

## PRESS PACK FOR THE 24th ANNUAL CSO CONGRESS

### I - The Cameroonian Society of Ophthalmology (CSO)

The Cameroonian Society of Ophthalmology is a professional non-profit organisation, created in 1983 by a group of Cameroonian ophthalmologists.

Presently, the Organisation has over one hundred members composed of Ophthalmologists of different nationalities, technicians and nurses specialized in eye care.

The main objective of this professional society is to promote eye health.

This Organisation is the fruit of a group of Ophthalmologists who desired to bring together different stakeholders in the domain of eye health care in order to re-enforce solidarity, share professional experiences, promote scientific research, re-enforce Continuous Professional Development with an ultimate goal of providing high quality eye health, care which will go a long way to fight against avoidable blindness.

#### **Major officials:**

**President:** Pr Côme EBANA MVOGO

**Secretary-general:** Dr Danielle BELEHO

**Treasurer:** Pr Emilienne EPEE

**Auditor:** Dr Alice NCHIFOR

President of the organizing committee of the 2018 congress: Dr Caroline MVILONGO

President of the Scientific Commission: Pr Augustin ELLONG

### II - THE 24th SCO CONGRESS

Date: 22nd to 24th of February 2018

Location: Yaounde City Council hall

Theme: Cataract and outreach activities in Ophthalmology.

Cataract is the opacification of the biological lens that permit the eye to focus an image on the retina. It is the commonest cause of avoidable blindness globally, occurring most often after the age of 50 years.

#### **Interests**

*Epidemiological:* Cataract remains the leading cause of preventable blindness and is

therefore of primary interest to any eye health care provider.

*Therapeutic:* The only treatment method available for cataract is surgical and to date, there has been a remarkable evolution in the methods of treatment. The most successful with the best visual recovery are the Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS) and phaco-emulsification which are gradually becoming renown in Cameroon, like in most advanced settings.

Outreach in Ophthalmology refers to all acts of eye care practiced during mass campaigns in the community aimed at bringing eye health closer to those who have no access to healthcare or cannot afford because of poverty.

### **Congress Program**

- o Opening ceremony
- o Oral presentations of research on the congress theme
- o Oral presentations on free themes
- o Posters
- o Conference speaking
- o Round table conferences
- o Symposia
- o Social programme
- o General assembly of the CSO

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