



St John Ophthalmic Association

Inaugural Webinar



On Saturday 21st November, the St John Ophthalmic Association (SOA) held its first on-line meeting.

The event was hosted by SOA-USA, and generously supported by the Priory of St John in the USA.



The US Hospitaller, Mr David Pyott, opened the event and introduced the speakers.

The first talk was given by Mr David Verity, Order Hospitaller, in which he described the ethos and work of St John Eye Hospital Group, and reviewed the development of the SOA since its foundation 5 years ago.

Following this, Sir Andrew Cash, Chairman of the St John Eye Hospital Group, summarized the strategy of the Board, and introduced Dr Ahmad Ma'ali the CEO of the Hospital Group. Dr Ma'ali described the impact of COVID on SJEHG, updated us on our clinical services, and spoke on our outreach program, and regional partnerships.

We then heard two interesting case reports from our Trainees in Jerusalem and Gaza. Dr Hisham Al-Faleet, from Gaza, reminded us of the risk of glaucoma with uncontrolled topical steroid in a child with vernal keratoconjunctivitis.

Dr Anne Coleman, immediate past Hospitaller for the Priory in the USA, moderated questions on the case before handing over to the second speaker.

Dr Raja Al-Masri, a trainee in Jerusalem, presented a young patient with rhabdomyosarcoma, and described the surgical and medical management of these very challenging patients .

Dr Suzanne Freitag, Director of Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, moderated questions and discussion on the case.

Finally, Mr David Pyott concluded the meeting with a summary and words of thanks to theorganizers, the speakers, and our special guests.

Program

Welcome and Introduction

David [Pyott](#), Hospitaller, Priory in the USA

Ancient Traditions; Modern Order

David Verity, Order Hospitaller

St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group: Current Success and Challenges

Ahmed [Maali](#), CEO, SJEHG.

Introduced by Sir Andrew Cash, SJEHG Chair

Glaucoma and VKC: Beware Hidden Danger

Hisham Al-[Faleet](#), Gaza

Panel discussion moderated by Prof Anne Coleman

The Challenge of Rhabdomyosarcoma

Raja' Al-[Masri](#), Jerusalem

Panel discussion moderated by Suzanne Freitag

Conclusion & Thanks

David [Pyott](#)

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Dr Charles Mosteller,
Hon Secretary, SOA-USA