



14th Zermatt Winter Meeting January 22-25 2026

Thursday 22.01.2026

15.00-15.45 Registration

15.50-16.00 Welcome to the participants *Gordana Sunaric, Anton Hommer, Luca Rossetti*

16.00-16.20 The Memorial Lecture: The Life and Legacy of Allvar Gullstrand *Gauti Jóhannesson*

16.20-18.15 Session 1: Case presentations. Interactive with voting

Jury: *Selim Orgul, Cornelia Hirn, Dario Romano*

16.20-16.40 Case 1: (presentation, voting, discussion) *Barbara Teuchner*

16.40-17.00 Case 2: (presentation, voting, discussion) *Theodoros Filippopoulos*

17.00-17.20 Case 3: (presentation, voting, discussion) *Michele Figus*

17.35-19.30 Session 2: Controversies: Truths and Non-truths. Interactive with voting

Jury: *Ananth Viswanathan, Sophie Lemmens, Alessandro Rabiolo, Herbert Reitsamer*

1) Systemic hypertension is a risk factor for the incidence and progression of glaucoma

17.35-17.45 True: *Konstantin Gugleta*

17.45-17.55 Not true: *Stylianos Kandarakis*

17.55-18.05 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*

18.05-18.15 Rebuttal

18.15-18.20 Voting

2) Preserflo is as efficacious as trabeculectomy

18.20-18.30 True: *Karl Mercieca*

18.30-18.40 Not true: *Andy McNought*

18.40-18.50 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*

18.50-19.00 Rebuttal

19.00-19.05 Voting

3) ROTA (RNFL Optical Texture Analysis) is as important as other OCT parameters in evaluating glaucoma

19.05-19.15: True: *Francesco Oddone*

19.15-19.25 Not true: *Bal Chauhan*

19.25-19.35 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*

19.35-19.45 Rebuttal

19.45-19.50 Voting

20.00 – 21.00h Welcome Reception at the Hotel Mont Cervin



Friday morning 23.1.2026

8.45--9.50 Session 3: Debates

Jury: Stefano Miglior, Jorg Sturmer, Paolo Fogagnolo, Goerg Mossboeck

8.45-8-50 Introduction: "Interventional glaucoma – the new paradigm" GSM: Video 3 min

"The future of glaucoma is in the operating room"

8.50-9.00 1) True *Norbert Pfeiffer*
9.00-9.10 2) Not true *James Kirwan*
9.10-9.20 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*
9.20-9.30 Rebuttal
9.30-9.45 Voting and discussion

9.45-10.35 Session 4: Hot Topics

Moderators: Clemens Vass, Fotis Topouzis, Carlo Traverso

9.45-10.00 Industry: Friend or foe? *Stefano Miglior*
10.00-10.10 *Discussion*
10.10-10.25 GLP1 agonists and glaucoma *Len Levin*
10.25-10.35 *Discussion*

10.35-17.00 Workshop in small groups

Friday afternoon 23.1.2026

17.00-18.15 Session 5: Updates

Moderators: Fotis Topouzis, Tin Aung, Sanna Leinonen

17.00-17.15 Latest updates on glaucoma's contribution to vision impairment in Europe and
the wider world – is our house in order? *Rupert Bourne*
17.15-17.25 *Discussion*
17.25-17.40 Update on angle closure disease *Anrew Tatham*
17.40-17.50 *Discussion*
17.50-18.05 Steroids, uveitis and glaucoma *Narciss Okhravi*
18.05-18.15 *Discussion*

18.20- 19.30 Session 6: "Battle Royale": Misconception, yes or no?

Jury: Philippe Kestelyn, Stephan Estermann, Gauti Johanneson, Theodoros Filippopoulos

1) The C/D ratio is a critical part of the clinical evaluation

18.20-18.30 Yes: *Jorg Sturmer*
18.30-18.40 No: *Len Levin*
18.40-18.50 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*
18.50-19.00 Rebuttal
19.00-19.05 Voting

2) Patients who are at risk for glaucoma may have refractive surgery"

19.05-19.15 Yes: *Stefan Kaminski: View of a refractive surgeon*
19.15-19.20 No: *Milko Iliev: View of the glaucoma specialist*
19.20-19.30 *Discussion among jury and the teams*
19.30-19.40 Rebuttal
19.40-19.45 Voting

20.20 Meet in the Hotel Mont Cervin lobby for the Fondue evening



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Saturday morning 25.1.25

8.45-10.45 Session 7: Opinions

Moderators: Ananth Viswanathan, Tony Hommer, Francesco Oddone, Stelios Kandarakis

- 8.45.-9.00 Slit lamp management/procedures;: What, why and why not *Carlo Traverso*
9.00-9.10 *Discussion*
- 9.10-9.25 SLT: A phantom outside the United Kingdom *Luca Rossetti*
9.25-9.30 *Discussion*
- 9.30-9.45 Exfoliation glaucoma: developing drug targets based on genetics and biology *Tin Aung*
9.45-9.55 *Discussion*
- 9.55-10.10 How experts diverge in their evaluation of scientific papers *Bal Chauhan*
10.10-10.20 *Discussion*
- 10.20-10.35 Systematic reviews: Are they really best in the hierarchy of evidence? *Manuele Michelessi*
10.35-10.45 *Discussion*
- 10.45-17.00 Workshop in small groups:

Saturday afternoon 25.1.25

17.00-19.00 Session 8: Surgery

Moderators: Norbert Pfeiffer, Jorg Sturmer, Andy McNaught

- 17.00-17.15 Choice of clinical IOP endpoints may invalidate some studies *Alessandro Rabiolo*
17.15-17.25 *Discussion*
- 17.25-17.40 Limited lifespan of MIGS destructive procedures? Evidence and experience *Antonio Fea*
17.40-17.50 *Discussion*
- 17.50-18.05 The right surgery for the right patient *Sophie Lemmens*
18.05-18.15 *Discussion*

18.15-18.30 Session 9: I agree to disagree

Jury: James Kirwan, Karl Mercieca, Antonio Fea

- 18.15-18.25 Subconjunctival bleb-forming devices: Which do I prefer and why ?
Xen *Herbert Reitsamer*
- 18.25-18.35 Preserflo *Clemens Vass*
- 18.35-18.45 *Discussion among the jury and the teams*

18.45-18.55 Rebuttal
18.55-19.00 Voting

19.00 -19.40 **The Zermatt Winter Meeting Lecture**

“From observation to knowledge - via trials and evidence: A bumpy road” **Gerd Antes**

Medical Faculty and Medical Centre University of Freiburg, Germany

20.00 End of the official scientific meeting

20.20 **Meeting in the Hotel Mont Cervin Lobby, walk to the restaurant**