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Welcome to the XIII Congress of the Latin American Glaucoma Society.

Dear colleagues and ophthalmic industry representatives,
As President of the Latin American Glaucoma Society, it is an honor to welcome you to our XIII Congress, bringing us together from September 24 to 26, 2026, in Quito, Ecuador.



With more than 80 speakers, moderators, and instructors from Latin America, North America, Europe, and Asia, this meeting reaffirms our commitment to scientific excellence, continuing education, and collaboration among colleagues.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors, the Council, and our Society's members for their commitment; to our speakers for generously sharing their knowledge; to the logistics and coordination teams for their dedication; and to the ophthalmic industry for its valuable support. To everyone who has made this congress possible, I offer my heartfelt appreciation.

Thank you also to each of you for joining us and strengthening our community through your participation. I hope we enjoy these days of science, friendship, and culture, and that this meeting inspires us to continue working together to improve care and quality of life for our patients.

Welcome to Quito and to our sLAG 2026 Congress!

Ana María Vásquez García, MD
President
Latin American Glaucoma Society
2025-2027

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for his valuable contribution to the development
of the scientific program.*



13:00–18:30 JW Marriott – Quito

PRE-CONGRESS / WEDNESDAY / MIDDAY – AFTERNOON

LATIN AMERICAN GLAUCOMA FELLOWSHIP COURSE

We extend our gratitude to Laboratorios  for providing scholarships for the Glaucoma Fellows Competition.



GLAUCOMA AN IN-DEPTH LOOK

COORDINATOR Jesús Jiménez Román, MD (México)

FACULTY : Ana María Vázquez, MD, María Fernanda Delgado, MD, David Fleischman, MD, Jair Giampani, MD, Marina Ramírez, MD, Marcelo Hatanaka, MD, María Angélica Moussalli, MD, Sandra Belalcázar, MD, Héctor Fontana, MD, Ana Roldán Vázquez, MD, Leticia Checo, MD.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
13:00	WELCOME		Ana María Vázquez, MD sLAG President
13:05-14:25	 LUNCH OFFERED TO THE FELLOWS AND COURSE FACULTY.		
14:25-14:30	OPENING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GLAUCOMA FELLOWS COURSE.		
14:30-15:45	FUNDAMENTALS AND EVOLUTION OF GLAUCOMA SURGERY: FROM TRABECULECTOMY TO MIGS		
14:30-14:40	 CURRENT ROLE OF TRABECULECTOMY	Why Does It Remain the Gold Standard?	María Fernanda Delgado, MD (Colombia)
14:40-14:50	 FROM TRABECULECTOMY TO MIGS.	Historical Evolution and Paradigm Shift.	David Fleischman, MD (USA)
14:50-15:00	 MIGS	Mechanisms of Action.	Jair Giampani, MD (Brazil)
15:00-15:10	 CURRENT INDICATIONS FOR MIGS.	Evidence, Benefits, Limitations, and Patient Selection.	Marina Ramírez, MD (México)
15:10-15:45	 SURGICAL VIDEO PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION	Trabeculectomy, MIGS, and Tube Shunts: indications, Techniques, Complications, and Controversies.	Moderator: Jesús Jiménez Román, MD Presentadores: Marina Ramírez, MD, Marcelo Hatanaka, MD, María Fernanda Delgado, MD, María Angélica Moussalli, MD, Jair Giampani, MD, Sandra Belalcázar, MD, and Héctor Fontana, MD
15:45-16:00	 COFFEE BREAK Networking		
16:00-17:00	BEYOND KNOWLEDGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION AFTER FELLOWSHIP		
16:00-16:10	 ADVICE FROM A FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR	How to Prepare for a Successful Professional Career.	David Fleischman, MD (USA)
16:11-16:21	 FROM FELLOW TO SPECIALIST	What I Wish I Had Known During My First Year of Clinical Practice.	Ana Roldán Vázquez, MD (USA)
16:22-16:32	 HUMANIZING GLAUCOMA CARE		Leticia Checo, MD (República Dominicana)
16:33-16:50	 HOW TO SURVIVE—AND THRIVE—AS A FELLOW		Jesús Jiménez Román, MD (México)
16:50-17:00	 DIALOGUE WITH THE FELLOWS		Open Discussion with the Fellows.
17:00-18:20	PRESENTATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CLINICAL CASES: WINNERS OF THE sLAG 2026 FELLOWS COURSE COMPETITION		Agostina Regnasco, MD (Argentina) Melania Parada, MD (Bolivia) Marlos Sousa De Oliveira, MD (Brasil) Matías Pérez, MD (Chile) Laura Duarte-Bueno, MD (Colombia) Geovanny Chuchuca, MD (Ecuador) Carlos Moreno, MD (México) Arianna Armijo, MD (Paraguay) Elizabeth Capacolla, MD (Perú)
18:20-18:30	 CLOSING CEREMONY		

7:30-18:00

Registration, JW Marriott - Quito

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM / THURSDAY / MORNING

8:00-8:30

WELCOME CEREMONY AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

SESSION I 8:30-10:15



UNDERSTANDING GLAUCOMA: Epidemiology, Risk Factors and the Latin American Perspective

MODERATORS: Jesús Jiménez Román (México), MD; Daniel Grigera, MD (Argentina).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
8:30-8:37	TRINATIONAL LECTURE We Are Treating the Wrong Pressure .	Martha Bermúdez, MD (Colombia)
8:38-8:45	TRINATIONAL LECTURE Influence of Altitude on IOP Measurement: Evaluation with Pascal and Goldmann Tonometries.	Gabriela Torres, MD (Ecuador)
8:46-8:53	sLAG LECTURE Oxidative Stress and Glaucoma: The Role of Epigenetics.	María Angélica Moussalli, MD (Argentina)
8:54-9:01	TRINATIONAL LECTURE Glaucoma and Aging.	Paola Álvarez, MD (Ecuador)
9:02-9:09	TRINATIONAL LECTURE Normal-Tension Glaucoma: When Pressure Doesn't Explain Everything.	Andrés Díaz, MD (Ecuador)
9:10-9:17	TRINATIONAL LECTURE Glaucoma or No Glaucoma .	Clemencia de Vivero, MD (Colombia)
9:18-9:25	sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE Risk Factors for Persistent Angle Closure.	Sandra Belalcázar, MD (Colombia)
9:25-9:29	Q&A Interactive polling	
9:29-9:36	sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE Preferred Practice Pattern in Latin America.	Guillermo Barreto Fong, MD (Perú)
9:37-9:44	sLAG LECTURE What Do People Know About Glaucoma?	Emilio Suzuki Jr., MD (Brazil)
9:45-9:52	sLAG LECTURE How to Minimize Glaucoma Blindness in Latin America.	Lisandro Massanori Sakata, MD (Brazil)
9:53-10:00	sLAG LECTURE Progression of Glaucoma: Consensus of the Brazilian Glaucoma Society.	Alberto Diniz Filho, MD, PhD (Brazil)
10:00-10:03	Q&A Interactive Polling	
10:03-10:15	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Glaucoma Screening: What's New?	David Friedman, MD, PhD, MPH (USA)
10:15-11:00	COFFEE BREAK Networking, and Exhibition Visit	

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
11:00–12:00	Leading the Future of Vision. Alcon Symposium sponsored by: MODERATOR: Andrés Díaz, MD	Carlos Luis Chacón, MD Larissa Camejo, MD

SESSION II 12:00–13:15



**CLINICAL EVALUATION, IMAGING, AND FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT IN GLAUCOMA:
ADVANCING PRECISION IN DIAGNOSIS**

MODERATORS: Paulo Augusto de Arruda Mello, MD (Brazil); Lucas Saldarriaga, MD (Colombia).

12:00–12:12	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Recent Advances in Anterior Segment Imaging for Glaucoma.	Tin Aung, MD, PhD (Singapore)
12:13–12:20	📄 sLAG LECTURE Agreement Between Manual and Automated Gonioscopy.	Fernando Gómez Goyeneche, MD (Colombia)
12:21–12:33	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Clinical and Surgical Applications of Ultrasound Biomicroscopy.	Celso Tello, MD, FACS (USA)
12:33–12:40	📄 sLAG LECTURE Corneal Biomechanics and Optic Nerve Vulnerability.	Jesús Jiménez Román, MD (Mexico)
12:41–12:48	📄 sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE Tools for Getting the Most Out of Perimetry.	Alberto Dios, MD (Peru)
12:49–12:56	📄 sLAG LECTURE Advances in the Functional Assessment of Glaucoma.	Renato Germano, MD (Brazil)
12:57–13:09	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Visual Fields: New Developments and Pitfalls	Sanjay Asrani, MD (USA)
13:09–13:15	🗣️ Q&A AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION Interactive Discussion.	
13:15–14:30	🍽️ "LUNCH BREAK (LUNCH PROVIDED BY sLAG AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANTS)." Hotel restaurants.	
14:30–15:00	☕ AFTER LUNCH EXPERIENCE - NETWORKING BREAK (Coffee - Innovation - Industry Experience)	

15:00–16:00

**Latin American Glaucoma Society (sLAG)
Symposium**

The Inaugural Professor Remo Susanna Jr. Lecture



MODERATORS: María Fernanda Delgado, MD (Colombia); Jair Giampani Jr., MD (Brazil).

15:00–15:03	OPENING REMARKS Establishment of the Professor Remo Susanna Jr. Lecture	María Fernanda Delgado, MD (Colombia) sLAG Secretary
15:04–15:10	TRIBUTE Tribute to Professor Remo Susanna Jr.	Ana María Vásquez, MD (Ecuador)
15:10–15:50	INAUGURAL LECTURE Why Do People (Still) Go Blind from Glaucoma?	By Remo Susanna Jr., MD, PhD (Brazil) sLAG Founder
15:50–16:00	INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION Official Recognition of Prof. Remo Susanna Jr.	sLAG Board of Directors

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SESSION III 16:01-18:15



NEW FRONTIERS IN GLAUCOMA MANAGEMENT

MODERATORS: Rodolfo Pérez Grossmann, MD (Peru); Cristiano Caixeta, MD (Brazil); Vania Castro, MD (Peru).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
16:01-16:13	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE The Coming Paradigm Shift in Glaucoma Management	Paul Palmberg, MD, PhD (USA)
16:14-16:26	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE New Understanding of the Biology of Pseudoexfoliation: Potential for New Therapies	Tin Aung, MD, PhD (Singapore)
16:27-16:34	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE Initial Evaluation of the Patient with Suspected Glaucoma.	Jossy Regalado, MD (Peru)
16:35-16:42	🏠 sLAG LECTURE "Perspectives on Early Glaucoma Diagnosis.	Jayter Silva de Paula, MD (Brazil)
16:43-16:55	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Normal-Tension Glaucoma: The IOP is 10 and My Patient is Getting Worse!	Sanjay Asrani, MD (USA)
16:56-17:08	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Does Every mmHg Matter in Predicting Future Outcomes? .	Ingeborg Stalmans, MD, PhD (Belgium)
17:09-17:16	🗣️ Q&A Interactive discussion	
17:17-17:24	🏠 sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE When to Order OCT for Glaucoma Diagnosis—and When Not to.	John Jairo Aristizábal, MD (Colombia)
17:25-17:37	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE OCT for Glaucoma Progression: Statistically vs. Clinically Significant.	Sanjay Asrani, MD (USA)
17:38-17:45	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Challenges in Managing Patients with Rapid Glaucoma Progression.	Roberto Vessani, MD (Brazil)
17:46-17:58	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Can AI Address the Glaucoma Elephant in the Room?	Ingeborg Stalmans, MD, PhD (Belgium)
17:59-18:15	🗣️ Q&A Interactive polling.	
18:15-18:30	☕ COFFEE BREAK Networking, and Exhibition Visit	
18:30	🚌 BUS DEPARTURE From La Villa, JW Marriott	
19:30	🏰 OPENING CEREMONY AND CONCERT IGLESIA DE LA COMPAÑIA DE JESÚS	

7:30-18:00

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SESSION IV 8:00-10:15



OPTIMIZING GLAUCOMA TREATMENT: MEDICATIONS, LASER, AND SPECIAL CLINICAL SITUATIONS

MODERATORS: Javier Casiraghi, MD (Argentina); Jorge De Vera, MD (Ecuador); Marcelo Hatanaka, MD (Brazil).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
8:00-8:07	SLAG LECTURE Drug-Induced Uveal Effusion Syndrome.	Martín Arrúa, MD (Paraguay)
8:08-8:15	SLAG LECTURE Improving Surgical Success: Efficacy and Safety of Nighttime Ciprofloxacin/Dexamethasone Ointment After Trabeculectomy and Phacotrabeculectomy.	Rafael Vidal Merola, MD (Brazil)
8:16-8:23	SLAG LECTURE Update: Glaucoma Management During Pregnancy.	Wilma Lelis Barboza, MD (Brazil)
8:24-8:31	SLAG LECTURE What Should Be Prescribed Besides Ocular Hypotensives?	Heloisa Russ, MD (Brazil)
8:32-8:39	SLAG LECTURE Ocular Surface Disease in Glaucoma.	Leonidas Traipe, MD (Chile)
8:40-8:47	SPONSORED LECTURE Contact Lens Management in the Presence of Filtering Blebs.	Contact Lens Specialist Daniel Torres (Ecuador)
8:48-8:55	SLAG LECTURE Current Developments in Glaucoma and Corneal Transplantation.	Jasbeth Ledesma, MD (México)
8:56-9:08	★ GUEST PROFESSOR LECTURE Endothelial Protection: Strategies to Minimize Damage.	Kaweh Mansouri, MD (Switzerland.)
9:09-9:14	Q&A Interactive polling.	
9:15-9:22	SLAG LECTURE Evidence Supporting SLT as a First-Line Treatment.	Marcelo Hatanaka, MD (Brazil)
9:23-9:35	★ GUEST PROFESSOR LECTURE Everyone Should Receive SLT!	David Friedman, MD (USA)
9:36-9:43	SLAG LECTURE Transscleral Cyclophotocoagulation: Our Experience.	Arturo Burchakchi, MD (Argentina)
9:44-9:51	SLAG LECTURE Micropulse Laser Combined with Phacoemulsification.	Marina Ramírez Alfaro, MD (México)
9:52-09:59	SLAG LECTURE Impact of the Slow Transscleral Cyclophotocoagulation Technique on IOP in Eyes with Advanced Glaucoma.	Juan Camilo Parra, MD (Colombia)
10:00-10:07	TRINATIONAL LECTURE Our Experience with Ultrasound Cycloplasty in the Management of Refractory Glaucoma.	Paul Valarezo, MD (Ecuador)
10:08-10:15	Q&A INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION	
10:16-11:00	COFFEE BREAK (Sponsored by Laboratorios Sophia) Networking and Exhibition Visit.	

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
11:00-12:00	SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM – SOPHIA Beyond medical treatment: how to optimize results?	 Javier Casiraghi, MD (Argentina) Eduardo Rojas, MD (Ecuador) Carlos Luis Chacón, MD (Ecuador)
12:00-13:15	North American Leaders Forum Redefining Glaucoma Care—from Early Detection to Better Surgical Outcomes MODERATOR: Celso Tello, MD (USA).	
12:00-12:12	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE More Personalized Care in Glaucoma.	David Friedman, MD, PhD, MPH (USA)
12:12-12:24	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Red and Green Disease: OCT in Glaucoma Diagnosis	Sanjay Asrani, MD (USA)
12:24-12:36	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Use of OCT for Monitoring Moderate-to-Advanced Glaucoma	Luis Vázquez, MD, PhD (USA)
12:36-12:48	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Better Trabeculectomy Outcomes by Specific Design Features.	Paul Palmberg, MD, PhD (USA)
12:48-13:00	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Tube Surgery in 2026	David Fleischman, MD, MS, FACS (USA)
13:00-13:15	👥 INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION	
13:15-14:30	🍽️ LUNCH BREAK Lunch provided by sLAG at the hotel restaurants	
14:30-15:00	☕ AFTER LUNCH EXPERIENCE Networking Break (Coffee - Innovation - Industry Experience)	
15:00-16:00	World Glaucoma Association (WGA) Symposium Glaucoma at the Crossroads: From Global Evidence to Latin American Practice—Past Lessons, Present Challenges, and Future Directions MODERATORS: Fabián Lerner, MD (Argentina); Ana María Vásquez, MD (Ecuador)	
15:00-15:03	INTRODUCTION	Fabián Lerner, MD (Argentina) WGA Former President
15:03-15:13	IOP Fluctuation or Peak: What Matters Most in Glaucoma Progression?	Remo Susanna Jr., MD, PhD (Brazil) WGA Former President
15:14-15:24	SLT: RCT-Based Evidence vs. Real-World Data	Fotis Topouzis, MD, PhD (Greece) WGA President
15:25-15:35	Continuous IOP Monitoring – What Lessons Have We Learned So Far?	Kaweh Mansouri, MD, MPH (Switzerland) WGA Executive Vice-President
15:36-15:46	What's New in Glaucoma Genetics and Polygenic Risk Scores for Glaucoma?	Tin Aung, MD, PhD (Singapore) WGA Former President
15:47-15:58	🗣️ PANEL DISCUSSION	
15:58-16:00	CLOSING REMARKS	Ana María Vásquez, MD (Ecuador) sLAG President

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SESSION V 16:00-18:15



MASTERING COMPLEX GLAUCOMA SURGERY

MODERATORS: Emilio Suzuki Jr. MD, (Brasil); Omar Salamanca, MD (Colombia); Héctor Fontana, MD (Argentina).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
16:00-16:12	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Current Management of Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma .	Tin Aung, MD, PhD (Singapore)
16:13-16:20	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE Angle-Closure Glaucoma: The Role of the Lens in Pathogenesis, Prevention, and Treatment.	Pablo Larco, MD (Ecuador)
16:21-16:28	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Phaco-Goniosynechialysis.	Javier Casiraghi, MD (Argentina)
16:29-16:41	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Exfoliation and Exfoliative Glaucoma: Do We Know Enough?	Fotis Topouzis, MD, PhD (Greece)
16:42-16:49	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Are All Uveitic Glaucomas the Same?	Carlos Álvarez, MD (Mexico)
16:50-16:57	🏠 sLAG LECTURE What We Should Know About Congenital Glaucoma.	Sebastião Cronemberger, MD (Brazil)
16:58-17:05	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Management of Refractory Pediatric Glaucoma.	Nara Gravina Ogata, MD (Brazil)
17:06-17:13	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Congenital Glaucoma: What Is My Surgical Technique of Choice?	Marcelo Jordão, MD (Brazil)
17:13-17:20	🗣️ Q&A Interactive Polling	
17:20-17:32	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE The Surgery Everyone Wants to Replace – But Can't.	Luis Abegão Pinto, MD, PhD (Portugal)
17:33-17:40	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Surgical Management of Advanced Glaucoma.	Paulo Augusto de Arruda Mello, MD (Brazil)
17:41-17:53	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Hypotony Maculopathy: A Serious Complication of Glaucoma Filtering Surgery-Prevention and Management.	Celso Tello, MD, FACS (USA)
17:54-18:01	🏠 sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE Suprachoroidal Space and Implant Survival.	Daniel Grigera, MD (Argentina)
18:02-18:09	🏠 sLAG LECTURE Long-Term Results of Trabeculectomy with Supracoroidal Drainage	Rodolfo Pérez Grossmann, MD (Peru)
18:09-18:15	🗣️ Q&A Interactive Polling.	
18:15-18:30	COFFEE BREAK Networking, and Exhibition Visit.	
18:30	🚌 BUS DEPARTURE From La Villa, JW Marriott	
19:30	🏠 LATIN AMERICAN NIGHT AND SLAG 2026 AWARDS CEREMONY. Capilla del Hombre, Quito	

7:30-16:00

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
8:00-9:45	BLACK SWAN SYMPOSIUM. UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES IN GLAUCOMA  MODERATORS: Jair Giampani Jr., MD (Brazil); Remo Susanna Jr., MD, PhD (Brazil)	
8:00-8:05	INTRODUCTION	Jair Giampani Jr., MD (Brazil) Remo Susanna Jr., MD (Brazil)
8:05-8:25	CASE 1	Case Presenter: Jair Giampani Jr., MD (Brasil) Discussants: Heloisa Russ, MD (Brasil) Fernando Gómez Goyeneche, MD (Colombia) Manuel José Justiniano, MD (Bolivia)
8:25-8:45	CASE 2	Case Presenter: Remo Susanna Jr., MD (Brazil) Discussants: Daniel Grigera, MD (Argentina) Juan Camilo Parra, MD (Colombia) Martín Arrúa, MD (Paraguay)
8:45-9:05	CASE 3	Case Presenter: Wilma Lelis Barboza, MD (Brazil) Discussants: Celina Logiocco, MD (Argentina) Emilio Suzuki Jr., MD (Brazil) Jesús Jiménez Román, MD (Mexico)
9:05-9:25	CASE 4	Case Presenter: Jaycer Silva de Paula, MD (Brazil) Discussants: Juan Carlos Rueda, MD (Colombia) Paulo Augusto de Arruda Mello, MD (Brazil) Rodolfo Pérez Grossmann, MD (Peru)
9:25-9:45	CASE 5	Case Presenter: María Angélica Moussalli, MD (Argentina) Discussants: John Jairo Aristizábal ,MD (Colombia) Javier Casiraghi, MD (Argentina) Carlos Luis Chacón, MD (Ecuador)

9:45-10:30  **COFFEE BREAK** (Sponsored by Megalabs, Unidad Oftalmológica Poen - Zeiss)
Networking, and Exhibition Visit.

10:30-11:30	European Glaucoma Society (EGS) Symposium Setting Standards, Shaping Surgery, Sharing Knowledge: The EGS Framework 	
	MODERATORS: Ingeborg Stalmans, MD, PhD (Belgium); Luis Abegão Pinto, MD, PhD (Portugal)	
10:30-10:42	EGS Without Borders: Strategy, Partnerships and Shared Growth .	Luis Abegão Pinto, MD, PhD (Portugal) EGS President
10:43-10:55	Evidence Refined: What's New in the EGS 6th Edition Guidelines.	Fotis Topouzis, MD, PhD (Greece)
10:56-11:08	From Promise to Proof: Evaluating Modern Glaucoma Surgery .	Kaweh Mansouri, MD, MPH (Switzerland)
11:09-11:21	Neither Static nor Definitive: The Continuous Evolution of Glaucoma Filtration Surgery.	Ingeborg Stalmans, MD, PhD (Belgium) EGS Past President
11:21-11:30	 PANEL DISCUSSION	

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SESSION VI 11:30–12:45



MIGS: FROM INNOVATION TO CLINICAL PRACTICE

MODERATORS: Alberto Diniz Filho, MD, PhD (Brazil); Fernando Gómez Goyeneche, MD (Colombia).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
11:30–11:42	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE How I Think About MIGS.	David Friedman, MD, PhD, MPH (USA)
11:43–11:50	📌 sLAG LECTURE Innovations in Glaucoma Treatment and Their Impact on Costs: Implications for the Individual and Health Systems.	Ricardo Paletta Guedes, MD, MPH, PhD (Brazil)
11:51–12:03	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Key Features for Success with the Microtubes (PreserFlo™ MicroShunt and XEN® Gel Stent)	Paul Palmberg, MD, PhD (USA)
12:04–12:16	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE The Rise of the Modern Bleb.	Luis Abegão Pinto, MD, PhD (Portugal)
12:17–12:24	📌 sLAG LECTURE Which MIGS Do We Choose and How Effective Are They?	Manuel José Justiniano, MD (Bolivia)
12:25–12:37	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE MIGS: Where is the Evidence?	Fotis Topouzis, MD, PhD (Greece)
12:37–12:45	🗣️ Q&A Interactive Discussion.	

12:45–14:00

Global Leaders Forum

MODERATORS: Fabián Lerner (Argentina); Ana María Vásquez (Ecuador)

PANELISTS:

Luis Abegão Pinto (Portugal); Tin Aung (Singapore); Sanjay Asrani (USA); David Fleischman (USA); David Friedman (USA); Kaweh Mansouri (Switzerland); Paul Palmberg (USA); Ingeborg Stalmans (Belgium); Remo Susanna (Brazil); Celso Tello (USA); Fotis Topouzis (Greece); Luis Vázquez (USA).

Goals

- 1 **The situation in Latin America**
- 2 **International experience**
- 3 **Adaptation to regional realities**

14:00–15:00



LUNCH BREAK

Lunch provided by sLAG at the hotel restaurants

15:00–15:30



AFTER LUNCH EXPERIENCE

Networking Break (Coffee - Innovation - Industry Experience)

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SESSION VII 15:00-16:20



MIGS AND MIBS: PERSONALIZING MODERN GLAUCOMA SURGERY

MODERATORS: Manuel José Justiniano, MD (Bolivia); Guillermo Barreto Fong, MD (Peru).

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER(S)
15:30-15:42	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE IOP Control and Glaucoma Progression Prevention with MIGS .	Luis Vázquez, MD, PhD (USA)
15:43-15:50	🏠 sLAG/TRINATIONAL LECTURE iStent infinite®: Enhancing the Physiological Pathway.	María Fernanda Delgado, MD (Colombia)
15:51-15:58	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE New MIGS: VIA360	Juan Carlos Molina, MD (Peru)
15:59-16:06	🏠 sLAG LECTURE BANG: Simplicity with Impact	Andrés Gerhard, MD (Chile)
16:07-16:14	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE MIGS and MIBS in Combined Cataract Surgery.	Carlos Luis Chacón, MD (Ecuador)
16:15-16:27	★ DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE Phaco: The Most Popular MIGS in the World	Luis Abegão Pinto, MD, PhD (Portugal)
16:28-16:35	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE Premium Intraocular Lenses and Glaucoma	Katrina Saad, MD (Colombia)
16:36-16:43	🏠 TRINATIONAL LECTURE Complex Clinical Cases: Common Errors and How to Avoid Them	Ángel La Rosa, MD (Peru)
16:44-16:50	🗣️ Q&A Interactive Discussion.	
16:50-17:00	CLOSING CEREMONY Recognition of Distinguished Faculty.	Ana María Vázquez, MD (Ecuador) María Fernanda Delgado, MD (Colombia)
17:00-19:00	CLOSING EVENT JW Marriott, Pool and Exhibition Area	

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WORKSHOP 1

Discover the Optic Nerve: A 3D Experience

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 1:40–2:50 p.m.
Esmeraldas Room

Hands-on 3D stereoscopic visualization workshop designed to enhance optic nerve assessment. Through a variety of clinical cases, participants will learn to analyze optic disc cupping and the neuroretinal rim, identify signs of glaucomatous damage, and distinguish them from physiological variations.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, residents, and fellows
Coordinator: Marcelo Hatanaka, MD
Instructors: Alberto Dios, MD, Renato Germano, MD

Capacity: 35 participants

WORKSHOP 2

OCT in Glaucoma: More Accurate Interpretation

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 7:00–8:00 a.m.
Esmeraldas Room

Hands-on workshop designed to develop skills in the analysis and interpretation of OCT images of the optic nerve, retinal nerve fiber layer, and macular ganglion cell complex. Participants will learn to recognize normal and pathological patterns, detect early signs of glaucoma, and integrate structural findings with clinical and functional assessments.

The workshop will include practical demonstrations using different diagnostic platforms: Zeiss, Topcon, Nidek, and Spectralis.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, residents, and fellows seeking to refine their OCT interpretation skills and apply them to clinical decision-making.

Coordinators: Alberto Dios, MD, Yolanda Pazmiño, MD, Cristina Suasnavas, MD.
Instructors: Luis Vázquez, MD, Fernando Gómez Goyeneche, MD, Alberto Diniz, MD, and Jhon Jairo Aristizábal, MD.

Capacity: 35 participants

WORKSHOP 3

Visual Fields in Glaucoma

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 1:40–2:50 p.m.
Esmeraldas Room

Hands-on workshop based on clinical cases and real-world reports, designed to teach participants how to assess visual field test reliability, recognize glaucomatous defects, identify progression, and correlate functional findings with OCT results.

The workshop will include practical demonstrations using different diagnostic platforms: Humphrey and Octopus.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, residents, and fellows.
Coordinators: Alberto Dios, MD, Yolanda Pazmiño, MD, and Cristina Suasnavas, MD.
Instructors: Juan Camilo Parra, MD and Alberto Dios, MD

Capacity: 35 participants

WORKSHOP 4

Cinematography in Ophthalmology: Taking Clinical Documentation to a New Level

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 7:00–8:00 a.m.
Esmeraldas Room

Hands-on workshop designed to teach participants how to produce accurate and consistent ophthalmic images by controlling exposure, lighting, white balance, and color profiles. Discover how to apply cinematic standards to clinical, surgical, and academic documentation.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, glaucoma specialists, residents, and fellows.
Coordinators: Eduardo Rojas, MD and Yolanda Pazmiño, MD.
Instructor: Ricardo Véjar, Director of Dragon RV Studios

Capacity: 35 participants

WORKSHOP 5

Minimally Invasive Bleb-Forming Surgery: From Indication to Postoperative Follow-Up

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 1:40–2:50 p.m.
La Villa Workshop Room

Hands-on workshop covering the use of the **PRESERFLO™ MicroShunt** in selected patients with glaucoma: indications, preoperative assessment, operating principles, implantation technique, management of potential complications, and postoperative follow-up.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, glaucoma specialists, residents, and fellows.

Coordinators: María Fernanda Delgado, MD and Paola Álvarez, MD.

Instructors: Luis Abegão, MD, María Fernanda Delgado, MD, Lucas Saldarriaga, MD, Katrina Saad, MD, and Clemencia de Vivero, MD

Capacity: 22 participants

WORKSHOP 6

Trabeculectomy: From Indication to Surgical Execution

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 7:00–8:00 a.m.
La Villa Workshop Room

Hands-on, supervised training in the key steps of trabeculectomy: flap construction, antimetabolite application, sclerostomy, iridectomy, suturing techniques, and flow control.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, residents, and fellows interested in glaucoma surgery.

Coordinators: Marcelo Hatanaka, MD and Renato Germano, MD.

Instructors: Cristiano Caixeta, MD, Guillermo Barreto, MD, Arturo Burchakchi, MD, Juan Camilo Parra, MD, Nara Ogata, MD, Celso Tello, MD, Roberto Murad Vessani, MD, and Lisandro Sakata, MD.

Capacity: 22 participants

WORKSHOP 7

Valved and Non-Valved Glaucoma Drainage Devices: From Implant Selection to Postoperative Follow-Up

Friday, September 25, 2026 | 1:40–2:50 p.m.
La Villa Workshop Room

Hands-on workshop on the indications, patient selection, and implantation of valved and non-valved glaucoma drainage devices. It includes training with the **PAUL® Glaucoma Implant**, **Ahmed®**, and **ClearPath®**, as well as flow management, complication prevention, and postoperative follow-up.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, residents, and fellows.

Coordinators: María Angélica Moussalli, MD, Gabriela Torres, MD, and Andrés Díaz, MD.

Instructors: David Fleischman, MD, Nathalia González, MD, Marina Ramírez, MD, Héctor Fontana, MD, Dan Arreaza, MD, and Jair Giampani, MD.

Capacity: 22 participants

WORKSHOP 8

Angle Surgery in Glaucoma

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 7:00–8:00 a.m.
La Villa Workshop Room

Hands-on workshop on gonioscopy and angle surgery for mild to moderate glaucoma. It covers patient selection, indications, technical principles, and complication prevention in procedures using **the Kahook Dual Blade (KDB)**, **iStent®**, and **360° GATT** with Prolene® suture.

Intended for: Ophthalmologists, glaucoma specialists, residents, and fellows.

Coordinators: Celina Logioco, MD and Gabriela Torres, MD.

Instructors: Javier Casiraghi, MD, Mariana Chedid, MD, Lucas Saldarriaga, MD, María Fernanda Delgado, MD, Mauricio Aguirre, MD, Dan Arreaza, MD, and Manuel Justiniano, MD.

Capacity: 22 participants

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