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Minutes of the WGA General Assembly during WGC-2025

Date : Thursday, June 26, 2025
Location : Room 310, Hawaii Convention Center
Attendance : Board of Governors, National, Regional and International Glaucoma Societies

Chair, Prof. Ningli Wang, President of the World Glaucoma Association

Prof. Wang welcomed attendees to the General Assembly and thanked them for their dedication to WGA and participation in the World Glaucoma Congress.

WGA Activity Report - Dr. Kaweh Mansouri, Executive Vice-President

Dr. Mansouri gave an overview of the Association's main objectives, which include providing education and promoting public awareness about glaucoma. With these objectives in mind, Dr. Mansouri is pleased to announce that prior to the start of the Congress, the WGA hosted the 12th Consensus Meeting on Angle Closure and Angle Closure Glaucoma, attended by many General Assembly members. The meeting saw strong participation, and a book documenting its outcomes will be published in the coming years.

World Glaucoma Week has demonstrated a consistent increase in activity submissions over the years. In 2025, social media efforts resulted in over 1,000 engagements and a reach of 7,000. Dr. Mansouri encouraged all society members to continue their participation in World Glaucoma Week to expand outreach to more patients globally. The up-coming World Glaucoma Week will be held from March 8th to March 14th, 2026.

Dr. Mansouri expressed his gratitude to all WGA industry members for their contributions to the Association and acknowledged the addition of two new bronze Industry members: Advanced Ophthalmic Innovations and Inami.

Despite political and visa-related challenges, the 11th World Glaucoma Congress remains successful, featuring an extensive program and strong session attendance. This year's WGC achieved a record number of faculty members, totalling 225. Additionally, thanks to the efforts of the Program Planning Committee, four new workshops have been introduced.

The WGA is pleased to announce the initiation of the Associate Advisory Board (AAB) Research Mentorship Program. This 12-month program pairs early-career ophthalmologists from around the world with leading glaucoma researchers to guide the journey from concept to conference presentation.



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WGA Education Committee Report – Dr. Pradeep Ramulu, Chair

Dr. Ramulu thanked all Education Committee members for their dedication and contributions. He then provided updates on the Education Committee projects, such as the WGA online courses, Fundamental Questions in Glaucoma video series, and the Surgical Grand Rounds.

ICO-WGA Fellowship Program – Prof. Neeru Gupta, Global Outreach Chair

Since 2017, the WGA has supported 29 fellows from 15 countries in Africa, including 11 new fellows for 2024-2025. Two fellows have completed their programs, five are currently participating in their fellowships, and four are about to begin their programs.

Journal of Glaucoma and International Glaucoma Review

Updates were provided regarding the WGA Journals: Journal of Glaucoma and International Glaucoma Review.

President-Elect of the WGA – Prof. Neeru Gupta, Nominating Committee Chair

After careful consideration of the contributions to the WGA and the field of glaucoma by the various candidates, Professor Fotis Topouzis was overwhelmingly recommended to be the WGA President-Elect. This was approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Governors for presentation to the General Assembly for approval.

His numerous leadership positions, contributions to glaucoma and the World Glaucoma Association (WGA), and to ophthalmology were summarized as follows: He is the Chair of the 1st Department of Ophthalmology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, AHEPA University Hospital, and a Professor of Ophthalmology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is also the Head and founder of the Laboratory of Research and Clinical Applications in Ophthalmology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He has served as the Past President of both the European Glaucoma Society and the Greek Glaucoma Society, and he has been a member of the Past Board of Governors of the World Glaucoma Association.

Prof. Gupta asked for the General Assembly to vote on the recommendation that Prof. Topouzis be approved as WGA President-Elect 2025. All unanimously approved.

Professor Topouzis expressed his sincere gratitude to the General Assembly and WGA for their trust and the honor bestowed upon him. He affirmed his commitment to serve the WGA to the best of his ability.



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World Glaucoma Congress 2027

The venue and dates for the 12th World Glaucoma Congress were announced at the opening ceremony, confirming that the event will take place from April 20–23, 2027, in Kyoto, Japan.

Dr. Mansouri invited Professor Kazuhiko Mori to the stage, where Professor Mori proceeded to share some information regarding the 2027 Congress as well as insights into the history of Kyoto.

Adjournment

Dr. Mansouri thanked the members of the General Assembly for their participation and commitment to the WGA and wished them an enjoyable and stimulating congress.