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ISRS/AAO Today

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Three decades after its foundation, the ISRS/AAO remains the only organization solely dedicated to refractive surgery with more than 2,400 members representing more than 80 countries. The Society continues to live up to its well-deserved reputation as a meaningful and ethical representative of refractive surgery worldwide.

In the spirit of the Society's early history, the ISRS/AAO continues to offer members an inclusive, innovative forum that facilitates the global exchange of knowledge and sharing of ideas that intertwine to create "the art and science of refractive surgery."

International representation and leadership from refractive surgeons enable the ISRS/AAO to conduct worldwide meetings and educational programs that fulfill the Society's mission of promoting "the highest standards of refractive surgery through the education of ophthalmologists worldwide."

Values include promotion of innovation, education and ethics in refractive surgery. ISRS/AAO president (2006–2007) Dr. Alió recognizes refractive surgery's profound, positive, often life-altering power. ISRS/AAO members continue, Alió believes, "to advance the subspecialty by developing new ways to measure and improve the quality of vision through active manipulation of the optical system of the eye, thereby removing spectacles from the patient's face and helping patients maintain eyes that are as close to emmetropia for as long as possible."

As part of this endeavor, refractive surgery is expanding its frontiers with an increasing array of sophisticated procedures designed to enhance and improve the quality of life for millions of individuals worldwide. Thus, there is a need for continued global delivery of refractive surgery education that can adapt to the rapid changes that occur in the subspecialty.



Governance

Governed in accordance with the bylaws of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, ISRS/AAO activities conform and comply with decisions made by the Academy's Board of Trustees. ISRS/AAO activities are coordinated with those of the Academy.

Objectives

In its activities and materials, ISRS/AAO strives to fulfill its objectives, which include:

- ⦿ Promoting the unity of varied scientific and other interests within refractive surgery under the umbrella of the Academy and fostering cooperation among interest groups and other international societies to promote refractive surgery.
- ⦿ Serving as a forum for members with a common interest or background to meet together and exchange information and experiences.
- ⦿ Disseminating knowledge of refractive surgery through different channels to ophthalmologists and the medical profession at large.
- ⦿ Serving in a consulting capacity to the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and making recommendations for programs, policy statements and other actions on matters relating to refractive surgery.

Organizational Structure

Executive Committee

The Society's governing body is the ISRS/AAO Executive Committee. It is responsible for facilitating the dissemination of innovative ideas and powerful educational programs in refractive surgery that ensure the continued growth of the subspecialty and the highest quality patient care.

The Executive Committee now consists of seven members elected for a term not to exceed three years who meet regularly, in person and by phone, to discuss and provide guidance on matters related to the Society and refractive surgery.

Program Committee

Consisting of seven members, the Program Committee is responsible for all ISRS/AAO educational programs. It works to deliver the highest quality, effective and uniform educational programs for refractive surgery.



ISRS/AAO's original Executive Committee, Drs. Vukich, Rosen, Barry, Alió, Wilson, Lindstrom, Durrie, Schwartz, Schallhorn, O'Brien, Holladay, Hoskins, Salz, Waring and Carones (2003)

Dr. Steven E. Wilson notes, “Serving on the ISRS/AAO board and leading the ISRS/AAO Program Committee has been a highlight of my career. The committee acts as a clearinghouse of information gathered from the board, our committees, international representatives and members around the world in order to deliver the best possible refractive surgery education. The culmination of the combined talents and efforts has led to the continued growth and development of meetings around the world.”

In addition to the Academy’s Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day sponsored by ISRS/AAO (held immediately prior to the Academy’s Annual Meeting), there is the ISRS/AAO Annual Regional Meeting and over a dozen meetings cosponsored at the invitation of ophthalmic societies around the world.

International Council

The ISRS/AAO International Council serves as the “diplomatic arm” of the Society, working closely with member representatives from more than 80 countries to anticipate the unique needs of ISRS/AAO members working and residing outside the United States.

This type of multinational involvement is both necessary and important because, as current International Council chair Dr. Francesco Carones explains, “Refractive surgical techniques and educational approaches may differ quite substantially among various countries, in relation to the local economical and sociocultural issues.

The Council representatives support the Executive Committee in developing programs and driving strategies that will serve to spread the message and mission of the ISRS/AAO worldwide by highlighting local and regional needs. They also help the Program Committee develop educational tools to be adapted in the different regions of the world. For example, in Italy surface ablation has always been the predominant technique (compared to LASIK) because of the lower investment it requires in terms of equipment and surgical skill. Therefore, this is important to consider when developing programs for surgeons in Italy.”

Council members serve as ISRS/AAO ambassadors and promote the Society at local and national levels to seek and identify collaborative opportunities with ophthalmic organizations around the world.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reports to the ISRS/AAO Executive Committee and is responsible for recommending candidates for open committee positions.



Dr. Wilson



ISRS/AAO International Council Luncheon in Anaheim (2003)



Dr. Carones



Journal of Refractive Surgery (2007)



Refractive Surgery Outlook (2007)



ISRS/AAO Web site (www.isrs.org)

Membership Benefits and Services

An important goal of the ISRS/AAO is to continue a decades-long tradition of supporting innovations in refractive surgery by providing the best member services and benefits and offering high-quality medical education programs to increase the standards of excellence.

ISRS/AAO member benefits and services currently include the following:

- ⦿ Subscription to the *Journal of Refractive Surgery*, the official publication of ISRS/AAO and a forum for original research and review.
- ⦿ Reduced registration fee for the Academy's Refractive Surgery Sub-specialty Day, an important and innovative meeting that assembles international leaders in refractive surgery and provides a forum for the exchange of the latest information in the subspecialty.
- ⦿ Beginning in 2008, complimentary registration for ISRS/AAO Annual Regional Meetings, which gather experts from around the world to discuss the latest discoveries, trends and techniques in refractive surgery.
- ⦿ Access to an online clinical forum that connects colleagues in refractive surgery from around the world.
- ⦿ Monthly electronic newsletter, *Refractive Surgery Outlook*, which features clinical updates, ISRS/AAO information and industry news.
- ⦿ Weekly, electronic clinical newsletter, *Academy Express*, which contains summaries of the latest studies from ophthalmic journals in the United States and abroad.
- ⦿ Access to the ISRS/AAO Web site's members-only areas, which includes the latest trends in refractive surgery, current news and articles on refractive surgery and a calendar of events.
- ⦿ Complimentary online listing for members, providing a unique way to promote practices to prospective patients in local markets.

ISRS/AAO Awards

The ISRS/AAO confers seven awards each year in recognition of outstanding contributions—past and present—to the Society and refractive surgery.

Barraquer Lecture and Award

Honors a physician who has made outstanding contributions in the field of refractive surgery during his or her career. This individual exemplifies the character and scientific dedication of Dr. José I. Barraquer.

1984 Richard C. Troutman	1996 Theo Seiler
1985 Herbert E. Kaufman	1997 Ioannis Pallikaris
1986 Luis A. Ruíz	1998 Theodore P. Werblin
1987 Casimir A. Swinger	1999 Georges Baikoff
1988 Bernard E. McCary	2000 Lucio Buratto
1989 Perry S. Binder	2001 John Marshall
1990 Miles H. Friedlander	2002 Daniel S. Durrie
1991 J. James Rowsey	2003 David J. Schanzlin
1992 George O. Waring III	2004 Jack T. Holladay
1993 Marguerite B. McDonald	2005 Carmen J. Barraquer Coll
1994 James J. Salz	2006 Douglas D. Koch
1995 Richard L. Lindstrom	2007 Stephen G. Slade



Barraquer Lecture and Award

Founders' Award

Recognizes the vision and spirit of the Society's founders by honoring an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the growth and advancement of the Society and its mission.

1996 Carmen J. Barraquer Coll	2002 Guy M. Kerizian
1997 Virgilio Centurión	2003 Jorge L. Alió
1998 Georges Baikoff and Pierre Lesure-Friedlander	2004 Ana Maria Torres
1999 Rubens Belfort Jr.	2005 Michael Lawless
2000 Francesco Carones	2006 H. Dunbar Hoskins Jr.
2001 Jeffrey B. Robin	2007 Jaci M. Lindstrom



Founders' Award



Kritzinger Memorial Lectureship Award

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Recognizes an individual who embodies the clinical, educational and investigative qualities of Dr. Michiel Kritzinger to advance the international practice of refractive surgery.

2000 Frik Potgieter	2004 Thomas F. Neuhann
2001 Jack T. Holladay	2005 Ramon Naranjo-Tackman
2002 Michael C. Knorz	2006 Yaron S. Rabinowitz
2003 George O. Waring III	2007 Ronald R. Krueger

Lans Distinguished Lecturer Award

Recognizes an individual who has made innovative contributions in the field of refractive surgery, especially in the correction of astigmatism. This award honors Dr. Leedert J. Lans.



Lans Distinguished Lecturer Award

1987 George O. Waring III	1998 Roberto Zaldivar
1988 Marguerite B. McDonald	1999 Joséph Colin
1989 Theodore P. Werblin	2000 Arturo Chayet
1990 Richard L. Lindstrom	2001 Robert K. Maloney
1991 Steven D. Klyce	2002 Francesco Carones
1992 David J. Schanzlin	2003 Scott M. MacRae
1993 Peter J. McDonnell	2004 Steven C. Schallhorn
1994 Douglas D. Koch	2005 Paolo Vinciguerra
1995 Jeffrey B. Robin	2006 Steven E. Wilson
1996 Daniel S. Durrie	2007 Julian D. Stevens
1997 Stephen G. Slade	

Casebeer Lecture Award

Recognizes the outstanding contribution to refractive surgery through non-traditional research and development activities.



Casebeer Lecture Award

2001 J. Charles Casebeer	2005 Arturo Chayet
2002 Ioannis Pallikaris	2006 Michael C. Knorz
2003 Stephen L. Trokel	2007 Stephen D. Klyce
2004 Stephen G. Slade	

Richard C. Troutman MD DSc (HON) Prize

The Troutman Prize recognizes the scientific merit of a young author publishing in the *Journal of Refractive Surgery*. This prize honors Dr. Richard C. Troutman.

1992 Christopher Lohmann	1999 Cathrien A. Eggink
1993 Gabriel Simon	2000 Dieter G. Dausch
1994 Neal A. Sher	2001 María José Ayala Espinosa
1995 Monica Landesz	2002 Yuval Domniz
1996 Walton Nosé	2003 Michael Mrochen
1997 Hans Dierck and Karen Ellingsen	2004 Che J. Connon
1998 Georges Baikoff and Pierre Lesure	2005 Oliver Stachs
	2006 Marcelo V. Netto
	2007 Ilpo S. Tuisku

Lifetime Achievement Award

Honors an ISRS/AAO member who has made outstanding and internationally recognized contributions to the advancement of refractive surgery.

1996 Richard L. Lindstrom	2002 Ricahrd L. Lindstrom
1997 George O. Waring III	2003 James J. Salz
1998 Akef El-Maghraby	2004 Theo Seiler
1999 Perry S. Binder	2005 Daniel S. Durrie
2000 Herbert E. Kaufman	2006 Jack T. Holladay
2001 Marguerite B. McDonald	2007 Ioannis Pallikaris



Richard C. Troutman MD DSc (HON) Prize



Lifetime Achievement Award

2003 ISRS/AO Award Recipients



2003 ISRS/AO award recipients (Drs. Troutman, Casebeer, O'Brien, Binder, Vukich, Lindstrom, Trokel, Alió, MacRae, Salz, Waring, Mrochen and Schanzlin) in Anaheim



Drs. Casebeer and Trokel (Casebeer Award)



Drs. Carones and Waring (Kritzing Award)



Drs. Schanzlin (Barraquer Award) and Salz



Drs. MacRae (Lans Award) and Durrie



Drs. Troutman, Mrochen (Troutman Prize) and Waring



Drs. Binder and Alió (Founders' Award)



Drs. Salz (Lifetime Award) and Lindstrom



Dr. Holladay, Master of Ceremonies

2004 ISRS/AAO Award Recipients



2004 ISRS/AAO award recipients (Drs. Schallhorn, Connon, Slade, Neuhann, Vukich and Holladay, Ms. Seiler, Ms. Torres and Dr. Alió) in New Orleans



Drs. Casebeer and Slade (Casebeer Award)



Drs. Knorz and Neuhann (Kritzinger Award)



Drs. Holladay (Barraquer Award) and Barraquer Coll



Drs. Schallhorn (Lans Award) and Carones



Drs. Connon (Troutman Prize) and Troutman



Ms. Torres (Founders' Award) and Dr. Holladay



Dr. McDonald and Ms. Seiler accepting for Dr. Seiler (Lifetime Award)



Drs. Vukich, Schallhorn, Slade and Neuhann

2005 ISRS/AO Award Recipients



2005 ISRS/AO award recipients (Drs. Waring, Troutman, Lindstrom, Holladay, MacRae, Stachs, Gutthof, Lawless, Naranjo-Tackman, Chayet, Barraquer Coll, Durrie, Salz, Vinciguerra and McDonald) in Chicago



Drs. Chayet (Casebeer Award) and Casebeer



Drs. Naranjo-Tackman (Kritzinger Award) and Waring



Drs. Salz, Barraquer Coll (Barraquer Award) and Holladay



Drs. Vinciguerra (Lans Award) and MacRae



Drs. Troutman, Stachs (Troutman Prize) and Waring



Ms. Torres and Dr. Lawless (Founders' Award)



Dr. Lindstrom, Ms. Durrie and Dr. Durrie (Lifetime Award)



Drs. Troutman and Véronneau-Troutman, Ms. Shannon and Dr. Binder

2006 ISRS/AAO Award Recipients



2006 ISRS/AAO award recipients (Drs. Alió, Holladay, Rabinowitz, Knorz, Wilson, Hoskins, Koch and Netto) in Las Vegas



Drs. Casebeer, Kezirian and Knorz (Casebeer Award)



Drs. Naranjo-Tackman and Rabionowitz (Kritzinger Award)



Drs. Holladay, Koch (Barraquer Award) and Alió



Drs. Vinciguerra and Wilson (Lans Award)



Drs. Waring, Troutman and Netto (Troutman Prize)



Drs. Alió, Hoskins (Founders' Award) and Lawless



Dr. Durrie, Ms. Holladay, Dr. Holladay (Lifetime Award) and Dr. Alió

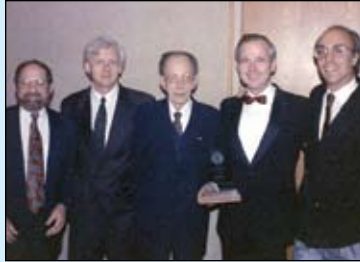


Miradas Award representatives, Dr. Alió, Ms. Valencia and Ms. Rady

Barraquer Lecture and Award Recipients



Drs. Barraquer, Binder (1989 Recipient) and Friedlander



Drs. Friedlander, Swinger, Barraquer, Rowsey (1991 Recipient) and Binder



Ms. Salz and Dr. Salz (1994 Recipient)



Drs. Barraquer and Lindstrom (1995 Recipient)



Drs. Villaseñor, Barraquer and Werblin (1998 Recipient)



Ms. Werblin, Drs. Troutman (1994), Friedlander (1990) and Werblin (1998), Ms. Friedlander, Drs. Véronneau-Troutman and Barraquer, Ms. Swinger (1987), Dr. Villaseñor, Ms. Villaseñor, Dr. Swinger, Mrs. Elander, Dr. Salz (1994), Ms. Salz and Dr. Elander