

## WSPOS ETHICS BUREAU

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Dr. Alex Levin

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### **Dr. Alex V. Levin**

Dr. Alex V. Levin, M.D., MHSc, FAAP, FAAO, FRCSC

Dr. Levin completed a pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and an ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, followed by a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children. He is currently the Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics, Robison D. Harley, MD Endowed Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics, at Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia. He completed his MHSc in Bioethics at the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics and was the Director of Postgraduate Bioethics Education at the University of Toronto for many years. He has been teaching bioethics for over 20 years and was one of the organizers, along with Dr. George Spaeth, of perhaps the first ophthalmology resident ethics course in North America in the 1980's. He co-directs the Halifax Symposium on Ophthalmology Ethics. His areas of bioethics interest include child abuse research ethics, interactions with medical industry, surgical innovation, medical error disclosure, and the role of trainees in patient care.

### **Dr. Mohamad S. Jaafar**

Dr. Mohamad S. Jaafar completed his BS, MD and ophthalmology residency at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He then pursued fellowships in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus at Boston Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine. In 1983, he established the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Service at the King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and joined Children's National Health System, Washington, DC, in 1986. Dr Jaafar is currently Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at the George Washington University and the Weinstein Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of Ophthalmology at Children's National.

Dr Jaafar is a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Eye Foundation, the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, the Prevention of Blindness Society and the Aid Association for the Blind of the District of Columbia, and of numerous other national and international professional societies. He published on various topics and is the recipient of numerous prestigious professional and teaching awards.

### **Dr. Mario Zanolli**

Dr. Mario Zanolli is a staff member of Clínica Alemana de Santiago and Hospital de niños Roberto del Río in Chile. Dr. Zanolli graduated medical school from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, and completed an ophthalmic pediatric residency at Fundación Oftalmológica Los Andes. He completed an ocular genetics fellowship program at Wills Eye Hospital. Dr. Zanolli is interested in genetic eye disorders in adults and children, retinopathy of prematurity, retinoblastoma, childhood cataract, childhood glaucoma, childhood uveitis, ethics and literature. Dr. Zanolli has published several articles in the ophthalmic pediatric peer-reviewed journals.

### **Dr. Arif O. Khan**

Dr. Arif O. Khan MD is Section Head of Pediatric Ophthalmology, Director of the Center for Genetic Eye Disease, and Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Eye Institute of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, Dr. Khan served as Senior Academic Consultant in the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology at King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital from 2007-2015. He

was also Senior Scientist, Department of Genetics, at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center, during the same time period. Dr. Khan completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City and his fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Before he and his family moved to the Middle East in 2002, he had been in private practice on Long Island, New York.

Dr. Khan's clinical and research interests are the management and genetics of ocular developmental disorders and strabismus. He is a frequent presenter at international ophthalmology meetings, having given more than 250 invited presentations. He authored over 270 scientific publications, with his most notable contributions being in phenotype-genotype correlations.

Dr. Khan has served on the Editorial Board of the journal *Ophthalmic Genetics* since 2009. In addition, he has served on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of AAPOS* from 2010-2014 and has been Associate Editor of the journal since 2014. Dr. Khan received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor award in 2011 and the AAPOS Honor award in 2015. He was elected to the American Ophthalmological Society in 2015. Dr. Khan is International Consultant for the American Academy of Ophthalmology Basic and Clinical Science Series Part 6 (Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus) for the period 2015-2018.

### **Dr. Daniela-Eleonora Cioplean**

Place of work and job title: Ophthalmology Clinic Oftapro, Bucharest, Romania Ophthalmologist, MD; Head of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology Department since 1998

Birth date: 18.04.1964

Birth place: Dej, Cluj County, Romania

Studies: The University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Iuliu Hatieganu", Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Year of Graduation: 1988

Ophthalmologist since 1994

Statement of expertise : Over 20 years of professional experience in Strabismus and General Pediatric Ophthalmology, Surgical : more than 7000 surgeries mostly strabismus; 25 published papers; Partner and Mentor in Cyber-Sight programme since 2000; Former President and Co-Founder of Romanian Society of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology; Member of : ESA (European Strabismological Association), ISA (International Strabismological Association), AAPOS (American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus); Current Editor of ESA; Representative of Romanian Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in ICPOS (International Council of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus); Other activities: speaker, course coordinator, chair, local organizer in important meetings such as: ESA Meetings, ISA Meetings, WOC, WCPOS, AAPOS, SOE and National Meetings.

### **Dr. Wagih Aclimandos**

Dr. Wagih Aclimandos MB BCh FRCS FRCOphth DO FEBO

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon

King's College Hospital - London since 1992

Lead Clinician for Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus services at King's College— London – UK

National & International Roles and Experience:

- Member of the European Academy of Ophthalmology – Elected September 2016

- Member of the World Society of Paediatric Ophth & Strabismus Ethics Bureau - 2016
- Executive Member / Treasurer, Sociétée d'Ophtalmologie Européenne (SOE) - Elected 2015
- Vice-President, Union Européenne de Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) Ophth - Elected 2014
- Chair EBO Subspecialty Exams – since 2014
- President European Board of Ophthalmology (EBO) - 2011-2013
- Chairman of the EBO Residency Review Committee - 2009-2010
- President Ophthalmology section of the Royal Society of Medicine - 2008-2010
- Elected Honorary Member of the Union of Bulgarian Ophthalmologists - 2011
- Chairman of the Consultant Committee at King's College Hospital - 2010 - 2012
- Chairman Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) at The Blackheath Hospital from 2002 - 2012
- President Southern Ophthalmological Society (SOS) - 2007
- Council member Ophthalmology section of the Royal Society of Medicine - since 1997
- SE Thames Regional study day Organizer - 2002 - 2014
- Lead Clinician for Ophthalmology King's College Hospital - 2006-2010

Advisory Roles:

- Ophthalmology Adviser to BMI – Consultants Reference Group - since 2013
- Ophthalmology Adviser to the Royal London Society for Blind People RLSB - since 2013
- Ophthalmology adviser to The Swinfen Telemedicine Charitable Foundation - since 2008

Royal College of Ophthalmologists past and present roles:

- South-East Regional representative on Council of the RCOphth 2007 - 2013
- Chairman European sub-committee - since 2012
- Member of the RCOphth Examination and Professional Standards Committees - 2007 - 2013
- Member of the RCOphth Paediatric, International and European Sub-Committees
- Council member on the Lay Advisory Group of the RCOphth (2010-2013)
- College Tutor at King's College Hospital from 1996 - 2006
- Chair of SE / SW Thames College Tutors 2004-2006
- RCOphth representative on NSPCC
- RCOphth UK representative on the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), the "Union Européenne de Médecins Spécialistes" (UEMS), the European Board of Ophthalmology (EBO) and the Société Européenne d'Ophtalmologie (SOE)

Examiner Roles:

- Examiner for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists - since 1998
- Examiner for the EBOD - since 2007
- Chair EBO Subspecialty Exam - since 2014

Publications & Editing:

- Forty three Peer-reviewed publications
- Over 100 Presentations at National and International meetings
- I have contributed to the latest Editions of the following volumes of the American Academy of Ophthalmology BCSC series:
  - “Fundamentals of Ophthalmology”
  - “Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus”
  - “Basic Principles of Ophthalmic Surgery”
  - “Basic Techniques of Ophthalmic Surgery”
- Kanski - Clinical Ophthalmology (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) - Strabismus & Paediatric Ophth chapters

#### Education & Training:

- “Collège de la Sainte Famille” - French Jesuit School - Cairo, Egypt from 1957-1970
- Ein-Shams Medical School - Cairo, Egypt from 1970 - 1976
- Pre-registration Training - Cairo, Egypt from 1976 - 1977
- Compulsory Military Service - Egypt from 1978 - 1979
- Ophthalmic SHO, Central Middlesex and King’s College (London); Registrar, Queen’s Medical Centre (Nottingham), Resident Medical Officer, Moorfields Eye Hospital and Joint Senior Registrar at King’s College, Moorfields and The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (London) – 1981-1991
- Fellowship in Paed Ophth & Strab - UCSF & Smith Kettlewell Research Institute - San Francisco 1992

#### **Dr. Hana Leiba**

Dr. Hana Leiba, MD; is the Head of the department of Ophthalmology at the Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot, which is affiliated to the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, Israel.

#### **Dr. Travis Pollock**

Dr. Travis Pollock works as a Paediatric Ophthalmologist at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed his medical and ophthalmic training at the University of Cape Town, and subsequently pursued fellowship training in Vancouver, Canada (Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus as well as Neurophthalmology). This was followed by further Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Fellowship time spent at the Oogziekenhuis Rotterdam, Netherlands. He then worked in Abu Dhabi for 3 years before returning to live and work in his native South Africa. His current work and research interests include paediatric glaucoma and cataract, as well as paediatric ocular trauma, amongst other things. As a consultant in the University of Cape Town Ophthalmology Department, he is involved in both undergraduate and registrar level ophthalmology training. He is involved in Paediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship training with visitors from Southern Africa and abroad.

#### **Dr. Meenakshi Swaminathan**

Dr. Meenakshi Swaminathan did her residency from the PGIMER, Chandigarh and the University of Louisville, Kentucky. She did her fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa. She

works at Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, India, which is a tertiary care teaching hospital which trains residents and fellows. She is also the Director of Academics for over a decade. She has been working with the ICO in conducting several Teachers in Ophthalmology programs both in India and other countries.

### **Dr. Clement C. Y. Tham**

Institution/Organization: The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Clement C.Y. Tham is Chairman and S.H. Ho Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and Honorary Chief-of-Service of Hong Kong Eye Hospital.

Prof. Tham is the Secretary-General of Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO), and the Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Society (APGS). He is a Member of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), and a Member of the Global Advisors Committee of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Prof. Tham was the Congress President and Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 2nd Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress (APGC) 2014 in Hong Kong, and the Chair of the Scientific Program Committees of the 27th APAO Congress 2012 Busan, the 28th APAO Congress 2013 Hyderabad, the Inaugural Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress 2012 Bali, the World Ophthalmology Congress 2016 in Mexico, and the World Ophthalmology Congress 2018 in Barcelona. He is the Congress Vice President the 21st Congress of The Chinese Ophthalmological Society (21st CCOS) 2016 in Suzhou.

Prof. Tham was awarded the inaugural Nakajima Award by the APAO, and the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in Hong Kong, in 2005. He received the APAO Outstanding Service in Prevention of Blindness Award in 2011, and the APAO Distinguished Service Award in 2013. Prof. Tham presented the Holmes Award Lecture and the De Ocampo Award Lecture at the APAO Congresses in 2013 and 2015, respectively.

### **Dr. Glen A Gole**

Dr. Glen A Gole, MBBS, MD (res), FRANZCO

Dr. Gole is Director of Ophthalmology at Queensland Children's Hospital, Brisbane, Australia where he is also Professor of Ophthalmology in the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health of the University of Queensland. He completed Medical School at the University of NSW in Sydney in 1972 and trained in Ophthalmology under Professor Fred Hollows at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney from 1975-9. His research MD on oxygen-induced retinopathy in animal models was awarded in 1989. He completed a Paediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship at the University of Iowa in the USA in 1984 and was on the staff of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 1989. He has practiced in Brisbane, Australia since 1990. His research interests include retinopathy of prematurity, strabismus surgery and animal models of glaucoma. He has published over 100 papers and several book chapters.