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## SAOA 2024 Conference

### THEME:

Centennial Celebration

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

You are invited to participate in the SAOA 2024 Conference and Centennial Celebration Education Programme. This event is scheduled for 19, 20 & 21 July 2024 at the Emperors Palace, Kempton Park, Gauteng.

### TYPE OF PRESENTATIONS

The formats are lecture, paper, case reports, poster presentations and workshops. The lecture presentations are scheduled for 50 minutes with 5 minutes for questions and answers. The paper presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for questions and answers, while the case reports (up to 3 cases) are scheduled for 15 minutes and 5 minutes for questions and answers. The posters will be displayed for a day and authors will be required to be present at their posters at a specific time where delegates can speak with the authors about their posters. Hands on workshops will be scheduled for 1 or 2 hours. Should presenters want their presentations/ lectures to be COPE accredited, please refer to the COPE accreditation criteria.

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Choose the type of presentation and track category from drop down menus. All submissions must be in English with a maximum of 250 words. The title must be succinct and accurately reflect the content.

Papers and posters should include the Background, Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusion and Learning Objectives.

Case Reports should include Case History/Background, Case Summary, Conclusion and Learning Objectives. The case report must demonstrate complete follow-through of patient care. The clinical significance of the case report must be clear from the abstract.

Lectures should include an Introduction, Summary of what will be covered, the importance of what will be covered, Conclusion and Learning Objectives. The delivery format is flexible and can include single speakers, multiple speakers, as well as panel discussions.

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Workshops are intended to be educational and not for the purposes of marketing or sales of goods during the workshop. Proposals should indicate that all attendees will be provided with hands on experience in techniques. Lecture time during workshops should not exceed 10 minutes.

### **POWER POINT PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPERS, LECTURES, CASE REPORTS**

Maximum of 5 Bullets per Slide

Minimum Font Size is 28

Maximum Number of Slides: 15 per 45-minute presentation

### **POSTER REQUIREMENTS**

Posters must measure no more than 1.3m in length and 1.3m in height.

The material must be readable from a distance of one metre or more.

### **ABSTRACT EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The abstract evaluation criteria are scientific/clinical relevance and novelty, sound methodology, quantitative description of the findings and an acceptable conclusion based on the findings. An evaluation panel will assess all submissions using these criteria.

### **PRESENTER /AUTHORS AGREEMENT**

Author(s) submitting an abstract agree to the following:

- The work reported in the abstract has been carried out by the author(s).
- The author(s) is/ are responsible for the contents of the work presented.
- If selected the lead author must attend the SAOA 2024 Conference to present.
- Any changes in the content or availability of the lead author must be notified.
- The author(s) will disclose any commercial relationship or conflict of interest relevant to the content of the abstract and presentation.
- If selected, the author(s) agree to the abstract being presented in the conference Programme and other communication materials.
- Presenters of poster abstracts are responsible for bringing their posters and for removing them at the end of the day.

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- The accepted lecture or workshop at the time(s) scheduled by the Program Committee may not be changed.

## SUBMISSION WINDOW

- The submission window opened on the 24th of July 2023.
- The submission window closes on 4 September 2023 at 23h00 GMT+2.
- Authors will receive written notification of abstract acceptance or rejection by no later than 29 September 2023.
- Deadline for presenters to register and pay in order to be included in the programme is 3rd November 2023.

To sign into the Abstract Portal or to create a new account, [click here](#).

## THEMES

Choose theme for your abstract from the list below: *(If your selected theme doesn't appear on the drop down menu, please select other and specify your theme in your abstract.)*

### Clinical Optometry

Adult Vision and Eye Health Care Examination  
Paediatric Vision and Eye Health Care Examination  
Binocular Vision  
Myopia Management  
Learning Related Vision Disorders  
Sports Vision  
Contact Lenses  
Low Vision  
Neuro Optometry/Ophthalmology  
Ocular Health Diagnostics  
Ocular Therapeutics  
Dispensing  
Any other topics

### Occupational Optometry

Driving and Vision  
Skippers and Vision

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Aviation and Vision  
Driven Machinery  
Any other topics

### **Ethics, Medical Law and Human Rights**

Professional Ethics  
Clinical Ethics  
Research Ethics  
Public Policy Ethics  
Any other topics

### **Public Health Optometry**

Climate Change  
Physical and Mental Health  
Infection Control  
Any other topics

### **Practice Management**

### **Visual Science**

### **AI and 4IR**

### ***Any other***

Presentation may be:

**Single keynote speaker:** One presenter.

**Dual Speakers:** Two speakers with different perspectives

**Panel:** Group of experts discussing a particular topic:

e.g. Clinical, Research, Public Health,

#### **Topics:**

Regulatory Authorities  
SAHPRA, CMS, M/A, PBODO  
Myopia Management  
Glaucoma Management  
Presbyopia Management  
Dry Eyes

**Q&A:** A panel of experts or a speaker answers questions from the audience

**Interview:** Host an interview with key stakeholder

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