207 A/D
4:30 -6:30 pm	Scientific Posters	Exhibit Hall
	Demographic and lifestyle factors with eye dry disease. Board No 128 Stephanie Adjei , Mohammed Abdul-Kabir (Ghana-KNUST)	
	Perception of optometrists on SLT as a first-line treatment of glaucoma and ocular hypertension. Board No 163 Neelam Patadia (USA-University of Illinois at Chicago)	
	Stakeholder Perspectives on an Inaugural Research Day Among Optometry Students: A Mixed-Methods Analysis. Board 261 Levi Uchechukwu Osuagwu (Nigeria-Australia)	

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	Advancing optometric education in Sub-Saharan Africa: insights from a multi-stakeholder thought leadership dialogue. Board No 262 Levi Uchechukwu Osuagwu, Godwin Ovenseri-Ogboma (Nigeria-Australia)	
	Mapping Optometry Education in India: Findings from the GOPHA Global Optometry Education Mapping Study. Board 268 Levi Uchechukwu Osuagwu (Nigeria-Australia)	
	Impact of the AAO African Chapter fellowship mentoring program; a theory-driven mixed-methods evaluation. Maria Richter (South Africa-University of Johannesburg), Godwin Ovenseri-Ogboma (Nigeria-Scotland University of the highlands and Islands)	
	Prevalence of refractive error and visual impairment in the Island of Culebra (Puerto Rico). Board No 288 Damaris Pagan, Hector Santiago (USA-Puerto Rico-IAUPR).	
	Alacrima as an Early Neuro-Ocular Warning Sign in Triple A Syndrome: A Multidisciplinary Pediatric Case. Board 301 Jairo Rojas Yepes (Colombia-Universidad de la Salle)	
Friday, October 2		
8:00–10:00 am	2026 Academy Awards Ceremony VOSH/International will receive the Brien Holden Humanitarian Award.	261 A/B
9:00- 10:00 am	SD-11 Ocular surface disease in Thyroid eye disease (TED): A tearful story Deepa Chandrasekaran (US-India)	210 A/D
1:00 -3:00 pm	Scientific posters	Exhibit Hall
	Distribution of presbyopia in vulnerable populations in Sinaloa, Mexico: a large- scale humanitarian eye care initiative. Board No 84 Emiliano Teran (Mexico-Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa), Hector Santiago	
	Microbial Profiling of Periocular Skin and Implications for Spectacle Lenses and Frame Contamination. Board No 89 Edith Daniel-Nwosu (Nigeria)	

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	Generative Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Ophthalmic Imaging: Clinical Applications for Enhanced Diagnosis and Patient Care. Board No 88 Edith Daniel-Nwosu (Nigeria)	
	Spectacle Wear Compliance Among Children Identified Through a Teacher-Led Vision Screening Program. Board No 147 Yazan Gammoh (Jordan- Al-Ahliyya Amman University)	
	Performance of Bloemfontein Grade 1 and 2 learners on the test for visual analysis skills. Board 152 Tuwani Rasengane (South Africa-University of the Free State)	
Saturday, October 3rd		
3:00-4:00 pm	NO-21 Idiopathic intracranial hypertension: risk factors, GLP-1, and optometric co-management. Neelam Patadia. Megan hunter, Steven Quan (USA)	