



Dear Prof. Dr. Dr. Mr. Hawlina,

We are very pleased to invite you to the **DOG 2019** that will take place from September 26 to 29, 2019 at the Estrel Congress Center in Berlin.

The scientific program and session structure will reflect this year's congress theme, "**Ophthalmology: Our field and its future**". In recent years, every conference of the DOG was presented with a guiding topic at each respective event, thus to give the DOG a new impulse. The key topic of DOG 2019 is "Ophthalmology: Our field and its future". We are living in fascinating and exciting times. Therefore, our main focus will be placed on the communication about the fascination of this field for us, our patients and on the future developments of ophthalmology.

As a tradition, ophthalmologists from Middle Eastern European and Eastern European countries are very welcome to participate in the congress. Thus, we kindly invite you and your colleagues to participate and would highly appreciate if you forward this information to interested ophthalmologists.

The congress will offer an extensive English program, exciting symposia, poster sessions, workshops and as a special highlight, three keynote lectures. New in 2019 is the

#### **International Experts Day (IED)**

This new format offers international DOG 2019 participants an additional platform for active contributions in English. The interactive update format will feature leading experts from around the world who will present current developments in their areas. With cutting-edge insights and outstanding expertise, these sessions in English are a highlight for all DOG 2019 participants.

For details on the program, please find here the English [preliminary program](#) or the English [congress website](#).

For the German preliminary program, please click [here](#).

Please find an overview of the English sessions [here](#).

#### **Keydates**

Since 1.2.2019	online registration and call for abstracts
1.4.2019	deadline for submission of abstracts and videos
June 2019	notification of the authors
8.7.2019	end of early bird registration
August 2019	main congress program online

#### **Free access for participants from Middle Eastern European and Eastern European countries**

All participants from Middle Eastern European and Eastern European countries will have free access to the congress (except courses and social program).

#### **Travel Award abstracts**

The DOG offers travel awards of € 750 (to be used for accommodation and travel expenses) for the best 25 abstracts from Middle Eastern European and Eastern European countries submitted to the DOG-Congress. Don't miss your chance to become one of the awardees. The awardees will be notified in June 2019.

Please submit your abstract via the following link: <https://www.abstractserver.com/dog2019/absmgm/> no later than **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**. For more information regarding the submission of abstracts, please click [here](#).

#### **Registration / Hotel accommodation**

Please register for the congress, courses and social program via [online registration](#).

You may book your hotel online either after completing your congress registration or by using the internet link published at the congress website.

Please note, that the DOG will **not** cover any travel or hotel expenses. The DOG may cover expenses for participants who cannot otherwise afford to participate in the congress. In these cases, an application has to be sent to the DOG Board of Directors prior to the congress via [dog@interplan.de](mailto:dog@interplan.de).

We are looking forward to your participation at the DOG-Congress in Berlin.

Many thanks and best regards

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