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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to welcome you to the VM Retina Meeting, a conference on the latest developments in retinal practice that will alternate between Verona and Munich.

We have pondered over what attendees expect from such an event and believe that it should serve as a platform for networking, sharing knowledge and discussing cutting-edge research in the field. In particular, live surgery and video discussion will give the opportunity to learn from colleagues' experiences in tackling challenging surgical cases. In addition, it should provide an opportunity to gain insights into the current limits of science and technology while exploring new routes.

Why a joint Meeting between Verona and Munich? First, there is a long standing tradition of collaboration between these two cities, which have been twinned since 1960. In 1974, Verona gifted a statue of Juliet to be placed at the foot of the Marienplatz Municipal building. In turn, Munich had artist Konstantin Frick construct the Fontana delle Alpi, which was then placed in Piazza Bra. For us, however, this is a symbol of the link between professionals who, through the exchange of knowledge, form a solid network that will help to shape the future of ophthalmology.

Nonetheless, an international Meeting also offers the opportunity to reunite with friends and savor the cultural and gastronomic aspects of the host city. Verona and Munich will not disappoint in this regard.

Welcome to Verona on May 2-4, 2024, followed by Munich in 2026.

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Thursday May 2nd

14.00 Registration

16.00 - 19.00 **UNMET NEEDS IN RETINA:
PIONEERING SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

In the following panels, moderators will ask panelists about areas for improvement in clinical practice about the topics.

16.00 - 16.30 **Vitrectomy equipment**

Moderators: Grazia Pertile, Tommaso Rossi

Panel: Fanis Pavlidis, Mario Romano, David Steel

Corporate Speakers: Tamas Budai, Lionel Jouet, Wim Rosenquist

16.30 - 17.00 **Instruments and illumination**

Moderators: Grazia Pertile, Tommaso Rossi, Daniele Tognetto

Panel: Lyubomyr Lytvynchuk, Hassan Mortada, Fanny Nerinckx

Corporate Speakers: Thomas Bosshard, Tamas Budai, Lionel Jouet, Arnaud Tellier

17.00 - 17.30 **Innovative approaches for drug delivery
(intravitreal, subretinal, suprachoroidal approach)**

Moderators: Ehab El Rayes, David Steel

Panel: Nur Acar, Siegfried Priglinger, Tom Williamson

Corporate Speakers: James Burckhardt, Justin Creel, Nathan Fisher

17.30 - 18.00 **3D visualization systems**

Moderators: Claus Eckardt, Siegfried Priglinger

Panel: André Gomes, Rodolfo Mastropasqua, Lukan Mishev, Shohista Saidkasimova

Corporate Speakers: Adrià Valls Monterde, Lars Risby, Benedikt Wurm

18.00 - 18.30 **Durability of therapeutic effectiveness in retinal diseases**

Moderators: Grazia Pertile, Jakob Siedlecki

Panel: Matteo Cereda, Andrea Govetto, Antonio Polito, Stela Vujosevic

18.30 - 19.00 *Discussion*

19.00 Welcome Reception

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Friday May 3rd

8.00 - 11.30

LIVE SURGERY

Eleven internationally renowned surgeons will showcase the intricacies of their surgical techniques during a live procedure from their operating rooms and engage in a panel discussion.

Moderators: Kourous Rezaei, André Gomes, Lejla Vajzovic

Surgeons:

Ankara: Sengul Ozdek

Barcelona: José García Arumí, Carlos Mateo

Leuven: Peter Stalmans

Mumbai: Sundaram Natarajan

Negrar: Grazia Pertile, Guido Prigione

Rome: Antonio Baldascino, Marco Mura, Stanislao Rizzo

Sulzbach: Peter Szurman

11.30 - 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 - 12.50

DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS IN VR

Moderators: Emilia Maggio, Patricia Udaondo Mirete

12.00 - 12.07

The potential impact of UWF OCT on therapeutic decision

Andrea Govetto

12.07 - 12.14

Does OCT-A have a role in surgical decision and follow up?

Anat Loewenstein

12.14 - 12.21

Biomarkers as predictive factors in VR diseases

Stela Vujosevic

12.21 - 12.28

Effect of pick up point location and peeling angle during ILM peeling

David Steel

12.28 - 12.35

Macular pucker: correlation between en-face morphology and metamorphopsia

Andrea Govetto

12.35 - 12.50

Discussion

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- 12.50 - 13.20 Panel discussion: **What to do next in trauma cases**
The moderator will aim to compare the diversities and originality of the panelists approaches to ocular traumas through targeted questioning.
Moderator: Grazia Pertile
Panel: Nur Acar, Sarit Lesnik-Oberstein, Barbara Parolini, Shohista Saidkasimova, Lejla Vajzovic
- 13.20 - 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 - 15.30 **TAMPONADES - CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES**
Moderators: Alistair Laidlaw, Siegfried Priglinger
- 14.30 - 15.05 **SILICONE OIL**
- 14.30 - 14.35 What is oil? What causes emulsification? 5000 vs 1300: a never-ending debate
Mario Romano
- 14.35 - 14.40 What is silicone maculopathy? Who is at risk? Can it be prevented?
Alistair Laidlaw
- 14.40 - 14.45 PFCL/oil exchange versus PFCL/air/oil - tips and tricks
Barbara Parolini
- 14.45 - 14.50 Oil admixtures: Siluron and Densiron
Fluid air exchange vs solvents for emulsion removal
Theodor Stappler
- 14.50 - 14.55 Safety and effectiveness of heavy oil vs standard oil in inferior detachments
Nikolaos Tzoumas
- 14.55 - 15.05 Discussion on Silicone Oil: Emilia Maggio, Maurizio Mete, Barbara Parolini, Mario Romano, Theodor Stappler, Nikolaos Tzoumas

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- 15.05 - 15.30 **GAS**
- 15.05 - 15.10 **What you should know about gases!**
Tom Williamson
- 15.10 - 15.15 **Air, SF₆ or C₂F₆? When to use which gas tamponade**
Armin Wolf
- 15.15 - 15.20 **How can we use less green house gases in VR surgery?**
Jens F. Kiilgaard
- 15.20 - 15.30 *Discussion on Gas: Jens F. Kiilgaard, Emilia Maggio, Maurizio Mete, Tom Williamson, Armin Wolf*
- 15.30 - 16.30 **RETINAL DETACHMENT**
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Panel discussion: Difficult diagnosis and treatment decision in retinal detachment**
The moderators will place side by side expert opinions regarding the differential diagnosis and therapeutic approach to retinal detachments with challenging interpretational issues.
Moderators: Heinrich Heimann, Roxane Hillier
Panel: Nicole Eter, Camiel Boon, Jens F. Kiilgaard, Mauro Sartore
- 16.00 - 16.07 **Approaches to pachychoroid-associated retinal detachment**
Camiel Boon
- 16.07 - 16.10 *Discussion*
- 16.10 - 16.17 **Giant retina tears: a look back and a look forward**
Donald D'Amico
- 16.17 - 16.20 *Discussion*
- 16.20 - 16.27 **Pneumatic retinopexy: step-by-step**
Roxane Hillier
- 16.27 - 16.30 *Discussion*
- 16.30 - 17.00 *Coffee break*

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- 17.00 - 18.10 **RESCUE THERAPY**
Moderators: Maurizio Mete, Thomas J. Wolfensberger
- 17.00 - 17.10 **3D bioprinted retina**
Kapil Bharti
- 17.10 - 17.20 **Gene therapy: an update**
Bart Leroy
- 17.20 - 17.27 **Parameters affecting bleb morphology during subretinal injections**
David Steel
- 17.27 - 17.34 **EyesON**
Marco Pileri
- 17.34 - 17.41 **Polyretina**
Thomas J. Wolfensberger
- 17.41 - 17.48 **Liquid artificial retina**
Grazia Pertile
- 17.48 - 17.55 **SING IMTO**
Stanislao Rizzo
- 17.55 - 18.10 *Discussion*

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Saturday May 4th

- 8.30 - 9.25 **MACULAR HOLES**
Moderators: Cesare Mariotti, Stanislao Rizzo
- 8.30 - 8.45 **My technique in really large/recurrent MHs:**
- Carsten Meyer: Local retinal detachment
 - Marco Mura: ILM flap
 - Stanislao Rizzo: Subretinal amniotic membrane
 - Carlos Mateo: Large amniotic membrane
 - Peter Szurman: Retinal patch
- 8.45 - 8.55 *Discussion*
- 8.55 - 9.03 **Biomarkers in MH - does the size matter?**
David Steel
- 9.03 - 9.10 **Is it worth the effort?**
David Yorston
- 9.10 - 9.15 **Macular hole closure without endotamponade**
Marcin Stopa
- 9.15 - 9.25 *Discussion*
- 9.25 - 9.55 **Panel discussion: Challenging cases in pediatric VR**
The moderators, supported by an expert panel, will explore the complexities of pediatric retinal disorders, which frequently exhibit distinct etiologies and manifestations compared to adult cases.
Moderators: Grazia Pertile, Chien Wong
Panel: Marco Mura, Fanny Nerinckx, Sengul Ozdek
- 9.55 - 10.25 **Panel discussion: I wish I could have done it in an easier way**
Even experts sometimes face challenges, and peer discussion can help uncover new solutions or aid in the development of innovative techniques.
Moderators: Siegfried Priglinger, David Steel
Panel: Aman Chandra, Alistair Laidlaw, Carlos Mateo, Fanny Nerinckx, Grazia Pertile
- 10.25 - 11.00 *Coffee break*

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Saturday May 4th

- 11.00 - 11.35 **PHACO-VITRECTOMY**
Moderators: Shohista Saidkasimova, Martin Spitzer
Prophylactic phaco-vit to prevent retinal detachment
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Pro:** Peter Stalmans
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Con:** David Yorston
- 11.10 - 11.17 **How to navigate through the landscape of available IOLs**
Guido Prigione
- 11.17 - 11.24 **Premium IOLs and macular disorders**
Siegfried Priglinger
- 11.24 - 11.35 *Discussion*
- 11.35 - 11.55 **GLAUCOMA IN VR**
Moderators: Francesco Boscia, Peter Szurman
- 11.35 - 11.45 **Glaucoma in VR patients: pros and cons of different approaches**
Giorgio Marchini
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Xen implant for glaucoma occurring as complication of pars plana vitrectomy**
Francesco Boscia
- 11.50 - 11.55 *Discussion*
- 11.55 - 12.25 **Panel discussion: What I've changed in my practice during the last 2 years (stopped doing or new approach)**
Progress in surgery consists of small or significant changes, sometimes requiring the courage to abandon familiar approaches and introduce new techniques aimed at achieving better outcomes.
Moderators: Carlos Mateo, Grazia Pertile
Panel: Tomaso Caporossi, José García Arumí, Stratos Gotzaridis
- 12.25 - 13.00 **Panel discussion: Retinaws**
The moderator will lead the panelists in discussing significant events that occurred during vitreoretinal surgery procedures.
Moderator: Kourous Rezaei
Panel: Nur Acar, Roxane Hillier, Grazia Pertile, Siegfried Priglinger, Stanislao Rizzo, Shohista Saidkasimova, Peter Stalmans, Daniele Tognetto
- 13.00 - 14.00 *Lunch*

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- 14.00 - 15.00 **SECONDARY IOL IMPLANTATION**
Moderators: Francesco Boscia, Stratos Gotzaridis
- 14.00 - 14.06 **Pros and cons of iris fixated IOLs**
Peter Szurman
- 14.06 - 14.12 **Tips and tricks in Yamane technique**
Medhi Shajari
- 14.12 - 14.18 **Trocars assisted secondary IOL fixation**
Fanis Pavlidis
- 14.18 - 14.35 **Tips and pitfalls in the use of Carlevale IOLs: my personal experience**
 - Stratos Gotzaridis
 - Fabio Patelli
 - Peter Stalmans
- 14.35 - 14.42 **Which technique for combined artificial iris and secondary IOL implantation**
Christian Mayer
- 14.42 - 14.47 **Reverse pupillary block after secondary IOL implantation**
Tiziano Cozzini
- 14.47 - 15.00 **Panel discussion**
- 15.00 - 16.30 **NEAR LIVE SURGERY**
The surgeons will present extended segments of surgical videos with the aim of engaging in detailed discussions on the instrumentation and techniques employed.
Moderators: Claus Eckardt, Heinrich Heimann
Surgeons: Nicholas Fung, André Gomes, Rodolfo Mastropasqua, Maurizio Mete, Siegfried Priglinger, Theo Signer, Lejla Vajzovic, Peiquan Zhao
- 16.30 - 16.35 **Closing Remarks**

FACULTY

Nur Acar - Turkey
Antonio Baldascino - Italy
Kapil Bharti - USA
Camiel Boon - Netherlands
Francesco Boscia - Italy
Tomaso Caporossi - Italy
Matteo Cereda - Italy
Aman Chandra - UK
Tiziano Cozzini - Italy
Donald D'Amico - USA
Claus Eckardt - Germany
Ehab El Rayes - Egypt
Nicole Eter - Germany
Nicholas Fung - Hong Kong
José García Arumí - Spain
André Gomes - Brazil
Stratos Gotzaridis - Greece
Andrea Govetto - Italy
Heinrich Heimann - UK
Roxane Hillier - UK
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Alistair Laidlaw - UK
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Cesare Mariotti - Italy
Rodolfo Mastropasqua - Italy
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Carsten Meyer - Switzerland
Lukan Mishev - Bulgaria
Hassan Mortada - Egypt
Marco Mura - Italy

Sundaram Natarajan - India
Fanny Nerinckx - Belgium
Sengul Ozdek - Turkey
Barbara Parolini - Italy
Fabio Patelli - Italy
Fanis Pavlidis - Germany
Grazia Pertile - Italy
Marco Pileri - Italy
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Stanislao Rizzo - Italy
Mario Romano - Italy
Tommaso Rossi - Italy
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Martin Spitzer - Germany
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Opening time

Registration desk:

Thursday 2nd May 14.00 - 19.00

Friday 3rd May 07.30 - 18.30

Saturday 4th May 08.00 - 17.00

Exhibition area:

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Official Language

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Name Badge

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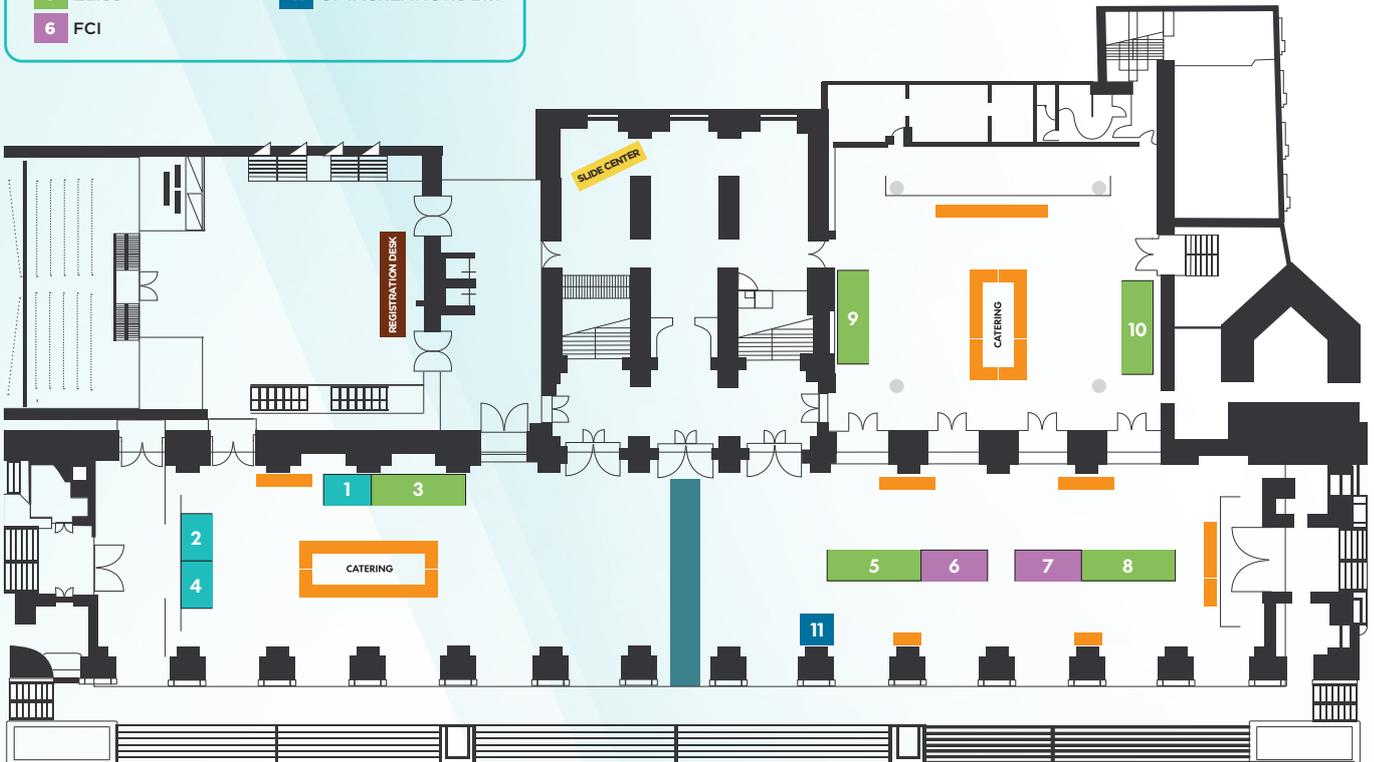
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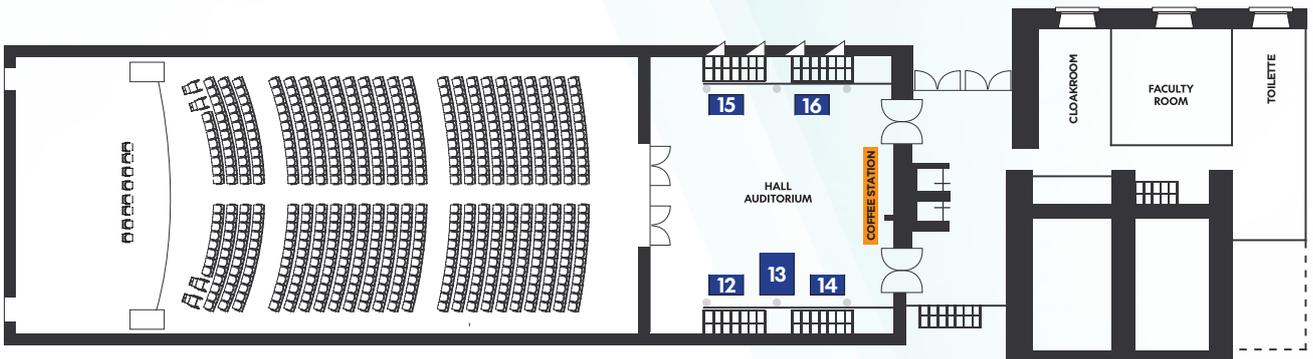
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