Community and international efforts, such as VISION 2020, have significantly reduced preventable causes of global blindness, yet a considerable scale-up of services is required. A panel of analysts puts the problem into perspective by reviewing VISION 2020’s decade of progress and asking, “Where are we now? Where are we going?” Highlighting multiple dimensions of international ophthalmology, experts will engage in debates regarding whether volunteer ophthalmologists in developing countries are a help, or a hindrance to progress? Whether blindness strategies used in childhood cataracts in the developed world can be used effectively in developing countries? Enjoy tea and cookies with colleagues.

Welcome

Zelia M. Correa, MD, PhD, Cincinnati, OH

A Debate on Child Cataract Surgery: Only in Tertiary Centers by Pediatric Ophthalmologists?

Moderator: Thomas D. France, MD, Madison, WI
Pro: Andrea Molinari, MD, Quito, Ecuador
Con: Larry Schwab, MD, Morgantown, WV

A Conversation on Vision 2020. Where Are We Now, One Decade Later?

Moderator: Hugh R. Taylor, MD, FRACS, East Melbourne, Australia
Presenter: Ivo Kocur, MD, Geneva, Switzerland
Panelists: Abdulaziz I. Alrajhi, MD, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Ramachandra Pararajasegaram, MBBS, Geneva, Switzerland
Louis D. Pizzarello, MD, Southampton NY
Victoria M. Sheffield, Kensington, MD

Tea & Cookies

A Debate on Visiting Ophthalmologists in Developing Countries: Help or Hindrance?

Moderator: Linda M. Lawrence, MD, Salina, KS
Pro: James E. Standeferr, MD, Marine on Saint Croix, MN
Con: Rainald Duerksen, MD, Asuncion, Paraguay

Summary

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