

# The St John Ophthalmic Association

Asia Pacific ~ Americas ~ Europe ~ Africa ~ Middle East

*Partners in Expertise*

*Established in 2015 to serve the Order of St John*

## European Branch ~ Third Annual Meeting



Tuesday March 10th 2020, 1830 - 2215  
St John's Gate, London

*Dinner Jacket - Decorations*



The SOA's 3rd Annual meeting was hosted by our Patron Surgeon Rear Admiral Lionel Jarvis at St John's Gate on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The purpose of the meeting was to give an update on the progress and activities both of the Eye Hospital Group, and of the Ophthalmic Association, the latter working to support our postgraduate programs in the Middle East, and across the Orders' Priorities.

The evening began with a light reception and canapés, and was followed by a welcome from the Lord Prior, and addresses from our Patron, and the Chair of the Eye Hospital Group, Sir Andrew Cash. There were short updates on the Association's activities, and presentations on our medical exchange program with the Swedish Order, the London Masterclass Series, St John in South Africa, the RBASS Foundation, and the 2019 Hospital and History Summit in Jerusalem.

Our work in North America and Africa was also discussed, and there was a lively presentation from 'iYouth', the new young professionals' organisation for the Eye Hospital Group. Finally, we heard about the remarkable 'Flight to Hope' from renowned artist Mark Coreth.

We then enjoyed a formal dinner in the Gate's magnificent Chapter Hall, and were pleased to be joined by Members of the Order's Trustees Executive Committee.

We were joined by over 70 guests, and are grateful to each and every one of them for their support for St John.

*Supporting teaching, training and research in the Order of St John*

## ~ *Program* ~

# St John Eye Hospital Group

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group (SJEHG) is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, treating patients regardless of ethnicity, religion or ability to pay.

Blindness is ten times higher in the Palestinian population than the West, but over three quarters of causes are treatable or preventable. Over 15% of Palestinians suffer with diabetes, with diabetic retinopathy leading to sight loss unless identified and treated early. The prevalences of congenital ocular disease, corneal blindness, and glaucoma are among the highest in the Mediterranean basin, and the presenting pathology is often advanced.

SJEHG works in East Jerusalem, Gaza, Anabta and Hebron, and operates a mobile outreach service for those patients who cannot access our clinics. Each year the Group treats over 145,000 outpatients, and performs over 5,200 operations. Over 90% of all funds go directly to patient care.

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The St John Ophthalmic Association (SOA) was formed in 2015 by Hospitallers of the Order, and now operates across 5 international hubs. Its purpose is to support the postgraduate strategy of the Board of SJEHG, thereby increasing the training opportunities for our staff, and raising our profile among regional and international ophthalmic units.

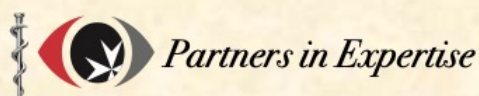
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Your interest and support for our work is greatly appreciated, and makes a real difference to our patients and our staff. It is only due to the commitment and dedication of our supporters that SJEHG is able to deliver high quality eye care to the Palestinian population.

**Thank you.**



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## SOA-Europe *Third Annual Meeting*



**Welcoming the Trustee Executive Committee**

*& Introducing:*

**iYouth**  
Young Professionals for SJEHG

**An Eye on Africa**



**Flight2Hope**



**The Bass Foundation & The Big Swim**

**Sweden & our New Exchange Program**



**Tuesday 10th March, 2020  
St John's Gate, London**

**Hosted by the Patron of the SOA,  
Prior of England and the Islands**



# SOA-Europe

## *Third Annual Meeting*

### **Lord Prior's Welcome**

Professor Mark Compton AM GCStJ

### **Patron's Address :Academia in St John:**

Surgeon Rear Admiral Lionel Jarvis CBE KStJ

### **The Health of the Eye Hospital Group**

Sir Andrew Cash OBE, Chair of St John Eye Hospital Group

### **SOA, Sweden, Ophthalmology and St John**

Mr David H Verity, Order Hospitaller

Dr Richard Kuylenstierna, Swedish Hospitaller

Dr Elin Bohman, Chair of SOA-Sweden

### **iYouth**

Prof O'Higgins Norman, Patron, & Miss Gregoria Verity, Chair

### **St John: An Eye on Africa**

Mr George Woods, CEO of The Priory of South Africa

### **The Big Swim & The Bass Foundation**

### **Flight 2 Hope**

Mr Mark Coreth.

### **Close of Meeting**

Order Hospitaller



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In the service of St John*

# MENU

## **Cured Highland Venison**

Parsnip, Squash and Croutons Beetroot Thyme Dressing

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## **Monkfish Medallions, Crab Thermidor, Watercress Veloute**

Trompette Mushroom Risotto, Chantenay Carrots and Kale

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## **Cardamom & Date Cheesecake**

Persimmon Compote, Ginger Snap

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## **Fairtrade Coffee**

A Selection of Teas and Infusions

## **Handmade Chocolates & Sweetmeats**

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## **Wines**

Nutbourne Vineyards Sussex Reserve 2018

Carta Roja Crianza, Jumilla DO 2017

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## **Toasts**

“The Queen”

“The Order of St John, and St John Eye Hospital Group”

Proposed by Mr Jamie Ingham Clark

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*St John Eye Hospital Group*  
*Saving Sight - Changing lives*

