



ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Trends in Anaesthesia and Critical Care

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/tacc

Letter to the Editor

Invitation to the inaugural symposium of the “European society of ophthalmic anaesthesia” in Engelberg, Switzerland December 5th & 6th, 2019

In the last issue of this journal we laid out for colleagues our opinions on the necessity to improve anaesthesia for ophthalmic surgery patients [1]. To follow suit to our „Call to action” in these pages, we are happy to invite all interested colleagues to the inaugural congress of the budding „European society of ophthalmic anaesthesia”. Delegates will have the occasion to learn new, safer regional blocks as well many other skills to take better care of

patients ranging from babies to very old & frail patients (see preliminary program). International faculty will present state-of-the-art knowledge from the field in presentations and practical instruction.

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMIC ANAESTHESIA

INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM

DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH, 2019

THE CRAFT
THE ART
THE SCIENCE

EsOA

ENGELBERG, SWITZERLAND WWW.ROAH.CH

INVITATION

Dear colleagues,

In an effort to improve care for our ocular surgery patients we invite you to participate in the inaugural scientific meeting of the European Society of Ophthalmic Anaesthesia (ESOA), to be held in Engelberg, Switzerland, 5/6th December 2019, in conjunction with the British Ophthalmic Anaesthesia Society (BOAS) annual scientific meeting.

International faculty, including both ophthalmologists and anaesthesiologists, will present on state-of-the-art strategies to provide best care for an increasingly aged and frail patient population. Practical workshops and wet-labs will instruct on the „craft” aspect of providing loco-regional anaesthesia of the eye and avoidance and correction of some of its complications. We plan to provide ample time to discuss your „difficult cases” and opportunity to share and network during breaks and lunch. A mountain-cabin dinner should also inspire a spirit of conviviality in this nascent society.

Lying within close reach of Zürich and Basel airports, and nestled in the Swiss Alps near Lucerne, Engelberg is at the heart of Switzerland, providing breath-taking views, plus the possibility of partaking in a wide range of winter sporting activities. With the Bellevue hotel we have found a beautiful venue, ideal for taking some relaxing extra leave before or after the symposium as you wish.

For further information please visit:
WWW.ROAH.CH

ESOA-INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER, 2019

Please reckon that this preliminary program may be subject to changes

IMPORTANT PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Locoregional ophthalmic anaesthesia - teaching safer blocks for the 21st century
 - Use of Ultrasound to make locoregional anaesthesia safer
- Anatomy of ophthalmic regional blocks in humans, animals & teaching models
 - The Trigemino-cardiac reflex
 - Opioid-free & Multimodular General Anaesthesia
- Panel-discussion: Teaching a new generation of clinicians in OA
- Perioperative EEG as guidance for „GA-depth“ -going beyond the BIS-index
 - Intra-ocular pressure and retinal haemodynamics in GA & LA
- Sub-Tenon-blocks in treatment of retinopathy-of-premature babies
- New trends in pediatric OA (intra-nasal dexmedetomidine, i.v.-access etc)
 - OA in ophthalmic-oncology surgery
 - Surgery and anaesthesia in ocular trauma
 - Use of hypnosis in ophthalmic surgery
 - Anaesthesia-concepts for oculoplastic surgery

PRACTICAL IN-DEPTH, HANDS-ON AFTERNOON COURSES

- Locoregional ophthalmic anaesthesia
- Sub-Tenon's and peribulbar blocks, lateral canthotomy
- Sonographic exam of the eye before and during ophthalmic regional anaesthesia
 - Perioperative Electroencephalography
- Basic concepts of clinical hypnosis for ophthalmic anaesthesia

CONFIRMED FACULTY

Keith Allman (Exeter UK)	Anand Arora (Birmingham, UK)	Lucie Beylaq (Bordeaux, France)
Miranda Buckle (Oxford UK)	Nicoletta Catteruccia (Moorefield's-London)	
Jonathan Clarke (Adelaide, Australia)	Grégory Destruhaut (Bordeaux, France)	
Tom Eke (Norwich, UK)	Marco Enderlin (Berne, Switzerland)	VV Jaichandran (Chennai, India)
Joanne Jefferis (Newcastle, UK)	Heiko Kaiser (Berne, Switzerland)	
Jan Mulier (Brugge, Belgium)	Rik Paelinck (Rotterdam, NL)	Howard Palte (Miami, USA)
Junia Rahman (Moorefield's-London)	An Schalenbourg (Lausanne, Switzerland)	
Bernhard Schaller (Basel, Switzerland)	Paul Slater (Northampton, UK)	
Lorenz Theiler (Berne, Switzerland)	André Vial (Lausanne, Switzerland)	
Sebastian Wolf (Berne, Switzerland)	Martin Zinkernagel (Berne, Switzerland)	

CONGRESS FEES

Early-bird until 1st of August: BOAS-members 400 SF, non-BOAS 450 SF
 Regular inscription from 1st of August: BOAS-members 500 SF, non-BOAS 550 SF

References

- [1] F. Lersch, T. Eke, A call to action-Why European anaesthesiologists and ophthalmic surgeons should join efforts in a common society, Trends Anaesth. Crit. Care 24 (2019) 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.j.tacc.2018.09.001>.

F. Lersch

*Inselspital, Bern University Hospital, Morillonstr. 55, 3007, Bern,
 Switzerland*

E-mail address: lamicofritz@hotmail.com.

18 January 2019