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As President of the Latin American Glaucoma Society, I am pleased to present to you the Handbook of the XIII Latin American Glaucoma Congress, to be held in the city of Quito, Ecuador, from September 24 to 26, 2026. This scientific and academic event reflects the commitment and purpose of our Society, which is a scientific, educational, academic, and non-profit organization that brings together glaucoma-specialized ophthalmologists with clinical and academic excellence, researchers, and opinion leaders in Latin America.

Twenty-seven years after its founding, the Latin American Glaucoma Society honors its legacy and projects its vision toward the future, reaffirming its commitment to fulfilling the goal of generating impact through research, continuing medical education, academic exchange, the development of effective educational initiatives and strategies, and scientific collaboration in the field of glaucoma in Latin America. These efforts aim to advance the knowledge, diagnosis, and treatment of glaucoma, actively contributing to the prevention of blindness caused by this disease, which represents the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.

That objective of this Latin American Glaucoma Congress is to serve as a source of education which is a very useful tool for prevention. With this in mind, we are pleased to present this Congress Handbook, which summarizes the mission, vision, objectives, and format of the event, as well as the various opportunities for participation and sponsorship specially designed for leading institutions in the sector.

I invite you to join this initiative and work together to make this meeting in Quito a convergence of high-level knowledge and Ecuador's cultural richness.

United for a future without blindness from glaucoma in Latin America.



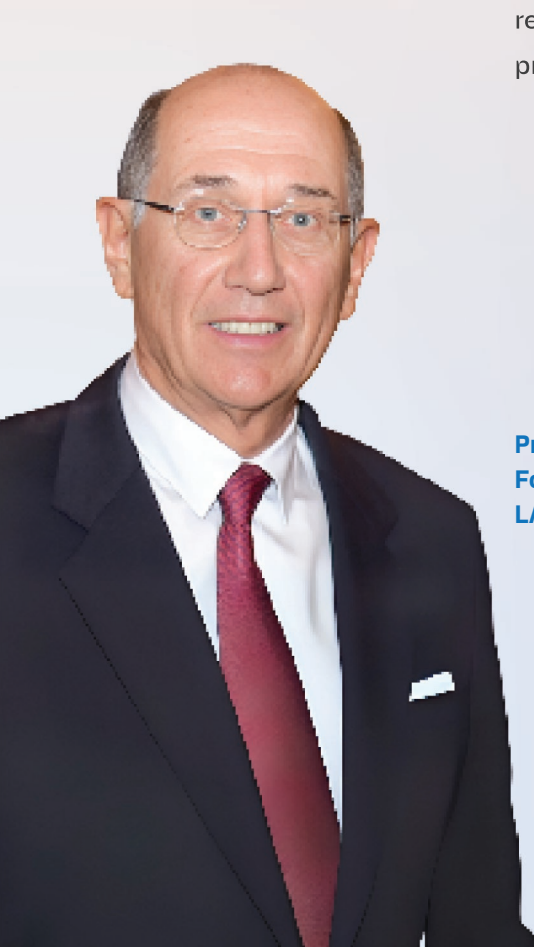
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ABOUT US

The Latin American Glaucoma Society was founded in 1998 at the initiative of Prof. Dr. Remo Susanna Jr., with the aim of bringing together glaucoma specialists from across Latin America to foster research, promote continuing medical education, and encourage academic exchange among peers.

Since its inception, the Latin American Glaucoma Society has been a pioneer in multicenter studies that transformed the understanding of glaucoma and positioned the region on the global map of ophthalmic research. Among its most notable contributions is the clinical implementation of the Water Drinking Test (WDT) as a tool to estimate the risk of progression and adjust treatments, now internationally recognized.

Today, the Society continues to strengthen its mission of leading, researching, and educating in glaucoma, promoting innovation, regional collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to preventing irreversible blindness.



Professor Dr. Remo Susanna Jr.
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MISSION

To promote continuing medical education, scientific updating, and regional integration to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of glaucoma in Latin America, while providing a space for interaction among professionals, researchers, scientific societies, and industry committed to visual health.

VISION

To become the most relevant scientific event in the field of glaucoma in Latin America, serving as a benchmark for academic excellence, clinical innovation, and regional cooperation. It aims to positively impact patients' quality of life and strengthen visual health policies in the region. Additionally, to position the city of Quito as a center of excellence for international scientific events, aspiring to be considered for future editions of global glaucoma congresses.

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote scientific and clinical updating in glaucoma.
2. Strengthen continuing medical education in the region.
3. Encourage the exchange of regional knowledge and experiences.
4. Foster Latin American scientific research.
5. Strengthen collaboration with the pharmaceutical and technological industry.
6. Consolidate regional and international collaboration in glaucoma.
7. Develop social awareness and prevention strategies in the community.
8. Provide participants with an exceptional scientific and cultural experience.



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The XIII Congress of the Latin American Glaucoma Society is established as one of the most important scientific events in the region within the field of ophthalmology with a focus on the glaucoma subspecialty. Its 100% in-person format represents a unique opportunity for academic, professional, and cultural integration for ophthalmologists from Latin America and around the world.

This Congress will bring together over 500 participants, including general ophthalmologists, glaucoma subspecialists, residents, researchers, and opinion leaders. It is projected that 60% of attendees will come from Ecuador and the remaining 40% will come from abroad, reaffirming the regional and global scope of the event.

One of the most notable features of the XIII Latin American Glaucoma Congress will be its integration with the IV Trinational Glaucoma Congress (Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru), consolidating a high-level regional scientific program.

The academic program will offer an outstanding scientific experience, supported by the participation of prominent Latin America Society members and internationally renowned invited speakers from countries such as the United States, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and South Korea, who will share the latest clinical, surgical, and research advances in glaucoma.

The XIII Latin American Glaucoma Congress aims not only to be a space for scientific updating but also a convergence point for strengthening international collaboration networks, promoting regional research, and positioning Quito as a host city for globally recognized scientific events, providing an exceptional academic and cultural experience.

RATIONALE AND IMPACT



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ATTENDEE PROFILE



The XIII Congress of the Latin American Glaucoma Society will bring together a highly specialized audience, composed of visual health professionals from various countries in Latin America, North America, Europe, and Asia. Approximately 600 attendees are expected, all connected to the field of ophthalmology and strongly interested in scientific updates, the exchange of clinical experiences, and the integration of new technologies applied to glaucoma management.

The predominant profile of attendees is detailed below:

Opinion Leaders and Representatives of Scientific Societies

This group includes renowned glaucoma specialists who, through their careers, publications, and professional influence, set trends in the clinical and surgical management of glaucoma in their respective countries.

Also included are the presidents and active members of national and international glaucoma societies who serve as institutional spokespersons and contribute to the regional coordination of scientific and educational initiatives.

Glaucoma Subspecialists

Professionals with advanced training in comprehensive glaucoma management, both medical and surgical. Many are academic leaders, coordinators of specialized units, and national references in the implementation of new technologies, devices or implants, MIGS surgery, and the management of complex cases. Their presence ensures high-level scientific discussion and direct connection with the forefront of knowledge.

General Ophthalmologists

Physicians practicing ophthalmology in private clinics, public hospitals, or academic institutions, often serving as the first point of contact in the detection and initial management of glaucoma. This group represents a key audience for industry, as they are active prescribers, users of diagnostic equipment, and clinical decision-makers in the pharmacological and surgical treatment of the disease.

Glaucoma Fellows and Ophthalmology Residents

Young professionals in training, highly motivated to learn about the latest clinical trends, engage with international experts, and explore academic and career opportunities. They represent a strategic segment for companies interested in long-term institutional positioning, promoting brand awareness and loyalty from the early stages of medical careers.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

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Thursday 24th

Time	Activity	Notes
07:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
08:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
12:00	Sponsor Symposium	Featured industry session
13:00	Lunch	Free time and networking
14:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
15:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
19:00	Solemn Session	Official opening ceremony of the Congress

Friday 25th

Time	Activity	Notes
07:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
08:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
12:00	Sponsor Symposium	Featured industry session
13:00	Lunch	Interaction with colleagues and exhibitors
14:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
15:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
19:00	Gala Dinner / Networking Dinner	Social reunion of the ophthalmology community

Saturday 26th

Time	Activity	Notes
08:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
09:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
12:00	Sponsor Symposium	Featured industry session
13:00	Lunch	Free time and networking
14:00	Workshops	Training sessions and practical activities
15:00	Scientific Agenda	Lectures and roundtable discussions
17:30	Closing Ceremony	Symbolic event at the Middle of the World



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