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Amar Agarwal Named President-Elect of the International Society of Refractive Surgery

SAN FRANCISCO – Amar Agarwal, MS, FRCS, FRCOphth has been named the president-elect of the International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS), a partner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Dr. Agarwal currently serves on the ISRS Executive Committee and as the co-chair of the Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day Planning Group as well as the co-chair of the ISRS Multimedia Library Editorial Board.

In his role as president-elect, Dr. Agarwal will work closely with Alaa El-Danasoury, MD, the 2010-2011 ISRS president, to ensure a smooth leadership transition in 2012 and continue to strengthen the ISRS organization.

"I am honored to be named the president-elect of the International Society of Refractive Surgery," said Dr. Amar Agarwal. "ISRS is an influential society with a large and growing global membership. As president, I will seek to build on the educational opportunities and benefits we offer to our members worldwide."

Dr. Agarwal is a professor of ophthalmology at Ramachandra Medical College in Chennai, India as well as the head of *Dr. Agarwal's Group of Eye Hospitals*, which includes 30 eye hospitals. In addition, Dr. Agarwal is the pioneer of Phakonit (Phako with a Needle Incision Technology) and has discovered a new refractive error called Aberropia. He is also the first surgeon to implant a new mirror telescopic IOL (LMI) for patients suffering from age related macular degeneration as well as the first in the world to implant a Glued IOL. His videos have won several awards at the film festivals of AAO, ASCRS and ESCRS and he has written more than 50 books, published in various languages.

"We are pleased to benefit from Dr. Agarwal's leadership and enthusiasm, both as an active member of the Executive Committee and in his role as president-elect," said Dr. El-Danasoury, president of ISRS. "His participation now and in the future, contributes greatly to the value and growth of the society. "

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About the International Society of Refractive Surgery

The International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS), a partner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is the leading worldwide organization dedicated to refractive, cornea, cataract and lens-based education and solutions. Members are connected to the world's leading refractive surgeons from over 80 countries through meetings, publications and online educational tools. To learn more, visit www.isrs.org.

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