



51th National Congress of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa

Invitation & Registration

Masterclasses: 8 March 2023
Congress: 9 – 11 March 2023

**Durban International Convention Centre
South Africa**



Preliminary Programme at a Glance

	Wednesday, 8 March	Thursday, 9 March	Friday, 10 March	Saturday, 11 March
Morning	08:00 – 17:00 Registration 08:00 College of Ophthalmology & HOD meetings (Protea Suite)	07:00 – 17:00 Registration 07:00 – 08:30 WOSA Breakfast Launch Sub-Specialities morning 08:40 Ocular trauma (Room 12AB) 08:40 Cornea, coffee & croissants (Room 11AB) 08:40 Glaucoma (Room 12CDE) 08:40 Young Ophthalmologist (Room 11CDE)	07:00 Registration 08:00 Ophthalmology 4A (Hall 3C) 08:00 Ophthalmology 4B (SASPOS) (Room 12CDE) 08:00 Ophthalmic administrators 4 (Room 12AB) 08:00 Optometry 4 (Room 11AB) 08:00 Ophthalmic assistants 4 (Room 12CDE) 08:00 Ophthalmic nurses 4 (Room 11CDE)	07:00 Registration 08:00 Ophthalmology 6A (Hall 3C) 08:00 Ophthalmology 6B (Hall 3B) 08:00 Ophthalmic administrators 6 (Room 12AB) 08:00 Optometry 6 (Room 11AB) 08:00 Ophthalmic assistants and nurses combined 6 (Room 12CDE)
	10:00 Masterclass 1 Cornea (Hall 3C) Sponsored by Alcon 11:30 Refreshments 11:50 Masterclass 1 continues	09:45 Refreshments & Exhibition 10:30 Session 1: Opening Motivational speakers: (Hall 3B & C) 10:40 Prof Harminder Dua Steering the Ship from studentship to leadership (Inspirational talk around his career). 11:20 Mr Grant Lottering From death to the top of the Alps: A new perspective on overcoming.	10:15 Refreshments & Exhibition 11:00 DJ Wood Lecture (Hall 3B & 3C)	10:15 Refreshments & Exhibition 11:00 Ophthalmology 7A (Hall 3C) 11:00 Ophthalmology 7B (Hall 3B) 11:00 Administrators 7 (Room 12AB) 11:00 Optometry 7 (Room 11AB) 11:00 Ophthalmic assistants and nurses combined 7 (Room 12CDE)
	13:30 Lunch	12:00 Lunch & Exhibition 12:30 Retina SA Adv Board (Protea Suite)	12:00 Lunch, Exhibition & Poster Session	12:30 Lunch & Exhibition
	14:15 Masterclass 2 Retinal Detachment (Hall 3C) Sponsored by Novartis	13:00 – 13:50 Oculute symposium (Hall 3C) 13:00 – 13:50 AbbVie symposium (Hall 3B) 14:00 OMG Business Session 2A (Hall 3C) 14:00 Ophthalmology 2B (Hall 3B) Registrar session 13:00 Administrators 2 (Room 12AB) 13:00 Optometry 2 (Room 11AB) 13:00 Ophthalmic assistants 2 (Room 12CDE) 13:00 Ophthalmic nurses 2 (Room 11CDE)	13:00 – 13:50 Roche symposium 3 (Hall 3C) 13:00 – 13:50 Gen-Eye® symposium 4 (Hall 3B) 14:00 Ophthalmology 5A (Hall 3C) 14:00 Ophthalmology 5B (SASPOS) (Hall 3B) 13:00 Administrators 5 (Room 12AB) 13:00 Optometry 5 (Room 11AB) 13:00 Ophthalmic assistants 5 (Room 12CDE) 13:00 Ophthalmic nurses 5 (Room 11CDE)	13:00 Ethics session (Hall 3B & C) Plenary for all groups 14:45 Combined congress closure
Afternoon	15:45 Refreshments	15:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	15:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	15:00 Refreshments & Exhibition
	16:05 Masterclass 2 continues 17:30 Adjourn	16:00 Ophthalmology 3A (Hall 3C) 16:00 Ophthalmology 3B (Hall 3B) Registrar session 16:00 Administrators 3 (Room 12AB) 16:00 Optometry 3 (Room 11AB) 16:00 Ophthalmic assistants 3 (Room 12CDE) 16:00 Ophthalmic nurses 3 (Room 11CDE) 18:00 Adjourn	16:00 OSSA AGM (Hall 3C) 17:00 OMG AGM (Hall 3C) 18:00 Adjourn	15:15 Shuttle departs to airport from Durban ICC 15:30 Alumni Meetings: Wits (Room 11CDE) Bloemfontein (Room 12CDE) Pretoria (Room 12AB) University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (Room 11AB) 16:30 Adjourn 16:45 Shuttle departs to airport from Durban ICC
Evening	18:30 Young Ophthalmologists Symposium (Hall 3C)	18:00 Welcoming Function (Exhibition Hall)	19:00 for 19:30 OSSA Banquet (Durban ICC)	



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Invitation from the chair

On behalf of the Kwazulu-Natal Branch of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa, I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 51st Congress of the Society to be held in Durban in 2023. This is a long overdue congress as the 2021 meeting was cancelled due to COVID.

KZN has been through a dark and unsettling period since March 2020. We thought COVID would be our nemesis, however the July 2021 riots in KZN threw us all off-balance and we had to dig deep to muster energy for the way forward. Just as we thought we could settle alongside COVID as part of our new normal, the floods demolished parts of our province that will take years to rebuild and repair. KZN is however blessed with people who will not falter and stumble on the rocky road we must travel in our beautiful province. Slowly, but surely, repair work has started and there is an optimism that KZN will once again be the destination of choice. I salute all who are helping to restore KZN on many levels from repairing buildings and infrastructure, caring for our neighbours, and making daily life in KZN easier than it has been for the past three years.

We are looking forward to meeting with you once again in the lecture halls, discussion groups and informal get togethers. Please join us for a full academic programme for ophthalmologists. There are parallel programmes for optometrists, ophthalmic assistants, ophthalmic nurses, practice managers and administrators. A great attraction as always are the pre-congress masterclasses. We are assembling a faculty of respected speakers, both internationally and locally. The opportunity to be informed of the latest advances in Ophthalmology is not going to be missed and I personally look forward to what is to offer in this field.

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. Therefore, with all our friends and colleagues from across the country and all over the globe the OSSA 2023 social programme is top priority.

We are looking forward to welcoming you on the beautiful and friendly East Coast of KZN at the 51st Congress of OSSA.

Kind regards

Pierre Wassermann
Congress Chair

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre

The beautiful **City of Durban** is one of the richest in cultural diversity in South Africa. With many different people groups residing here it is a real reflection of the rainbow nation that South Africa is. With a population of about 3,7 million people in the metropolitan region, it is also the second most populated city in South Africa. Numerous beaches and iconic attractions all along the coast make it one of the greatest tourist attractions in South Africa to local holiday makers and international visitors.

With world class facilities, leisure activities and prime accommodation Durban, is more than able to host a wide variety of events and people and make every visitor feel refreshed and rejuvenated as they share in the wonderful legacy that Durban is leaving on the African continent.

A focal point of Durban's business district, the Durban International Convention Centre (Durban ICC) is a functional space in an aesthetic environment. Centrally located and just half an hour from the airport, the Durban ICC is minutes from hotels and beaches. Palm trees form a welcoming avenue while at the entrance to the centre three baobabs, Africa's tree giants, bid a regal greeting.

The Durban ICC is one of the most advanced congress facilities in the world. The facility boasts the largest area of column free, flat floor, multi-purpose space in Africa coupled with state-of-the-art technology.

Website: <http://www.icc.co.za>

Further information & important dates

Deadline for submission of abstracts:	9 September 2022 (closed)
Acceptance of abstracts:	14 October 2022
Programme on congress website:	28 October 2022
Deadline for early bird registrations:	18 November 2022
Block bookings expire at hotels	16 February 2023

Website

www.ossa.co.za/website/congress

Enquiries

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OSSA matters & membership

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

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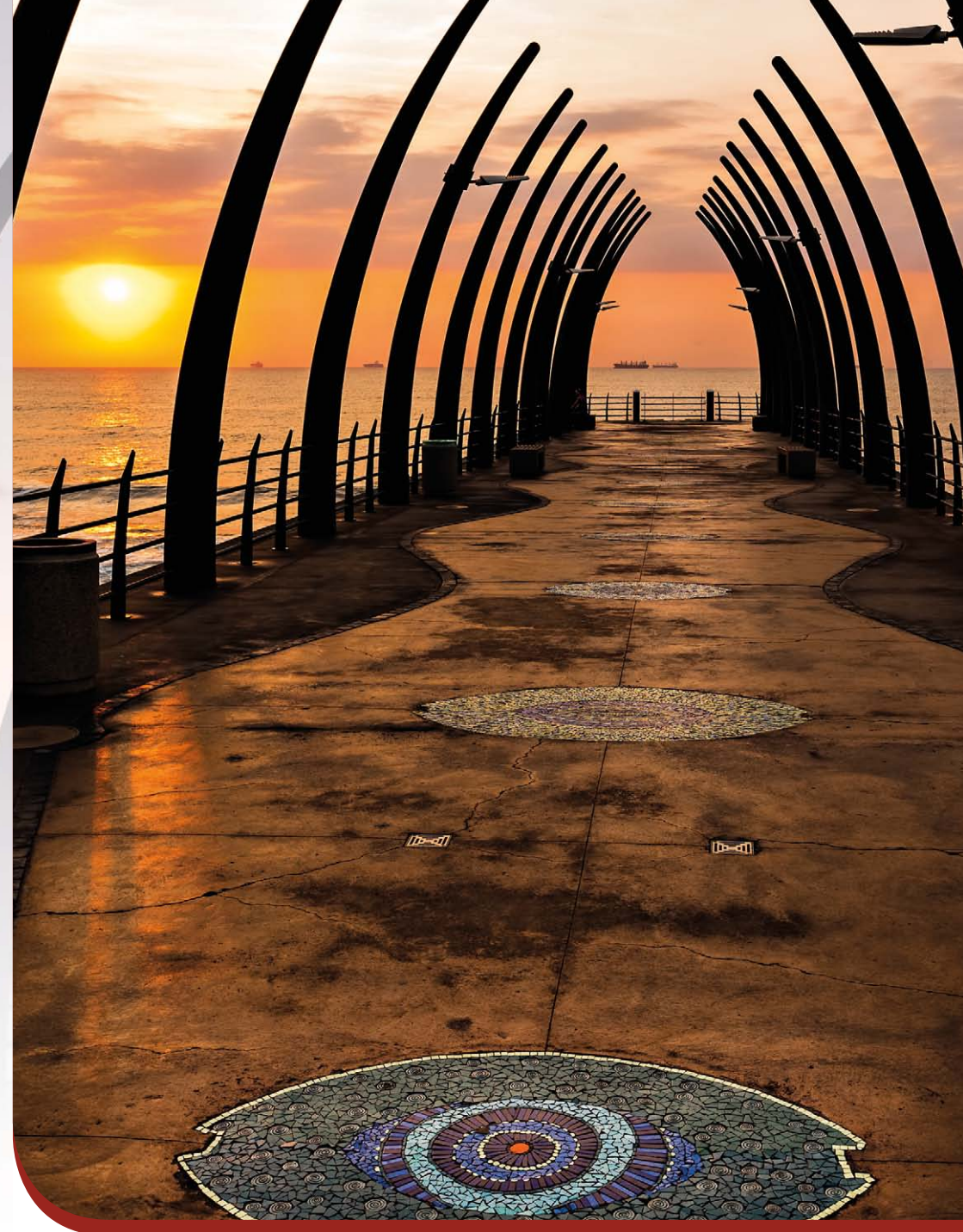


Invited international speakers

	Institution, City & Country	Fields of expertise
Prof Harminster Dua	University of Nottingham, UK	Cornea & ocular surface disease
Prof John Kempen	Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA, Massachusetts Eye and Ear – Director of Epidemiology for Ophthalmology Currently working in Ethiopia	Ocular inflammatory diseases such as uveitis, scleritis, and others; as well as ocular complications of AIDS
Prof Ferenc Kuhn (President: International Society of Ocular Trauma)	University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL USA Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education, Birmingham, AL, USA International Society of Ocular Trauma, Birmingham, AL, USA Department of Ophthalmology, University of Pécs Medical School, Hungary	Ocular trauma and vitreoretinal diseases
Prof Seyhan Özkan	Private Eye Clinic, Aydın, Turkey	Paediatric ophthalmology and strabismus
Prof Dalia Said	University of Nottingham, UK	Cornea and ocular surface, cataract and lens surgery
Mr David Verity	Moorfields Eye Hospital, UK	Adnexal, plastic & reconstructive surgery (eyelid, lacrimal, orbit and socket disorders)

Academic Programme

The entire Academic Programme will be on the Congress website by **28 October 2022**.





Masterclasses

We will add the info below as soon as possible

The final programme of the masterclasses will be available on the congress website by **28 October 2022**.

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

Registration fees:

Fee / masterclass: R 950
Attendance of both masterclasses: R1 500

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%.

Wednesday, 8 March 2023

09:00 **Registration**

10:00 **Masterclass 1 – Cornea**

Sponsored by: Alcon

This masterclass will be led by **Prof Harminder Dua & Dr Dalia Said**

Corneal suturing skills: Keratoplasty and lacerations	Prof Harminder Dua University of Nottingham, UK
Corneal gluing: Hard (cyanoacrylate) and soft (fibrin)	Prof Harminder Dua
Surgical management of corneal ulcers	Dr Dalia Said University of Nottingham, UK
Amniotic membrane transplantation	Dr Dalia Said
Characterisation and management of corneal vascularisation	Prof Harminder Dua

13:30 **Lunch**

14:15 **Masterclass 2 – Retinal Detachment**

Sponsored by: Novartis

This masterclass will be led by **Prof Ferenc Kuhn** (TBC) and he will be joined by a panel of posterior-specialists.

Retinal detachment: pathophysiology and treatment	Prof Ferenc Kuhn, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL, USA
Retinal detachment repair Pars Plana Vitrectomy: When why and how	Dr James Rice
Retinal detachment repair Scleral Buckling: When why and how	Dr Matt Young
Retinal detachment repair Pneumatic Retinopexy: When, why and how	Dr Pieter van der Merwe
Panel discussion Ask the experts	Prof Ferenc Kuhn Dr James Rice Dr Matt Young Dr Pieter van der Merwe

17:30 **Adjourn**

Women in Ophthalmology (WOSA)

Thursday, 9 March, 07:00 – 08:30

WOSA Breakfast Launch

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

Venue: Durban ICC

Dress: Casual

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

Social functions

Wednesday, 8 March, 18:30

Young Ophthalmologists Symposium

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

Venue: Hall 3C, Durban ICC

Dress: Casual

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

Free evening for all other delegates

Thursday, 9 March, 18:00

Welcoming Function

Venue: Durban ICC

Dress: Casual

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

Friday, 10 March, 19:00 for 19:30

OSSA Banquet (Limited seating)

Venue: Durban ICC

Dress: Black Tie / Day suit / Traditional

Cost: R400 for all delegates and additional guests

Registration

The Final Invitation and online registration facility will be available on the website from **September 2022**.

Registration procedure

To assist the organisers, delegates are requested to register online **BEFORE 18 November 2022** 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 www.ossa.co.za/website/congress/register Please visit the congress website here to register when the facility is live.
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 1500 53

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 download the **CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION FORM** from the congress website or contact the congress organisers at ossacongress@rkcommunication.co.za

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

This account number is the same as the 2022 Congress account number

Cancellation policy

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing. A 20% administration fee will be deducted before **15 January 2023** and a 40% fee thereafter. **No refunds after 23 February 2023.**

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 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**

Registration fees

ONSITE FEE – 10% on the late fee

15% VAT Included	EARLY BIRD Register AND pay UNTIL 18 Nov 2022		STANDARD FEE Register AND pay FROM 19 Nov 2022		LATE FEE Register AND pay FROM 24 Feb 2023	
	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 200	R3 000 / d	R8 150	R3 600 / d	R9 250	R4 100 / d
Ophthalmologist in public service with no private practice	R5 300	R2 500 / d	R6 200	R2 850 / d	R7 200	R3 100 / d
Medical associate member: Registrar in Ophthalmology, Medical Officers and GPs	R3 000	R1 300 / d	R3 600	R1 600 / d	R3 900	R1 900 / d
Medical Associate member: Ophthalmologists practising overseas	R7 200	R3 000 / d	R8 150	R3 600 / d	R9 250	R4 100 / d
Non-Medical Associate member Registered with other Boards or Councils	R3 600	R1 500 / d	R4 200	R1 800 / d	R5 000	R2 100 / 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 100	R5 100 / d	R12 800	R5 600 / d	R13 250	R 6 200 / d
Ophthalmologist in full-time public service with no private practice	R9 500	R3 850 / d	R10 500	R4 700 / d	R12 500	R 5 300 / d
Ophthalmologist other African countries (Excluding South Africa)	R6 200	R2 700 / d	R7 200	R3 100 / d	R7 550	R 3 550 / d
Ophthalmologist from abroad	R12 100	R5 100 / d	R12 800	R5 600 / d	R13 250	R 6 200 / d
Optometrist in private practice	R5 950	R2 500 / d	R6 550	R2 900 / d	R7 200	R 3 100 / d
GPs / Medical officer in Ophthalmology / Registrar	R3 600	R1 600 / d	R4 200	R2 500 / d	R5 000	R 3 100 / d

15% VAT Included	EARLY BIRD Register AND pay UNTIL 18 Nov 2022		STANDARD FEE Register AND pay FROM 19 Nov 2022		LATE FEE Register AND pay FROM 24 Feb 2023	
	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days	Entire duration	Specific days
Practice Manager & Administrator / Ophthalmic Assistant / Ophthalmic Nurse /	R3 600	R1 600 / d	R4 200	R2 500 / d	R5 000	R 3 100 / d
Optometrist in full-time government or tertiary employment / Orthoptist / Ocularist / Community Field Worker	R3 600	R1 600 / d	R4 200	R2 500 / d	R5 000	R 3 100 / d
ADDITIONAL TRADE DELEGATES (More than the 2 free delegates per stand)	R5 200	R2 300 / d	R5 800	R2 600 / d	R6 350	R3 000 / 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
ANTERIOR SEGMENT MASTERCLASS	R950	R475	R1 050	R525	R1 150	R575
POSTERIOR SEGMENT MASTERCLASS	R950	R475	R1 050	R525	R1 150	R575
BOTH MASTERCLASSES	R1 500	R750	R1 700	R850	R1 900	R950

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, 8 March)
Free evening for all other delegates

Free of charge for all registered registrars, MO's & young Ophthalmologist in their first five years post-graduation.

Welcoming Function
(Thursday, 9 March)

Free of charge for all delegates registered for entire congress
R300 / person for additional guests

OSSA Banquet
(Friday, 10 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 two hotels:

Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani Hotel & Garden Court Marine Parade.
(The Hilton Durban hotel is still closed, and we will inform delegates if it opens again.)

These rooms will be reserved for congress delegates until **16 February 2023** 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:** 11:00
- The accommodation establishment's cancellation policy will apply.
- Delegates need to **follow the links on the congress website under the accommodation tab** in order to book their rooms.
- **Daily shuttle service** between the Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani Hotel, the Garden Court Marine Parade and the Durban ICC:
 - In time for the first sessions in the morning and back after the last sessions.
 - 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.



Hilton Durban Hotel

Closed since lock-down 2020 until end of 2023

Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani Hotel

Distance from Durban ICC:	1.9 km from the Durban ICC
Reservation number:	1531400
Rates:	
Single:	R1 595.00 (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. Rate excludes 1% Tourism Levy)
Double:	R1 845.00 for both guests (Rate includes Breakfast and VAT. Rate excludes 1% Tourism Levy)
Star grading:	4 Star
Wi-Fi:	Complimentary
Parking:	R60 per vehicle per night
Website:	Click here to visit the Tsogo Sun website
Contact person:	Thejal Naik
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How to make a reservation:	Please click here to book your room



Garden Court Marine Parade

Distance from Durban ICC:	1.3 km from the Durban ICC
Reservation number:	1531401
Rates:	
Single:	R1 395 (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy included)
Double:	R1 595 for both guests (Breakfast, 15% VAT & 1% tourism levy included)
Star grading:	3 Star
Wi-Fi:	Free
Parking:	R60.00 per vehicle per night
Website:	Click here to visit the Garden Court website
Contact person:	Thejal Naik
Tel:	031 362 1487
E-mail:	thejal.naik@southernsun.com
How to make a reservation:	Please click here to book your room

- Check-in time: **15:00** (An early check-in, if required, may be requested from the hotel and will be prioritised. This is, however, not guaranteed.)
- Check-out time: **10:00**
- The accommodation establishment's cancellation policy will apply.

Please reserve your room before **16 February 2023**

You are responsible for your own accommodation arrangements.

Travel arrangements, shuttle service & car rental

- You are responsible for your own **travel arrangements**.
- **There will not be a shuttle service provided from the King Shaka International Airport to the Durban ICC.** We would like to recommend that you make use of **Uber** or one of the other shuttle services.
- Shuttle from the Durban ICC to King Shaka International Airport:
 - Date: Saturday, 11 March 2023
 - Departure times: 15:30 & 16:45
 - Fee: R200
 - Duration: About 40 minutes
 - If the date and times 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** between the **Garden Court Marine Parade, Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani Hotel** and the **Durban ICC**:
 - In time for the first sessions in the morning and back after the last sessions.
 - 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.
- **Uber**
 - You can download the Uber App from the appropriate APP store.
 - Fee for one or two passengers: more or less R250 – R410.



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 **R 44 000** 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 **R 25 000** has been secured from a sponsor.

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

Tourism & activities

visitdurban.travel

General information

Annual General Meetings

Friday, 10 March 2023

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.