



52nd National Congress of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa

Invitation & Registration

Masterclasses: 28 Feb 2024

Congress: 29 Feb – 2 Mar 2024

The Boardwalk Convention Centre
Gqeberha, South Africa



Provisional programme at a glance

	Wednesday, 28 Feb			Thursday, 29 Feb			Friday, 1 Mar			Saturday, 2 Mar		
Morning	08:00	Registration until 17:00	Office	07:00	Registration	Office	07:00	Registration	Office	07:00	Registration	Office
	08:00	College of Ophthalmology & HOD meetings	Room 4	07:30	Pretoria Alumni	Room 1	Various	WETLAB slots	Room 5	07:30	WOSA Breakfast*	Room 2A
				07:30	Wits Alumni	Room 2	08:00	Uveitis	Room 1	08:30	Cornea & Refractive	Room 1
		Morning Masterclasses		07:30	Bloemfontein Alumni	Room 3	08:00	Glaucoma 2	Room 2	08:30	SASOPS	Room 2B
	09:00	Masterclass 1: Cornea Sponsored by HOYA	Room 1	07:30	UKZN Alumni	Room 4	09:00	Retinal surgery 1	Room 1	08:30	SAVRS	Room 5
	09:00	Masterclass 3A: WOSA Botox and Filler Sponsored by TBC	Room 2	Various	WETLAB slots	Room 5	09:00	Cataract 2	Room 2	08:00	Allied health Session 6	Room 3
				08:15	Ocular Trauma	Room 1	08:00	Allied health Session 4	Room 3	08:00	Administrators Session 6	Room 4
				08:15	SASPOS	Room 2	08:00	Administrators Session 4	Room 4			
				08:15	SAGS	Room 3						
				08:15	Young Ophthalmologists	Room 4						
	11:15	Refreshments	Foyer	09:15	Refreshments & Exhibition	Level 1	10:15	Refreshments & Exhibition	Level 1	10:15	Refreshments & Exhibition	Level 1
		AM Masterclasses continue	Room 1	10:00	Session 1: Opening (plenary)	Room 1	11:00	DJ Woods lecture	Room 1	11:00	Ethics lecture (plenary)	Room 1
Afternoon	11:45	Cornea		10:15	A blind man with vision!					12:45	Congress closure	
	11:45	WOSA Botox and Filler	Room 2	11:00	Cataract 1	Room 1				13:00	Shuttle departs to airport	
				11:00	Glaucoma 1	Room 2						
				11:00	Allied health Session 1	Room 3						
				11:00	Administrators Session 1	Room 4						
	13:15	Lunch	Foyer	12:30	Lunch & Exhibition RetinaSA Advisory board TBC	Level 1	12:00	Lunch, Exhibition & Poster session	Level 1			
		Afternoon Masterclasses		13:30	Trade symposium 1 - AbbVie	Room 1	13:00	Trade symposium 3 - DORC	Room 1			
	14:00	Masterclass 2: Retina Sponsored by Alcon	Room 1	13:30	Trade symposium 2 - SOS	Room 2	13:00	Trade symposium 4 - Alcon	Room 2			
				14:30	Medical retina	Room 1	14:00	Retinal surgery 2	Room 1			
	14:00	Masterclass 3B: WOSA Botox and Filler (Duplication of 3A) Sponsored by TBC	Room 2	14:30	SASPOS	Room 2	14:00	Registrar session	Room 2			
				13:30	Allied health Session 2	Room 3	13:00	Allied health Session 5	Room 3			
				13:30	Administrators Session 2	Room 4	13:00	Administrators Session 5	Room 4			
Evening	15:30	Refreshments Foyer		15:30	Refreshments & Exhibition	Level 1	15:30	Refreshments & Exhibition	Level 1			
		PM Masterclasses continue	Room 1	16:00	Cornea	Room 1	16:00	OSSA AGM	Room 2B			
	16:00	Retina		16:00	IRD Session	Room 2A	17:00	OMG AGM	Room 2B			
	16:00	WOSA Botox and Filler PM (Duplication of AM)	Room 2	16:00	Public sector session	Room 2B						
				16:00	Allied health Session 3	Room 3						
	17:45	Adjourn		16:00	Administrators Session 3	Room 4						
	18:30	YO Symposium	Room 2	18:00	Welcoming Function	Level 1	19:00	OSSA Banquet	Room 1			
	18:30	Bausch & Lomb Symposium	Room 3									



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Invitation from the chair

Dear Friends and Colleagues, both locally and from afar

It is a great privilege to invite you to the 52nd OSSA congress which will be held in Gqeberha (previously named Port Elizabeth). We would like to invite you to our city which is affectionately known as the Friendly City. The congress will be held in the Boardwalk Convention Centre which has been newly renovated and offers fantastic facilities along with spectacular views over the Indian ocean.

As always, we strive to provide a world class faculty of speakers and we look forward to the mutual sharing of knowledge and skills. We have confirmed international speakers of the highest calibre already and look forward also to our local speakers adding African spice to the programme.

Confirmed speakers include, amongst others:

- **Prof Srinivas Sadda** (Director, Artificial Intelligence & Imaging Research, Doheny Eye Institute and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of California – Los Angeles)
- **Prof Steven Yeh** (Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of Retina and Uveitis, University of Nebraska)
- **Dr Tarek Shaarawy** (Head of the Glaucoma Unit and the Glaucoma surgery research group at the University of Geneva Hospitals, President of the International Society of Glaucoma surgery)
- **Prof Farhad Hafezi** (Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Geneva, Switzerland)
- **Dr Ronald Yeoh** (Medical Director Camden Eye & Retina Surgeons, Singapore and Adjunct assistant professor at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School)
- Prof Graham Barrett (Anterior Segment Disorders, Corneal Disorders, Eye Surgery and Keratorefractive Surgery)
- Prof Femida Kerani (Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery)
- Dr Kourous Rezaei (Medical and surgical treatment of vitreoretinal diseases)
- Prof Peter Szurman (Minimally invasive eye surgery, stem cell therapy, trauma reconstruction, glaucoma surgery & laser surgery for cataracts)

We have entertaining Masterclasses planned to kick off the congress. A Corneal masterclass will lead the way with interactive discussions on optimizing corneal cross-linking followed by lamellar corneal surgery training from novice to expert (This also includes wetlabs). The corneal masterclass will be followed by a retina and uveitis imaging masterclass with interactive case discussions.

This promises to be as diverse a programme as our city's many monikers, and I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming you to the land of the so called "Big 7".

Please join us for a few days to share ideas and meet up with old friends and colleagues.

Best wishes

Schalk du Toit

Congress Chair, Eastern Cape Branch OSSA



Venue

Gqeberha is South Africa's second oldest city and also the commercial capital of the Eastern Cape. It forms part of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, which also includes the towns of Uitenhage and Despatch. The locals call Port Elizabeth anything from *PE*, *The Friendly City*, *The Windy City*, *Die Baai* to *Ibhayi*.

Some great character traits of Gqeberha are: Great (moderate) weather all year round, beautiful beaches, strong economic growth, a major university and schools, the Boardwalk Hotel, major hotels and guest houses, shopping centres, very little traffic congestion and much more to mention.

The Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre and Entertainment World in Gqeberha offers 5-star hotel accommodation only a few minutes away from Hobie beach, which has been awarded blue-flag status. The International Convention Centre at The Boardwalk has a number of flexible venue spaces, catering for conferences, exhibitions, concerts and even meetings. - See more at: <http://www.suninternational.com/boardwalk/>



Further information & important dates

Deadline for early bird registrations:	10 November 2023
Block bookings expire at hotels	9 January 2024

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OSSA matters & membership

Please [click here](#) to apply for OSSA membership.

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Website & summary of links

Website

2024.ossacongress.co.za

Summary of links

Please see this link of summary of relevant congress links.

Home

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Payments

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Sponsorship & exhibitions

<https://2024.ossacongress.co.za/sponsorship-exhibitions/>



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Invited international speakers

	Institution, City & Country	Fields of expertise
Prof Graham Barrett	The University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia	Anterior Segment Disorders, Corneal Disorders, Eye Surgery and Keratorefractive Surgery
Prof Farhad Hafezi	ELZA Institute AG & University of Geneva, Switzerland	Medical and refractive corneal surgery
Prof Femida Kerani	The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon
Dr Kourous Rezaei	Chicago, USA	Medical and surgical treatment of vitreoretinal diseases
Prof Srinivas Sadda	Artificial Intelligence & Imaging Research, Doheny Eye Institute & University of California, Los Angeles, USA	Artificial Intelligence & Imaging Research
Dr Tarek Shaarawy	Glaucoma surgery research group at the University of Geneva Hospitals, President of the International Society of Glaucoma surgery	Glaucoma
Prof Peter Szurman	Eye Clinic Sulzbach, Saarland, Germany	Minimally invasive eye surgery, stem cell therapy, trauma reconstruction, glaucoma surgery & laser surgery for cataracts
	University of Nebraska, USA	Uveitis, Retinal disease and surgery & Pediatric uveitis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis
Dr Ronald Yeoh	Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, Singapore	Cataract and diseases of the retina

Academic programme

Please click on [this link](https://2024.ossacongress.co.za/programme) or go to 2024.ossacongress.co.za/programme to view the preliminary congress programme.

Masterclasses

Wednesday, 28 Feb 2024

Masterclass 1, Cornea masterclass (AM):	R1 000 (Early bird fee)
Masterclass 2, Retina masterclass (PM):	R1 000 (Early bird fee)
Masterclass 3, Filler / Botox masterclass (AM & PM repeat of AM):	R1 000 (Early bird fee)
Attendance of two masterclasses:	R1 500 (Early bird fee)

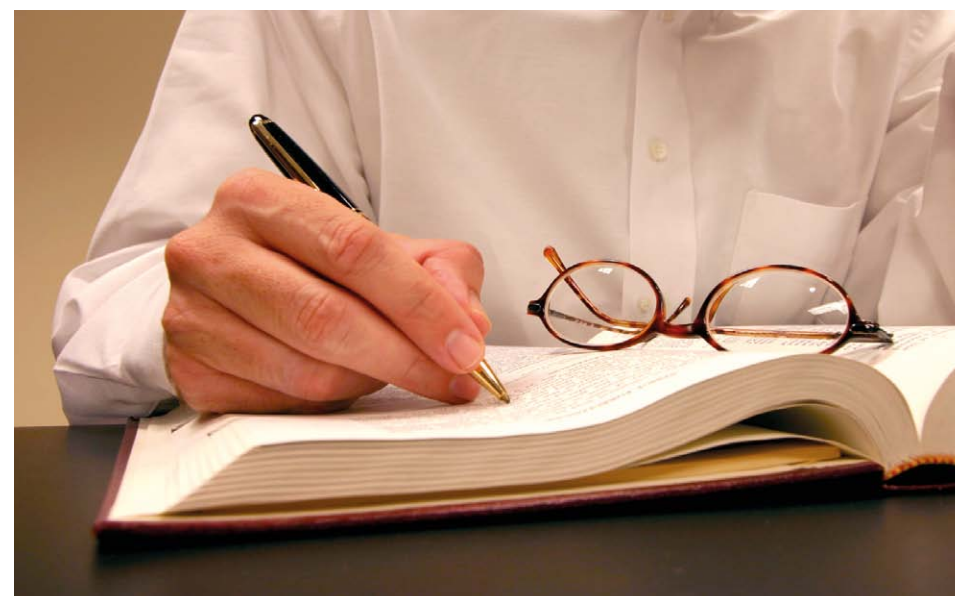
Refreshments and lunch included.

Medical Officers and Registrars registered for the congress may register for one or both of the masterclasses at a discount of 50%.

Thursday & Friday, 29 Feb 2024

Cornea Wetlab (two-hour slot)	R3 000 (Early bird fee)
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The programme of the masterclasses will be available on the congress website 2024.ossacongress.co.za/programme.



Masterclass 1

Corneal Masterclass

We have exciting corneal masterclasses to look forward to. Prof Hafezi from Switzerland will teach us about what is new in crosslinking and keratoconic biomechanics, with a panel discussion on the nuances of current crosslinking concepts. The next part of the masterclass will be aimed at shifting from PK surgery to EK surgery. This should be seen as a precursor for the corneal wetlab, but not an absolute prerequisite. Lions World Vision Institute will run the corneal wetlab during the main programme where surgeons will have the opportunity to perform a DMEK on human tissue. We could potentially offer a DSAEK version of this on special request and enough interest.

Wednesday, 28 Feb 2024

08:00 Registration

09:00 **Masterclass 1: Cornea**

Sponsored by: HOYA

This masterclass will be led by Prof Farhad Hafezi, Dr Ronald Yeoh and Lions World Vision Institute

13:15 Lunch

Masterclass 2

14:00 **Masterclass 2: Retinal and uveitis imaging masterclass**

Sponsored by: Alcon

This masterclass will be led by Prof Srinivas Sadda & Prof Steven Yeh.

High-resolution OCT: Applications in AMD	Prof Srinivas Sadda
Novel imaging modalities for dry and wet AMD	Prof Steven Yeh
Applications of OCT angiography	Prof Srinivas Sadda
Clinical applications of peripheral OCT	Prof Srinivas Sadda
Interesting uveitis diagnosis made by OCT	Prof Steven Yeh
Insights into pathophysiology of diseases revealed by choriocapillaris imaging	Prof Srinivas Sadda
OCT knowledge audience challenge	

17:30 Adjourn

Masterclass 3A & 3B

Wednesday, 28 Feb 2024

Masterclass 3: Filler / Botox masterclass

09:00 **Masterclass 3A: WOSA Botox and Filler AM**

Sponsored by: TBC

13:15 Lunch

14:00 **Masterclass 3B: WOSA Botox and Filler PM (Repeat of AM)**

Sponsored by: TBC

17:30 Adjourn

Cornea Wetlab

Made possible by Lions World Vision Institute & Oculute

DMEK insertion techniques wetlab

Lions World Vision Institute will run the corneal wetlab during the main programme where surgeons will have the opportunity to perform a DMEK on human tissue. We could potentially offer a DSAEK version of this on special request and enough interest.

Please pre-book your two-hour slot when registering for the congress:

Thursday, 29 Feb: 08:00 – 10:00, 11:00 – 13:00, 14:00 - 16:00

Friday, 1 Mar: 08:00 – 10:00, 11:00 – 13:00, 14:00 - 16:00

Fee: R3 000 (Early bird fee)
(Options of DSAEK insertion on special request only.
Please request when registering.)



Social functions

Wednesday, 28 February, 18:30

Young Ophthalmologists Symposium

(For Registrars, Medical officers & Ophthalmologists in their first five years post-graduation)

Venue: Boardwalk Convention Centre

Dress: Casual

Cost: Free of charge for all registered young Ophthalmologist. R300 for additional guests.

Free evening for all other delegates

Thursday, 29 February, 18:00

Welcoming Function

Venue: Exhibition Hall, Boardwalk Convention Centre

Dress: Casual

Cost: Free of charge for all registered delegates. R300 for additional guests.

Friday, 1 March, 19:00 for 19:30

OSSA Banquet (Limited seating)

Venue: Boardwalk Convention Centre

Dress: Black Tie / Day suit / Traditional

Cost: R400 for all delegates and additional guests

Saturday, 2 March, 07:30 – 08:50

Women in Ophthalmology (WOSA) Breakfast

(For Registrars, Medical officers & Ophthalmologists and is not exclusively for women)

Speakers: Prof Fehmida Kerani (Vancouver, Canada) &
Dr Ciku Mathenge (current President of the AOC)

Venue: Boardwalk Convention Centre

Cost: Free of charge for all registered Registrars, Medical officers & Ophthalmologists. R300 for additional guests.

Registration

The online registration facility will be available on the website from **August 2023**.

Registration procedure

- To assist the organisers, delegates are requested to register online **BEFORE 10 November 2023** in order to qualify for the early bird registration fee.
- **You are still welcome to register after this date at a higher fee.**
- It is your responsibility to ensure that the organisers have received your registration form. You will receive a personalised confirmation by e-mail from the organisers within 10 working days.
- Registrations for the Congress can only be finalised once full payment has been received.
- All speakers are required to register.

Important request to companies sponsoring delegates:
Please let us have the delegate's **personal** e-mail address and other contact information.

Step 1	Register ONLINE at https://2024.ossacongress.co.za/register/ Click here to register ONLINE
Step 2	E-MAIL proof of payment (if applicable) to ossacongress@rkcommunication.co.za
Step 3	Ensure that you receive a confirmation via e-mail from the organisers within 10 working days.

Payment options

PREFERRED method of payment:

EFT / bank deposit

Standard Bank (Menlyn)

Branch code: 012345

Account number: 012 150 053

Swift code: SBZAJJ (for international transfers)

Account name: OSSA Congress

Reference: Your **name** and **surname** as it appears on the registration form.

Please e-mail proof of payment to
ossacongress@rkcommunication.co.za

ALTERNATIVE method of payment:

If you encounter difficulty or cannot make an EFT or direct bank deposit, please pay via the Mobipaid link provided on the congress website's registration page.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not accept Diners or American Express Cards.

This account number is the same as the 2023 Congress account number



Fee entitlements

- Congress sessions for specific days as indicated in the programme for all groups (Three-day programmes for optometrists, assistants, nurses, practice managers & administrators included). Masterclasses & wetlab are **excluded** from the congress fee.
- Trade exhibition, lunches & refreshments during breaks
- Young Ophthalmologists Symposium (For Registrars, Medical officers & Ophthalmologists in their first five years post-graduation)
- Welcoming Function
- OSSA Banquet **excluded**

Cancellation policy

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing.

The congress organisers shall be entitled to levy a cancellation fee as indicated below:

- Up until 90 days prior to the first day of the event: 10% of the registration fee
- Between 89 and 30 days prior to the first day of the event: 50% of the registration fee
- Within 30 days of the first day of the event: 100% of the registration fee

Registration fees

ONSITE FEE: Late fee PLUS 10%

15% VAT Included	EARLY BIRD Register AND pay UNTIL 10 Nov 2023		STANDARD FEE Register AND pay FROM 11 Nov 2023		LATE FEE Register AND pay FROM 7 Feb 2024	
	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days

MEMBERS (Please refer to "Membership" below)

Ophthalmologist in private practice or limited private practice	R7 600	R3 250 /d	R8 650	R3 700 /d	R9 800	R4 200 /d
Ophthalmologist in public service with no private practice	R5 600	R2 400 /d	R6 600	R2 800 /d	R7 600	R3 250 /d
Medical associate member: Registrar in Ophthalmology, Medical Officers and GPs	R3 200	R1 400 /d	R3 800	R1 600 /d	R4 100	R1 800 /d
Medical Associate member: Ophthalmologists practicing overseas	R7 600	R3 250 /d	R8 650	R3 700 /d	R9 800	R4 200 /d
Non-Medical Associate member Registered with other Boards or Councils	R3 800	R1 600 /d	R4 450	R1 900 /d	R5 300	R2 250 /d
*Honorary life member (Over 65 and retired)	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Honorary life member: Must be 65 years and older and should also be a retired member.

NON-MEMBERS (Please refer to "Membership" below)

Ophthalmologist in private practice or part-time private practice	R12 800	R5 500 /d	R13 550	R5 800 /d	R14 050	R6 000 /d
Ophthalmologist in full-time public service with no private practice	R10 100	R4 300 /d	R11 100	R4 750 /d	R13 250	R5 700 /d
Ophthalmologist other African countries (Excluding South Africa)	R6 600	R2 850 /d	R7 600	R3 250 /d	R8 000	R3 400 /d
Ophthalmologist from abroad	R12 800	R5 500 /d	R13 550	R5 800 /d	R14 050	R6 000 /d
Optometrist in private practice	R6 300	R2 700 /d	R6 950	R3 000 /d	R7 600	R3 250 /d
Medical officer in Ophthalmology / Registrar / GPs	R3 800	R1 600 /d	R4 450	R1 900 /d	R5 300	R2 250 /d

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	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days
Practice Manager & Administrator / Ophthalmic Assistant / Ophthalmic Nurse /	R3 800	R1 600 /d	R4 450	R1 900 /d	R5 300	R2 250 /d
Optometrist in full-time government or tertiary employment / Orthoptist / Ocularist / Community Field Worker	R3 800	R1 600 /d	R4 450	R1 900 /d	R5 300	R2 250 /d
ADDITIONAL TRADE DELEGATES (More than the 2 free delegates per stand)	R5 500	R2 350 /d	R6 150	R2 650 /d	R6 750	R2 900 /d

Please note that **ONLY trade delegates / representatives** in the service of companies participating in the Trade Exhibition OR involved as sponsors will be allowed to attend the congress.

	Ophthalmologist	MO / Registrar	Ophthalmologist	MO / Registrar	Ophthalmologist	MO / Registrar
CORNA MASTERCLASS	R1 000	R500	R1 100	R550	R1 200	R600
RETINAL MASTERCLASS	R1 000	R500	R1 100	R550	R1 200	R600
BOTOX MASTERCLASS	R1 000	R500	R1 100	R550	R1 200	R600
TWO MASTERCLASSES	R1 500	R750	R1 700	R850	R1 900	R950
CORNEA WETLAB	R3 000	R3 000	R3 200	R3 200	R3 400	R3 400

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: The Welcoming Function is free of charge for delegates registered for the ENTIRE Academic Congress.

OSSA Banquet excluded: R400 for all registered delegates and additional guests (Trade delegates most welcome.) Limited seating.

Young Ophthalmologists Symposium (Wednesday, 28 February) Free evening for all other delegates	Free of charge for all registered registrars, MO's & young Ophthalmologist in their first five years post-graduation. R300 for additional guests.
Welcoming Function (Thursday, 29 February)	Free of charge for all delegates registered for entire congress. R300 / person for additional guests
OSSA Banquet (Friday, 1 March)	R400 for all registered delegates and additional guests. Limited seating.

[Click here to register ONLINE](#)

You are personally responsible for full payment of these fees if your institution or company does not pay them.



Membership

- **OSSA member:** Delegate who is a member of OSSA whose latest membership invoice has been paid and updated on the OSSA Autoprax platform.
- **Non-member:** Delegate who is not a registered member of OSSA or a member whose latest membership invoice has not been paid and updated on the OSSA Autoprax platform.
- If you register as a member and your latest membership invoice on the OSSA Autoprax system is outstanding, the registrations manager will correct your registration amount and charge you accordingly.
- Should you wish to become a Member of OSSA, please apply online:
<https://members.ossa.co.za/auth/preregister>

Accommodation arrangements

You are responsible for **your own accommodation arrangements and payment**. We urge you to book now!

We have secured group accommodation at the following hotels:

The Boardwalk Hotel, Courtyard Hotel, City Lodge, Town Lodge & Road Lodge.

These rooms will be reserved for congress delegates until **9 January 2024** and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

- Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- **Check-in time:** 14:00 (An early check-in, if required, may be requested and will be prioritised. This is, however, not guaranteed.)
- **Check-out time:** 10:00
- The accommodation establishment's cancellation policy will apply.
- All travellers are requested to please **travel with a copy of his or her identification document or passport** as the accommodation establishments are mandated to obtain a copy of this.
- **Daily shuttle** service between the listed hotels and The Boardwalk Hotel:
 - All the hotels on our list are within walking distance from the Boardwalk Hotel.
 - We will only have a small standby shuttle that is available between the hotels during the day.
 - In time for the first sessions in the morning and back after the last sessions and to and from the social functions.
 - If you plan to stay at any other hotel or guest house, you have to make provision for your own daily transport to and from the congress venue.

The Boardwalk Hotel (Congress venue)

Reservation ID:	OSSA24PB
Rates:	
Single:	R1 839 – R2 724 (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. Rate excludes 1% Tourism Levy)
Double:	R2 114 – R2 999 for both guests (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. Rate excludes 1% Tourism Levy)
Parking:	Fee of charge
Website:	Click here to visit website
Tel:	011 780 7800
E-mail:	grpresv@za.suninternational.com
How to make a reservation:	Option 1: E-mail or fax the booking form found on the Congress Website Accommodation tab to grpresv@za.suninternational.com / +27 (0) 11 780 7596 Option 2: Phone the call centre on 011 780 7800 and quote the group ID - OSSA24PB

The Courtyard Hotel

Distance from Boardwalk:	200m from venue
Reservation number:	1029785
Rates:	
Single:	R1 750 (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Double:	R1 925 (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Parking:	Free of charge (first-come, first-served)
Website:	Click here to visit website
Contact person:	Preeti Rama
Tel:	041 584 0322
E-mail:	cype.resv@clhg.com
How to make a reservation:	E-mail Preeti Rama at cype.resv@clhg.com and quote reservation number 1029785.

City Lodge

Distance from Boardwalk:	400m
Reservation number:	1029785
Rates:	
Single:	R1 480 (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Double:	R1 655 for both guests (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Parking:	Free of charge (first-come, first-served)
Website:	Click here to visit website
Contact person:	Charl Terblanche
Tel:	+27 41 584 0322
E-mail:	clpe.resv@clhg.com
How to make a reservation:	E-mail Charl Terblanche at clpe.resv@clhg.com and quote reservation number 1029785

Town Lodge

Distance from Boardwalk:	450m
Reservation number:	272BD32HV
Rates:	
Single:	R1 300 (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Double:	R1 475 for both guests (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Parking:	Free of charge (first-come, first-served)
Website:	Click here to visit the website
Contact person:	Kym Walker & John Robinson
Tel:	+27 41 509 2000
E-mail:	tlpe.resv@clhg.com
How to make a reservation:	E-mail Kym Walker at tlpe.resv@clhg.com and quote reservation number 272BD32HV

Road Lodge

Distance from Boardwalk:	100m
Reservation number:	359BC31BH
Rates:	
Single:	R940 (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Double:	R1 050 for both guests (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy excluded)
Parking:	Free of charge (first-come, first-served)
Website:	Click here to visit website
Contact person:	Bianca Williams
Tel:	+27 41 583 4404
E-mail:	rlpe.dm@clhg.com
How to make a reservation:	E-mail Bianca Williams at rlpe.dm@clhg.com and quote reservation number 359BC31BH

Please reserve your room before
9 January 2024

You are responsible for your own accommodation arrangements.

Travel arrangements & shuttle service

- You are responsible for your own travel arrangements.
- **There will not be a shuttle service provided from the Port Elizabeth International Airport to the Boardwalk Hotel.** We would like to recommend that you make use of a private shuttle, taxi or Uber.
- **Shuttle from the Boardwalk Hotel to Port Elizabeth International Airport:**
 - Date: Saturday, 2 March 2024
 - Departure time: 13:00
 - Fee: R200
 - Duration: About 15 minutes
 - If the date and time above do not suite your needs, we would like to recommend that you make use of a private shuttle, taxi or Uber as mentioned below.
- **Daily shuttle service**

All the hotels on our accommodation list are within walking distance from the **Boardwalk Hotel**. We will only have a small standby shuttle that is available between the hotels on our accommodation list during the day
- **Uber**
 - You can download the Uber App from the appropriate APP store.
 - Fee for one to three passengers: More or less R120

Registrar awards

OSSA Registrar Award for best ORAL PRESENTATION

A session will be held during the congress for the presentation of oral papers by registrars.

The presenter of the best oral presentation will be awarded the **Registrar Award** to attend an international ophthalmology congress, if the sponsorship to the value of **R46 000** has been secured from a sponsor.

OSSA Registrar Award for best POSTER PRESENTATION

A poster session will be held during the Saturday lunch break in the exhibition hall for the adjudication of posters by registrars.

The presenter of the best poster presentation will be awarded the **Registrar Award** to attend an international ophthalmology congress, if the sponsorship to the value of **R26 000** has been secured from a sponsor.

PLEASE NOTE: Only registrars from any South African university qualify for the registrar awards.





General information

Annual General Meetings

Friday, 1 March 2024

OSSA AGM 16:00

OMG AGM 17:00

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points

The Congress will be accredited by the Health Professions Council of South Africa and registered for CPD points.

Language

The official language of the Congress will be English. No simultaneous translation into any other language will be provided.

Currency

ZAR South African Rand.

Climate

Average temperatures: 16 – 29° C. Light jacket essential for the evenings.

Electricity

The electricity supply in South Africa is 220 / 230 volts, AC 50 Hz.

If you are visiting from another country and would like to know if you will need an adapter, please follow this link to get the answer <https://world-power-plugs.com/south-africa>

Insurance

The Congress Organisers cannot accept any liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss of, or damage to, property belonging to Congress participants (or their accompanying persons), either during, or as a result of, the Congress. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

Visas

It is strongly recommended that all travellers check the latest visa requirements with the nearest South African Embassy or Consulate before travelling,
OR click here or click here

The passports of all travellers entering South Africa must contain at least two clean (unstamped) visa pages each time entry is sought.

Travellers entering South Africa from countries where yellow fever is endemic are often required to present their yellow World Health Organisation (WHO) vaccination record or other proof of inoculation. If they are unable to do so, they must be inoculated at the airport in order to be permitted entry.

Special dietary requirements

Halaal & vegetarian: Please indicate your requirements on the registration form.
Kosher meals & other dietary preferences: Please contact the organisers in this regard.

Time zone

South Africa is GMT + 2 hours.



Tourism & activities

Click here to visit Nelson Mandela Bay Tourism

Donkin Lighthouse for city views

There are awesome views of the city from the top of Donkin lighthouse, which now serves as a tourist office. Built in 1861, it's over a 150 years old. Visit between 8am and 4:30pm weekdays and Saturdays 9:30am to 3:30pm. Belmont Terrace, Donkin Street. Call 041 582 2575.

Hobie Beach

Blue flag status belongs to the Kings and Humewood beaches, however Hobie Beach is a great spot to launch a boat, play an invigorating game of volleyball, wind surf, swim or bask in some sun. The small rock pools are also interesting to explore especially for kids. Hobie Beach, Marine Drive.

Hip Stanley Street

The undisputed king of street cool, Stanley Street is Port Elizabeth's answer to Jozi's Maboneng, Durban's Rivertown Precinct and Cape Town's Bree Street. Choose from over 15 excellent restaurants. Set in Richmond, one of Port Elizabeth's oldest suburbs, there is a friendly atmosphere with restaurant tables spilling out on to the sidewalk and fairylights in the trees.

Free tour of the Volkswagen Auto Pavilion

Car lovers will be in heaven on a pre-booked tour at the Volkswagen Factory in Uitenhage. You'll encounter the oldest kombi in South Africa, meet Herbie and see a car sliced in half by a laser. <https://autopavilion.co.za/vw-factory-tours/>

Take a Horse Ride in the Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve

Kick up some of P.E.'s golden sand and surf and go for a saunter along the beach. Heavenly Stables offers a one hour free horse ride through the Sardinia Bay Nature Reserve with your NMB pass. Bookings essential at least two days prior. The rides are weather dependent. Open 7 days a week, from 09:00 – 17:00. Plot 431, Sardinia bay Road, Lovemore Park, Port Elizabeth. 081 890 7080.

Visit the original Vovo Telo

South Africans all over the country have fallen in love with the fresh bread and pastries at Vovo Telo. It all started in Raleigh Street, Richmond Hill with wafts of freshly baked artisan bread drawing hungry customers. Inspired by an experience in Vovo Telo, a village in Madagascar, this bakery has become a series of popular slow-food restaurants. Choose from fresh ciabatta, sour dough, coconut loaf, brioche, rustic and rye to take away or eat breakfast, lunch, tea or dinner sitting down. The coffee comes highly recommended. 16 Raleigh Street, central Port Elizabeth. Call 041 585 5606.

Information courtesy of the travel start blog For more information, please visit <https://activities.travelstart.co.za/regions/the-garden-route>