

INTERNATIONAL REFRACTIVE SURGERY of MILLENNIUM

ISTANBUL-TURKEY 23-25 NOVEMBER,2007

SUMMARY REPORT

International Refractive Surgery of Millennium Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey was held in cooperation with ISRS/AAO, took place between 23-25 November, 2007 at the new lovely SOFA HOTEL .

130 ophthalmologists attended to the meeting. 67 of the attendants joined the whole 3 day programme and the rest attended to the only one-day Symposium on the 24th of November.

The attendants appreciated and benefited the professional presentations full of relevant data and information by skilled and experienced local and foreign guests.

The meeting was divided in 3 parts:

-The first day was dedicated to the didactic courses on LASIK and refractive surgery. Dr. Goker and other local speakers discussed the importance, the limits, essentials, criteria and the complications of refractive surgery techniques. The presentations covered general information on Lasik and also innovations and pearls on refractive surgery.

-The second day Symposium started with an opening ceremony and as an ISRS/AAO president Dr. Jorge Alio started the day with a presentation titled 'What is a Refractive Surgeon?' describing the developments on refractive surgery and ended up with inviting everyone to join ISRS/AAO. The subjects focused mainly on Presbyopia treatments and innovations.

Our guest/keynote speakers were Drs. Sinan Goker and Omer Faruk Yilmaz from Turkey, Dr. Jorge Alio from Alicante, Spain , Dr. John Kanellopoulos from Athens, Greece, Dr. Samuel Levinger from Jerusalem, Israel and Dr. Mark Tomalla from Duisburg, Germany.

-The third, last day of the programme was on live surgery sessions both within small groups of 2-3 as well as live wide screen broadcasting of all the cases.

Also the attendants participated into wetlabs on Intacs Corneal Rings, Keraring, Moria Keratome, Femtosecond Flap Applications with Femtec, Artisan and Artiflex Phakic IOLs. Attendants have valued and benefited from these workshops also.

As a conclusion the meeting aimed particularly teaching the basic concepts, encouraging less expert ophthalmologists in refractive surgery and giving opportunities to meet the skilled surgeons on the international scene.