New Orleans OGSC 2026 Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2026
7:00 am to 4:45 pm USA Central Daylight Time (CDT)
The Hilton Garden Inn: 1001 S. Peters Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130, US

Moderators: Elias I. Traboulsi[1], Alina Dumitrescu[2], & Virginia Miraldi Utz[3]
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Schedule	Title	Presenter	Institution	Email Address
Breakfast and Socializing 0715-0750 AM				
0750	Welcome	Elias I. Traboulsi	Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute	traboue@ccf.org
0800 ★	Navigating uncertainty: A *De Novo* Xp22.11 Microdeletion of Uncertain Significance in Female Patient with Myopia and Suspected Optic Atrophy	Allison Milicia	Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute	milicia2@ccf.org
0812	North Carolina Macular Dystrophy: Haplotype-based mutation age estimation for North Carolina Macular Dystrophy variants V1 (chr6:99593030 G>T) and V2 (chr6:99593111 G>C)	Kent Small	Macula Retina Institute, LA	kentsmall@hotmail.com
0824	Diagnostic Surprises: The Utility of Whole Genome Sequencing	Meghan DeBenedictis	Cleveland Clinic	Marinom2@ccf.org
0836	An Ancient-DNA Analysis of Hypomorphic Variants Across Ophthalmic Disease Genes	Akshaya Thananjeyan	Wills Eye Hospital	athananjeyan@willseye.org
0848	Population Distributions of *ABCA4* Hypomorphic Variants: An Analysis of Ancient and Modern DNA	Jaqueline Finley	Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	jef225@rwjms.rutgers.edu

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0900	Premature Closure of Clinical Trials: The Undisclosed Risk?	Alex Levin	Flaum Eye Institute, University of Rochester	alex_levin@urmc.rochester.edu
0912	Prevalence and Geographic Distribution of Stargardt Disease in the United States: A Multi-Center Electronic Health Record Analysis	Cesar Estrada-Puente	Duke Eye Center	cesar.estradapuente@duke.edu
0924	A Case Series and Literature Review of *KIAA0586*-related Joubert Syndrome	Jennifer Ling	NIH/NEI	jennifer.ling@nih.gov
Tea & Coffee Break 0936-0956 AM				
0956	Secondary MEWDS or MFC in IRD	Jose Pulido	Wills Eye Hospital	jpulido@willseye.org
1008	Childhood High Hypermetropia, Subnormal Vision, and Nyctalopia: Unraveling the Clinical Phenotype and Molecular Diagnosis	Moutaz Rawashdeh & Ginny Utz	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Moutaz.Rawashdeh@cchmc.org
1020	Retinal nerve fiber layer thinning in retinitis pigmentosa	Ching-Shiuan Fang & Scott Brodie	Columbia University	Seb2207@cumc.columbia.edu Ching-Shiuan.Fang@downstate.edu
1032	Macular Dystrophy: not so occult	Monique Leys	WVU Eye Institute	leysm@hsc.wvu.edu
1044	My Stickler senses are tingling: Diagnosis of Stickler syndrome after adult strabismus evaluation	Valencia Potter	University of Iowa	Valencia-potter@uiowa.edu
1056	An Unexpected Ocular Phenotype	Sakshi Shiromani & Rachel M. Huckfeldt	Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Boston, MA	sshiromani@meei.harvard.edu
1108 ★	Genetic diagnoses solved by genome sequencing	Christy Smith	Johns Hopkins	chsmith@jhmi.edu

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1120	Homozygous *FYCO1* c.425T>C (p.Leu142Pro) Variant in Two Siblings With Bilateral Congenital Cataracts	Weiwei Wang, Gerald W. Zaidman	Department of Ophthalmology, Westchester Medical Center, New York Medical College	www.drwang@gmail.com
Lunch Break 1132 AM-1217 PM				
1217	First in Human Gene therapy for BBS10	Arlene Drack	University of Iowa	Arlene-drack@uiowa.edu
1229	**Distinguished Special Lecture** **Irene Maumenee** Columbia University			
1319	Shiny Reflex	Arif Khan	Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi	aokhan@yahoo.com
1331	From the Occult to the Overt	Kimberly Stepien	University of WI-Madison, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences	kstepien@wisc.edu
1343	A myopic surprise in an 8- year-old female	Sarah Hull	University of Auckland	sarah.hull@auckland.ac.nz
Tea & Coffee Break 1355-1415				
1415	Biallelic *PCBP3* Variants Define a Novel Cone–Rod Dystrophy Phenotype with Electronegative ERG	Faeeqah Almhmoudi	King Fahd Armed Forces Hospital	fyqah112@gmail.com
1427	Interesting Case	Mark Pennesi	Retina Foundation, Dallas	Pennesi@retinafoundation.org

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1439	An *ABCA4* Genotype-Stratified Analysis of Longitudinal Ellipsoid Zone Loss and Fundus Autofluorescence Lesion Progression in Stargardt Disease	Victor Bellanda	Cleveland Clinic Cole Eye Institute	victorbellanda@hotmail.com
1451	Microstructural Corneal Changes and Central Subbasal Nerve Depletion in Pediatric Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa	Derya Goksu Fidan	Koç University School of Medicine	dfidan21@ku.edu.tr
1503	Bisphosphonate-Associated Bilateral Corneal Endotheliopathy Mimicking Herpetic Endotheliitis in Osteogenesis Imperfecta	Eric Yang	Boston Children's Hospital	Eric.Yang@childrens.harvard.edu
1515	Double Trouble?	Jefferson Doyle	Wilmer Eye Institute	Jefferson.doyle@jhmi.edu
1527	The Missing Piece of RB1 at Diagnosis: Aqueous Humor Complements Blood Testing to Identify Both Tumor Hits	Liya Xu	USC Children's Hospital LA	liyaxu@usc.edu
1539	Update on Gene therapy for X-linked Retinitis Pigmentosa	Dan Chung	Beacon Therapeutics	dchung@beacontx.com
1551	Interesting Case	Elias Traboulsi	Cleveland Clinic	traboue@ccf.org
1603	Toasts and Celebration	Elias Traboulsi	Cleveland Clinic	traboue@ccf.org

Social Gathering: Happy Hour and Celebration
1615-1700

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