



THE CATARACT & REFRACTIVE HUB

First Scientific Gathering

3 APRIL | Helnan Antoniadès Palace Hotel,
2026 | Alexandria, Egypt

Scientific Agenda



13:00 - 14:30	REGISTRATION	
14:25 - 14:30	WELCOME MESSAGE	
14:30 - 16:00	CATARACT SESSION	
MODERATORS	<i>Abdullah Swelem, Zakaria Hassanin</i>	
PANELISTS	<i>Ahmed El Massry, Ahmed Shama, Alaa El Zawawi, Hazem Kandil, Khaled Abdelrahman</i>	
14:30 - 14:45	IOL calculations in a nutshell <i>Ahmed Shama</i>	
14:45 - 15:00	Adjusting phaco parameters <i>Khaled Abdelrahman</i>	
15:00 - 15:15	Tips for corneal incisions & capsulorrhexis <i>Ahmed El Massry</i>	
15:15 - 15:30	Phaco D&C in different situations. Reproducibility: the safe way to good results <i>Alaa El Zawawi</i>	
15:30 - 15:45	IOLs: Understanding more, choosing better <i>Hazem Kandil</i>	
15:45 - 15:55	Keynote lecture: Mix & Match <i>Khaled Abdelrahman</i>	
15:55 - 16:00	Discussion	
16:00 - 16:15	BIOTECH TALK	 biotech access to innovation
16:15 - 16:45	COFFEE BREAK	
16:45 - 17:00	Optimization of ocular surface in cataract surgery <i>Alaa El Zawawi</i>	
17:00 - 18:30	REFRACTIVE SESSION	
MODERATORS	<i>Mazen Dowidar, Mohamed Mahdy</i>	
PANELISTS	<i>Ahmed Hatata, Alaa Ghaith, Amgad Dowidar, Ihab M. Othman, Karim Gaballah, Mohamed El Kateb</i>	
17:00 - 17:15	Importance of dry eye and its effect on corneal imaging <i>Alaa Ghaith</i>	
17:15 - 17:30	How to interpret a pentacam <i>Mohamed El Kateb</i>	
17:30 - 17:45	Preop red flags & risk assessment for post-LASIK ectasia <i>Karim Gaballah</i>	
17:45 - 18:00	Contraindications to laser refractive procedures <i>Ihab M. Othman</i>	
18:00 - 18:15	Proper suction ring selection to avoid flap complications <i>Amgad Dowidar</i>	
18:15 - 18:30	Placement of Phakic IOLs in our practice <i>Ahmed Hatata</i>	
18:30 - 18:45	COMPETITION	
18:45	DINNER	