

Chicago 2025

Registration Packet

The Retina Society

58TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2025
THE RITZ-CARLTON CHICAGO

PHOTO: Chicago River

CIRCLES: "Flamingo" by Alexander Calder, Ritz-Carlton Lobby, Chicago honeycomb at Lincoln Park Nature Walk

DEAR RETINA SOCIETY MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND GUESTS:

The 58th Annual Scientific Session of The Retina Society will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago, in Chicago, Illinois, **Wednesday, September 10 to Saturday, September 13, 2025.**

Join us, as we gather to showcase an outstanding scientific program designed to facilitate discussion and exchange of ideas and social functions which will allow us to reconnect with one another. It is one of the best times of the year to visit Chicago and we know you will find science and face-to-face interactions rejuvenating!

We have included some helpful information so you can plan appropriately:

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(Please share with spouse or guest.)

MEETING POLICY

Your attendance at the meeting requires your commitment to adhere to the Retina Society policy on dissemination of information from the meeting. Because much of the material presented is yet unpublished, only the presenting author will have the authority to make public any slides, videos or recording from his/her own presentation. Other than solely for private use, it is forbidden to record, video or photograph slides or presentations at the RS meeting. Registration for this meeting indicates acceptance of this policy.



NONMEMBER GUESTS

Members are welcome to invite one nonmember, practicing physician guest to attend our meeting provided you too are attending the meeting. Please contact Miguel Ocque (mocque@mms.org; 781.434.7314) if you wish them to receive this registration material. Each member may also sponsor one fellow-in-training, i.e., Resident, or Fellow.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

You will need to log in to the member area on our website (www.retinasociety.org) to register. Nonmember guests will be asked to create a profile (if they don't have one already), then proceed to registration. During the process, nonmembers need to select the sponsoring member.

Below is a brief description of our social events. Please see more detailed information on [pages 5-7](#) and indicate which events you will attend on the registration form. We highly recommend that you register online and pay by credit card at www.retinasociety.org, however you may also send in the registration form with a check in US dollars only.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

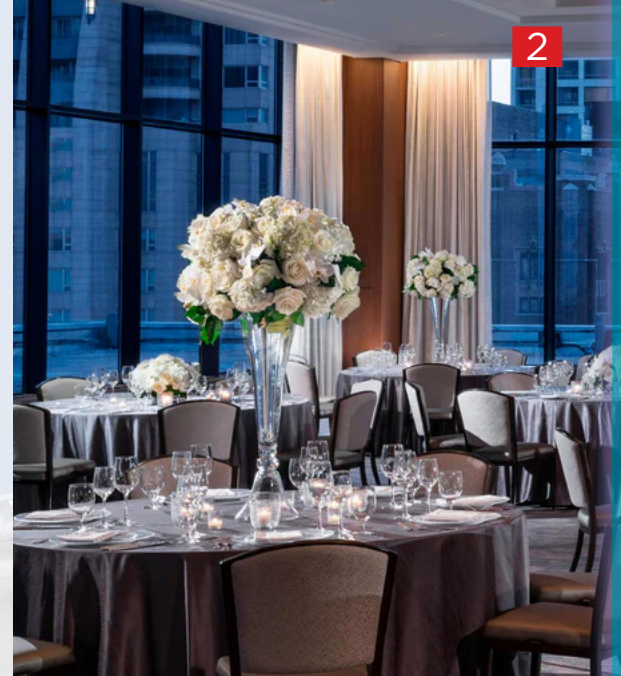
A preliminary scientific program is available: [CLICK HERE](#) to access. You will want to register for the meeting and if you haven't already, obtain your hotel reservations as soon as you can. The program-in-brief is attached so you will know the general schedule.





WELCOMING RECEPTION Wednesday Evening

Following the annual Interesting Retinal Cases and Video Conference and early first scientific session, join us to meet and greet old and new friends at the St. Clair Room at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago.



BANQUET Friday Evening

This cherished highlight of our 4-day scientific meeting will offer a sophisticated setting, exquisite dining, and captivating entertainment. Join us for our traditional black-tie optional banquet, promising an evening of timeless elegance in the stunning Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. The Ritz-Carlton, renowned for its luxurious ambiance and impeccable service, provides the perfect backdrop for this memorable occasion. We have selected a terrific band that will get you on the dance floor! We are looking forward to a memorable celebration!

Be sure to check our website for detailed information on this event and spouses' tours. Stay updated on meeting details, and we look forward to seeing you in Chicago this September!

Best regards,

The Program Committee



RECEPTION AND DINNER, FIELD MUSEUM Thursday Evening

Join us for an unforgettable evening of exploration and dining at the iconic Field Museum in Chicago, a highlight of our meeting. Nestled along Lake Michigan, the Field Museum is one of the world's premier natural history museums, renowned for its vast collections and groundbreaking research. Designed by architect Daniel Burnham for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the museum's grand neoclassical building houses treasures like Sue, the largest and most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton ever discovered. Enjoy an exclusive reception and dinner surrounded by awe-inspiring exhibits, with entertainment to elevate the experience. The museum's blend of historic architecture and cutting-edge science creates a truly unique setting for this special event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & MEETING FEES

[REGISTER ONLINE \[https://www.retinasociety.org/page/2/annual-meetings\]](https://www.retinasociety.org/page/2/annual-meetings). Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex) If sending a check, register online, print invoice, and include with check.

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FEES	ON OR BEFORE 08/01/2025	08/02/2025 - 09/01/2025	09/02/2025 - ONSITE
MEMBER	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,200
NONMEMBER PHYSICIAN GUEST	\$850	\$1,200	\$1,350
FELLOW-IN-TRAINING (Fellows, Residents, Medical Students)	\$400	\$450	\$550
SPOUSE/ACCOMPANYING GUEST (Banquet Only \$175)	\$500	\$600	\$ 700
CHILDREN ATTENDING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES			
• UNDER AGE 6	NO FEE	NO FEE	NO FEE
• 6 – 18 YEARS OLD	\$400	\$400	\$400
PHYSICIAN FEES INCLUDE: Continental Breakfast, Breaks, Thursday and Friday Lunch, Welcoming Reception, Thursday Dinner at the Field Museum, and Friday Banquet.			
SPOUSE/GUEST FEES INCLUDE: Continental Breakfast (at hospitality suite), Welcoming Reception, Thursday Dinner at the Field Museum, and Friday Banquet.			
<i>Fees Cannot be Adjusted for Partial or Nonattendance of Social Events.</i>			

SPOUSE/GUEST TOURS Details on pages 5 – 6. (Not for meeting attendees.)

THURSDAY—ARCHITECTURAL RIVER CRUISE TOUR & LUNCH—FEE: \$95

Embark on a 90-minute narrated tour along the Chicago River. Then enjoy a lovely lunch, transportation is included.

FRIDAY—FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT OAK PARK HOME/STUDIO & LUNCH—FEE: \$95

Immerse yourself in the genius of Frank Lloyd Wright with an inspirational tour by docents. Walk through Wright's first home and studio, visit the shop, then gather for lunch. Transportation is included.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your stay at the Ritz-Carlton, Chicago!

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: Cancellations or requests for refunds must be made in writing. Those received on or before August 15 will be refundable less a \$50 surcharge. Cancellations received after August 15 are nonrefundable.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM- IN-BRIEF

All times subject to change pending final program scheduling.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 am – 11:00 am Board Meeting
- 10:00 am Speaker Ready Room Opens.
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration
- 12:00 pm Exhibit setup
- 12:00 pm – 5:08 pm Interesting Cases – Videos, and 1st Scientific Session
- 2:50 pm – 3:20 pm Refreshment Break
- 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm **WELCOMING RECEPTION** (St. Clair Ballroom Ritz-Carlton Chicago)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration / Exhibit / Continental Breakfast available
- 7:00 am – 10:00 am** *Spouses and Guests Hospitality Suite*
- 7:30 am – 1:00 pm Scientific Session
- 9:30 am – 9:45 am Refreshment Break
- 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm Dessert and Poster Viewing
- 2:30 pm – 5:09 pm Scientific Session / Exhibit
- 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm **RECEPTION & DINNER** (Field Museum Chicago)
(Buses will be leaving at 6:00 pm from Ritz-Carlton Lobby)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration / Exhibit / Continental Breakfast available
- 7:00 am – 10:00 am** *Spouses and Guests Hospitality Suite*
- 7:30 am – 12:15 pm Scientific Session
- 9:30 am – 9:45 am Refreshment Break
- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Annual Business Meeting (Members only)
- 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm Dessert and Poster Viewing
- 2:30 pm – 5:10 pm Scientific Session / Exhibit / 30 min PM Break
- 6:30 pm – 11:00 pm **BANQUET** (Ballroom—Ritz-Carlton Chicago)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:30 am Meeting Registration / Exhibit / Continental Breakfast available
- 8:00 am – 12:20 pm Scientific Session
- 10:29 am Refreshment Break
- 12:20 pm Adjourn

SOCIAL PROGRAM



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00 – 10:00 PM**

WELCOMING RECEPTION ST. CLAIR BALLROOM, RITZ-CARLTON

Join colleagues and friends at the stunning St. Claire Ballroom in the Ritz-Carlton Chicago. Connect, network, and forge new relationships with fellow members in a

sophisticated setting. Enjoy delightful hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and engaging conversations as we kick off an unforgettable evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 –
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7:00 – 10:00 AM**

SPOUSES/GUESTS HOSPITALITY SUITE LAKESIDE ROOM

The Lakeside Room is our hospitality location on Thursday through Friday from 7 am to 10 am. It is open for

spouses and guests to enjoy a selection of breakfast items such as pastries, bread, and beverages such as coffee, tea, and juice. This is a great opportunity to connect with other attendees to plan your day in Chicago. On Saturday, spouses and guests are welcome to a continental breakfast in the Grand Foyer.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SPOUSES/GUESTS ARCHITECTURAL RIVER TOUR & LUNCH

Embark on the informative Chicago Architectural River Cruise Tour—a 90-minute narrated boat ride down the Chicago River—showcasing over 50 iconic buildings such as the Willis Tower, Wrigley Building, and Merchandise Mart. Led by expert guides, this tour offers stunning skyline views and rich stories of Chicago's architectural history from climate-controlled or open-air decks. We will gather after for a delicious lunch. Transportation is provided.



SOCIAL PROGRAM

FIELD MUSEUM AS SEEN FROM LAKE MICHIGAN



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
6:30 – 10:30 PM
 (BUSES DEPART HOTEL AT 6:00 PM)

RECEPTION AND DINNER AN EVENING AT THE FIELD MUSEUM

Nestled on Chicago's iconic Museum Campus along Lake Michigan, the Field Museum is a world-renowned natural history institution founded in 1893 as the Columbian Museum of Chicago. Born from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, it was established with a \$1 million gift from Marshall Field to preserve the fair's remarkable artifacts.

Since opening its current grand Beaux-Arts building in 1921, the museum has grown to house nearly 40 million specimens, including the iconic SUE, the most complete T. rex ever discovered, and Máximo, the largest dinosaur skeleton on display. Its exhibits span 4.6 billion years, showcasing ancient Egyptian mummies, dazzling gems, and vibrant cultural artifacts. Join us for an elegant cocktail and dinner event amidst the museum's awe-inspiring halls, where history, science, and sophistication create a truly memorable experience.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SPOUSES/GUESTS FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT OAK PARK HOME AND STUDIO TOUR & LUNCH

Immerse yourselves in the genius of Frank Lloyd Wright at Oak Park, home to the largest collection of Wright-designed buildings. Wright used his first home to experiment with design concepts that spawned his architectural philosophy—the Prairie style. Trained interpreters share their insights about Wright's life and career.



SOCIAL PROGRAM

SUNSET VIEW FROM THE RITZ-CARLTON



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7:00 – 11:00 PM

GALA DINNER BANQUET
BALLROOM — RITZ-CARLTON
BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

Join us for an exquisite gala banquet in the opulent Ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, a pinnacle of luxury since its debut in 1975. Nestled atop Water Tower Place, this iconic venue offers breathtaking views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline, blending timeless elegance with modern sophistication. Savor a gourmet dining experience, celebrate the induction of our newest members, and dance the night away to the vibrant rhythms of a live band. This unforgettable evening promises to unite prestige, celebration, and connection in a setting of unparalleled grandeur.



An aerial photograph of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan waterfront. The image shows the city's skyscrapers, including the Willis Tower, and the Chicago skyline reflected in the water. In the foreground, there are several boats docked along the shore, and a large Ferris wheel is visible in the middle ground. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

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