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The 4th World Congress of Optometry / O=MEGA23 conference saw a total of 3,585 event attendees during the 3-day event.  The fourth World Congress of Optometry has been an incredible catalyst for elevating the standards of Optometry worldwide. It's heartening to witness how this gathering of brilliant minds and innovative ideas is shaping the future of our profession, pushing the boundaries, and ultimately enhancing the level of optometry for the benefit of patients globally.The Clinical Conference Program incorporated keynote presentations, full lectures, short paper presentations, and poster sessions, many of which were presented by clinicians from WCO Country members. The accompanying Trade Fair showcased more than 100 exhibitors at the event. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prof. Peter Hendicott | "WHO World Report on Vision and its Impact to Optometry"** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Following a Conference Opening and Welcome to Country Session, 2021-2023 WCO President Peter Hendicott presented on the impact WHO's World Report on Vision has had on optometry worldwide. His presentation outlined his view on how Optometry should be participating and preparing itself for its future role. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WCO Leadership Change 2023-2025** Dr. Sandra S. Block Installed as WCO President | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The Board of Directors of the World Council of Optometry (WCO) are pleased to announce the installation of Dr. Sandra S. Block (United States) as WCO President for the 2023-2025 term. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Karen Sparrow Memorial Lecture** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A **Memorial Lecture in Honor of Optom Karen Sparrow** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | a public health Optometrist who tirelessly worked to address the needs of populations that were often unable to advocate for themselves and in areas where eye care was sorely lacking. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Ms. Sparrow, a longtime WCO volunteer, shared her spirit, passion, and dedication to public health Optometry in a way that epitomizes the mission of WCO. Her sister Tessa Briggs (pictured right, alongside Dr. Sandra Block) was in attendance for the lecture.  Optom Karen Sparrow is fondly remembered by the members of Botswana Optometrists Association also for her contribution as an advisory for the PEEK Botswana 2016 Project | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Optom Thanuja Panicker,the current Chairperson of BOA had closely worked as the PEEK Refractive Services Co-ordinator with Optom Karen Sparrow for the PEEK (Portable Eye Examination Kit )2016 Botswana project. Optom Karen Sparrow also was the International Speaker for the first BOA Wenar in 2016.  4TH WCO PRESIDENT’s FORUM   |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Hosted by WCO President Prof. Peter Hendicott and WCO President-Elect Dr. Sandy Block, and generously supported by EssilorLuxottica, WCO's 2023 President’s Forum was an invitation-only event to provide a platform wherein practicing clinicians, educators, and corporate representatives came together to discuss the current development of Optometry and the desired impact in the broader health agenda across the world. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | This event has been held at each of the WCO World Congresses. This year, the theme of the forum was “Optometry’s Role in Global Health Care.” | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | The forum encouraged all attendees to think about how they can contribute to making eye care more accessible, equitable, affordable, and effective, both now and in the future.  INSERT THREE PICTURES  Optom Thanuja Panicker ,Chairperson of BOA was one of the invitees of the WCO Presidential forum deliberation. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  | | | | SHARING OF EXPERIENCE BY OPTOM SEABELO MAJE ,BOA EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE HEAD :  SHARING OF EXPERIENCE BY OPTOM HAKEEM GYAN AFFUL ,BOA EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE MEMBER :   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Optometry Unites, Down Under  **4th World Congress of Optometry** September 8-10, 2023 | Melbourne, Australia | |   COLLAGE OF PICTURES TO BE ADDED HERE  Collage of pictures to be added | |
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