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Project Abstract

Title of Project: Organization of the ICO Two days Ophthalmology Residency Program Directors Course in Crete, Greece

Purpose of the project was to organize the first ICO Two Days Ophthalmology Residency Program Directors Course in Greece.

The International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) has a long experience in Residency Programs Directors Educational Courses all over the world. The interactive approach of these courses has allowed participants to acquire practical information and skills, and improves their residency-training program. Several countries have formed residency program directors' groups to continue efforts in enhancing resident education.

The Residency Program Director's Course was designed to improve the participants teaching and assessing effectiveness. Valuable presentations took place and resources related to new methodologies of residency training were presented.

The Course was successfully organized by the ICO with the support of the University Eye Clinic of Heraklion, Crete and the Confederation of the Greek Ophthalmological Societies.

The course took place in Hersonissos, Heraklion, Crete, Greece, on October 3-4, 2011, just prior to EVER Meeting. The course was based on active participation. Teaching methods included lecture (25%), small group discussion (35%), and large group discussion (40%). Major topics included adult learning principles, curriculum design, resident assessment and improving teaching skills.

Ophthalmologists from Greece and other European countries involved in training programs participated in the course and benefited through the presentations, resources and discussions with colleagues.