

11th KPro Study Group Meeting in Barcelona

Preliminary Program

This is a biannual meeting of keratoprosthesis (artificial cornea) experts and aficionados all over the world, whereby we exchange our experiences, new techniques and results of research for end stage corneal diseases which are otherwise deemed to blindness.

Organizer: Instituto Barraquer

Date: June 15, 2018 (time schedule: morning session 8:00 – 1:30 pm, afternoon session 3:00 – 7:00 pm) one day before the World Ophthalmology Congress

Venue: Cuatrecasas Auditorium, Avenida Diagonal 191, Barcelona ([click for photos](#))

Meeting Title: Pearls and Pitfalls in KPro Surgery

Meeting Language: English (no simultaneous translation available)

Objectives of the meeting: The aim of the meeting is to teach beginning or aspiring KPro surgeons on how to make insightful decision making on when and when not to do KPro surgery, to wisely choose which kind of KPro for individual cases and to effectively manage, as well as prevent possible complications. Moreover, expert surgeons will impart their long-term experience.

Registration fee: 100 Euros

Abstracts: will be organized as per topics 1-12 below and moderated by the 1st speaker and the organizers. Several abstracts have already been received and are under review. Meeting time and seats are limited. Please send your abstract as soon as possible. Submission Deadline: April 15, 2018

Topics:

1. **Epidemiological studies and updates on present KPros** – *Jose de la Cruz (15 mins)*
2. **Mesopplants: where are we headed for?** – *Jean Marie Parel (15 mins)*
3. **When and Which KPro?** – *Christopher Liu (15 mins)*
4. **KPros in pediatric cases** – *Kathryn Colby (15 mins)*
5. **The Boston KPro alternatives for end-stage corneal blindness** – *James Chodosh (15 mins)*
6. **Prevention and management of KPro complications** – *Geetha Iyer (15 mins)*
7. **Glaucoma and KPro: how to approach the dilemma** – *Mona Dagher (15 mins)*
8. **Retina and KPro: surgical techniques** – *Jeroni Nadal (15 mins)*
9. **Visual loss thru time: why and how?** – *Rafael Barraquer (15 mins)*
10. **Struggling with the KPro, a rookie's point of view** – *Alja Crnej (10 mins), Mohammed Baghat (10 mins)*
11. **Video symposium** – participants are asked to send short videos (3 minutes each) on surgical pearls or special techniques to be commented on by a panel of experts.
12. **"Ask the Experts"** moderated by *Claes Dohlman*

- **Primary Boston KPro, why not?** – *Esen Akpek (10 mins)*
- **40 years' experience with tibia keratoprosthesis** – *Jose Temprano (10 mins)*
- **When to reconstruct the ocular surface and when to do KPro** – *José Luis Güell (10 mins)*
- **MOOKP in the U.S.A.** – *Victor Perez (10 mins)*
- **Different folks, different strokes: reconstructing techniques for extruded KPros** – *Jaime Etxebarria (10 mins)*
- **Treatment strategies to fight corneal blindness: let's give KPro a break** – *Guillermo Amescua (10 mins)*

In honor of late pioneers in keratoprosthesis surgery:

- **Prof. Giancarlo Falcinelli Memorial Lecture** – *Giovanni Falcinelli (10 mins)*
- **Prof. Joaquin Barraquer Memorial Lecture** – *Elena Barraquer (10 mins)*

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