

Announcing The Retina International Continuous Education Programme 2020

Due to ongoing global travel restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Retina International World Congress 2020 has been postponed to June 2022. As you will know the world congress includes three specific meetings related to the activities of Retina International that are attended by representatives of its global membership, the General Assembly (GA), the Continuous Education Programme (CEP) and this year the Retina Youth Council (RYC) Programme.

Retina International is confident that these three meetings can be facilitated through an online platform. Each event will take place over the summer months from June to September at 12:00 CET, in order to facilitate participation from New Zealand to east coast USA:

- CEP; June 23rd (1.5hrs) June 24th (2hrs)
- RYC; August 24th (2.5hrs) August 25th (2.5hrs)
- GA; September 5th (2hrs) September 6th (2hrs)

This series of meetings will commence with the Retina International CEP which will run over two days, Tuesday June 23rd running from 12:00 to 13:30 CET and on June 24th from 12:00 to 14:10 CET.

Programme for June 23, 2020

Time: 12.00 - 13.30 CET

Location: Virtual meeting

12:00 Welcome and Introduction (Christina Fasser, President, Retina International)

12:05 Patient Public Involvement (PPI) in Research – Involvement, Engagement, Participation, What's the Difference? (Avril Daly, CEO, Retina International)

12:30 Retina in Numbers – The Importance of Understanding our Data (Dr. Orla Galvin, Director of Research Policy, Retina International)

13:00 Questions and Answers (Facilitated by Seán Heagney, Communications Executive, Retina International)

13:20 Closing Comments (Christina Fasser, President, Retina International)

13:30 End of First Day

Programme for June 24th, 2020

Time: 12:00 – 14:10 CET

Location: Virtual meeting

Presentations by members of RI:

12:00 Welcome and Introduction (Christina Fasser, President, Retina International)

12.05 A Brazilian Panel of Genes linked to Hereditary Retina Diseases (Prof. Juliana Sallum, Retina Brasil)

12.25 The Project “Vision for Vision” - An Example for a Structural Collaboration within Retina International and for a Capacity Building Opportunity in Central Europe (Dr. Petia Stratieva, Retina Bulgaria and Kristinn Halldór Einarsson, Retina Iceland)

12.45 Connecting Patients and Policies - How Community Initiatives Can Lay the Groundwork for New Treatments (Chad Andrews, Fighting Blindness Canada, to be confirmed)

13.05 Advice to Advocacy - Counselling to Clinical Trials (Claudette Medefindt, Retina South Africa)

13.25 Patients for Patients - Research for Sight (Luc Licari, Retina France)

13.45 Questions and Answers

14.00 Closing Remarks (Christina Fasser, President, Retina International)

14.20 End