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Countdown Begins: Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry (WCO5) Conference Launches in Two Weeks

ST. LOUIS, JUNE 11, 2025— The **5th World Congress of Optometry (WCO5)** is now just two weeks away! Hosted by the World Council of Optometry (WCO) in collaboration with the American Optometric Association (AOA) and the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) during **Optometry's Meeting® 2025**, June 25-28 in Minneapolis, USA, WCO5 will bring together optometric professionals from around the world for four days of education, collaboration, and networking.

This year's World Congress is proudly supported by WCO's 2025 World Congress Sponsors: [EssilorLuxottica](#) and [HOYA Vision Care](#). Their commitment to advancing the profession and supporting global eye health helps power this unique international gathering.

"EssilorLuxottica is proud to once again support the 5th World Congress of Optometry," said Olga Prenat, Head of Medical & Professional Affairs at EssilorLuxottica. *"This continued collaboration reflects our shared commitment to advancing evidence-based clinical practice and supporting the vision care community with the latest scientific knowledge. Through our ongoing partnership with WCO—including efforts to raise awareness around presbyopia—we aim to equip practitioners with the tools needed to deliver better patient outcomes globally."*

"At HOYA Vision Care, our mission is to protect and preserve sight across every stage of life," said Dr. May Zhang, HOYA Vision Care Global Head of Professional Affairs. *"Our sponsorship of WCO5 and partnership with WCO reflect our dedication to clinical excellence, scientific collaboration, and education. We are proud to support the profession with innovative, evidence-based solutions* that address the growing burden of myopia worldwide."* (Disclaimer: *MiYOSMART spectacle lenses have not been approved for myopia management in all countries, including the United States, and are not currently available for sale in all countries.)

Event Highlights

300+ Hours of Continuing Education

This joint meeting will offer 300+ hours of cutting-edge continuing education and professional development across 200+ courses. Most lectures are accredited for COPE and/or CPD points. Course highlights include Retinal Disease Innovations, AI in Eye Care, Optic Nerve Imaging, Optometry's Role in Global Eye Care Delivery, Visual Field Mastery, and more.

World Council of Optometry In-Person Poster Session

On June 26-27, explore research and clinical experiences from WCO's six geographic regions across the globe. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow professionals and learn from the brightest minds in the field.

Networking & Leadership Development

This event will not only offer extensive professional development but also foster invaluable networking opportunities. Optometrists, optometry students, and other eye health professionals will

have the chance to connect, collaborate, and build meaningful relationships to help advance the profession on a global scale.

Educators' Forum & Accreditation Panel

On June 27, delve into the WCO Competency Framework for Optometry and explore how university programs can adapt curricula to meet international eye care needs at the WCO Educators' Forum, held in partnership with the Association of Schools & Colleges of Optometry (ASCO). The forum will be followed by an Accreditation Panel, where representatives from National Accreditation Councils around the globe explore challenges, best practices, and self-evaluation strategies in the absence of independent, formal accreditation processes.

With the support of industry leaders and a shared vision for accessible, high-quality eye care worldwide, **Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry (WCO5)** promises to be a rewarding opportunity to engage, learn, and collaborate across the global optometric community.

Learn more at <https://www.optometrismeeing.org/wco5/5th-world-congress-of-optometry>.

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About the World Council of Optometry

The World Council of Optometry (WCO) is an international membership-based non-profit organization for individual optometrists, industry professionals, and optometric organizations, that envisions a world with high-quality, accessible eye health and vision care for all people. Its mission is to advance and promote optometry, global eye health and vision care through collaboration, education, and advocacy. To learn more, please visit www.worldoptometry.org or follow WCO on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

About the World Congress of Optometry

The World Council of Optometry's biennial World Congresses aim to strengthen the presence and impact of optometry globally by offering a global platform where practitioners, students, researchers, and educators can share expertise and engage in the development of optometry's future. Past World Congresses have been held in partnership with WCO member organizations in Colombia, India, the United States, and Australia. At the 5th World Congress of Optometry, attendees can expect a convergence of global perspectives and innovative solutions aimed at realizing the WCO's vision of universal access to high-quality eye health and vision care.

About Optometry's Meeting®

Optometry's Meeting®, the annual meeting of both the AOA and AOSA, aligns optometric and industry professionals for a four-day experience to advance optometry and engage the association's official business. Optometry's Meeting® renowned educational program supports every member of the care team with progressive continuing education and professional development opportunities. Simultaneously delivering an impactful conference experience, Optometry's Meeting® promotes networking and connection through the expansive exhibit hall, as well as a dynamic program of special events.

About EssilorLuxottica

EssilorLuxottica is a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of ophthalmic lenses, frames and sunglasses. With 200,000 employees across 150 countries, 650 operations facilities and 18,000 stores, its mission is to help people around the world to see more and be more by addressing their evolving vision needs and personal style aspirations. EssilorLuxottica is home to the most advanced lens technologies including Varilux, Stellest and Transitions, the most iconic eyewear brands including Ray-Ban and Oakley, the most desired luxury licensed brands and world-class retailers including Sunglass Hut, LensCrafters and

GrandVision. The company's OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation has given access to sustainable vision care to more than 760 million people in underserved communities. www.essilorluxottica.com

About HOYA Vision Care

For over 60 years, Hoya Vision Care has been a global leader in the eyeglass lens business. With a presence in over 50 countries, Hoya Vision Care has a proven expertise in lens designs and freeform surfacing technology combined with a leading position in high performance, quality AR coating. Hoya Vision Care's solid market portfolio includes VISION EASE, SEIKO and PENTAX optical lenses, as well as innovative products such as Yuniku, the world's first vision-centric, 3D tailored eyewear. The company employs over 16,000 employees worldwide with mass production facilities in Asia & Europe and over 40 local Rx laboratories globally. For more information, please visit www.hoyavision.com.

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