CONGRESS INFORMATION

The following information is provided to make your attendance at the 34th APAO Congress in Bangkok, Thailand as pleasant as possible. If you have any queries during the Congress or require any assistance, please visit the Registration Desk where our team will be happy to help.

Event Name

The 34th Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists of Thailand

Congress Venue

Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC)
60 Ratchadaphisek Rd, Khwaeng Khlong Toei
Khet Khlong Toei, Krung Thep Maha Nakhon 10110,
Bangkok, Thailand

Registration and Information Desk

The APAO 2019 Congress Registration and Information Desk is located in Hall A of the QSNCC and will operate during the times listed below:

Mar 5, 2019 (Tue)	16:00 – 18:00
Mar 6, 2019 (Wed)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 7, 2019 (Thu)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 8, 2019 (Fri)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 9, 2019 (Sat)	07:30 – 12:30

On-Site Payment

On-site payment with cash and credit card can be made at the Registration Desk during opening hours. Cheques are not accepted.

Name Badges

All delegates registered for the Congress will be issued with a name badge at the Registration Desk.

Satellite Badge Printing Center
Satellite Badge Printing is available at the lobby of the Marriott Marquis Bangkok Queen's Park. Delegate must settle their registration fees beforehand to print the badge at this Center.

Opening Dates & Time

Mar 5, 2019 (Tue)	16:00-18:00
Mar 6, 2019 (Wed)	07:30-12:00

A delegate badge entitles you to entry to the following:

- All Scientific Sessions;
- Exhibition Hall; and
- Opening Ceremony of APAO 2019

This badge will be the official pass and must be worn at all times while on-site by the named delegate only.

All badges are nontransferable. Reissuing of name badges for the delegate/accompanying person will be available at the Registration Desk. An administrative fee of USD20 may be incurred for re-issuing a delegate badge.

Accompanying Persons (if any) are entitled to enter only the Exhibition Hall and Opening Ceremony of APAO 2019.

Delegate Bag and Ribbon Collection

Delegate bags and ribbons are available for pickup at the "Delegate Bag Pick Up" counter in Hall A. Delegates can collect their own delegate bag upon presentation of their name badge.

Dress Code

Neat casual attire is acceptable for attendance at Congress sessions and social functions.

APAO Smartphone App

The APAO 2019 mobile app provides easy-to-use interactive capabilities to enhance your Congress experience. The app features all the scientific sessions and instruction courses, posters, e-posters, video abstracts, general information, floor plan, and a city map. With the utilization of the Congress App, you will have access to real-time interaction with the session speakers or panelists by posting questions at the 'Q&A' section in each individual symposium.

The app can be downloaded by scanning the QR code as shown below.

ANDROID APP IOS APP

Updating the app regularly is recommended. For help on downloading the app and navigating its functions, please ask for assistance at the Registration Desk.

Speaker Ready Room

All speakers are required to check in and upload their PowerPoint at the respective Speaker Ready Room 24 hours before their scheduled presentation. The computers in the Speaker Ready Room will have the exact same configuration as those in the session rooms. It is imperative that you review your presentation in the Speaker Ready Room where our technicians will help resolve any compatibility and/or formatting issues.

The PowerPoint and video files you have uploaded onto the computer in the Speaker Ready Room will be automatically transmitted to the laptop computer at the podium before your session begins. The Speaker Ready Room will be open during the following times in the Plaza:

Mar 5, 2019 (Tue)	16:00 – 18:00
Mar 6, 2019 (Wed)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 7, 2019 (Thu)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 8, 2019 (Fri)	07:30 – 18:00
Mar 9, 2019 (Sat)	07:30 – 11:00

Abstract Book

A PDF copy of the abstract book is available online at http://2019.apaophth.org/publications. No hard copy will be distributed. Please scan the QR code below to access the abstract book:

Scientific Posters

Paper posters can be found in the Exhibition Hall C-Second. There will be one poster session showcasing over 200 posters.

Session 1: No. 1 – No. 216

Poster sessions will be conducted during the morning and afternoon breaks from March 6 – 9, 2019. Delegates can use the image scanner to scan the poster. They will then be directed to a recording made by the author where applicable.

Additionally, delegates can vote for 5 of their favorite posters using the stickers found inside the delegate bag. Voting begins on March 6 at 09:00 and ends on March 8 at 12:00.

E-Poster & Video Platform

There are over 400 accepted electronic posters and 70 selected videos showcased in APAO 2019. Delegates may visit the E-Poster and Video Platform located in the Exhibition Hall C-Second. They can view e-posters via the smartphone app. They will then be directed to a recording made by the author where applicable.

In addition, delegates can vote for 5 of their favorite e-posters and videos using the platform in the Exhibition Hall and/or the Congress app. The voting period ends on March 8 at 12:00 noon.

VIP Lounge

Delegates with a VIP Pass can use the VIP Lounge located in Hall A.

Morning and Afternoon Tea

Morning and afternoon tea will be served in the Exhibition Hall.

Policies

No Smoking – Smoking is strictly prohibited in all session rooms, meeting and exhibition areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Mobile Phones – Please respect the presenter and other delegates by ensuring that your mobile devices are put in silent mode during sessions.

Photography in the Exhibition Hall – Attendees wishing to photograph or videotape an exhibit must obtain permission from the relevant company beforehand.

Photographing or Videotaping Scientific Sessions – Photographing and/or videotaping the scientific sessions are strictly prohibited. (Permission must be obtained in advance by media representatives.)

Certificates of Attendance

Certificates of Attendance can be downloaded through the APAO Congress system (http://congress.apaophth.org/) after the Congress. Please log in with the same email address that you used to register for the Congress.

Congress Photography

Some of the Congress sessions taking place will be filmed and recorded. There will also be a photographer present over the course of the Congress who will be capturing images. Any images will be retained and used by APAO (eg, on the APAO website, in publications, etc). If you have any concern with your photograph being taken or session recorded, please contact the APAO office.

Official Tour Desk

There will be a tour desk next to the Registration Desk to help you with information on Bangkok and booking trips in and around Bangkok while you are here.

Congress Directory

PLACE	LOCATION
APAO Office	Executive Center 1
Registration Desk	Hall A
Information Desk	Hall A
VIP Lounge	Hall A
Speaker Ready Room	Plaza
Opening Ceremony	Plenary Hall 2
Exhibition Hall	C-Second & Plaza
Scientific Posters & Videos	C-Second
YO Lounge	C-Ground
Wetlab Course	C-Ground

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue Information

Queen Sirikit National Convention Center

60 New Rachadapisek Road, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110, Thailand

General Enquiries: +66 2229 3000

Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) is recognized as Thailand's first world-class convention and exhibition venue. QSNCC offers state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, with services meeting international standards. With a total floor space of 65,000 m^2, QSNCC facilities include the Exhibition and Function Area, Plenary Hall, Ballroom and Meeting Room. Every room is fully equipped with amenities and technology, as well as the latest event equipment. Other on-site services include the Business Center, restaurants, coffee shops, and food court and beverage corner.

Site Map

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CONGRESS INFORMATION

Visiting Thailand

APAO 2019 will be held in Bangkok, the capital and most populous city of Thailand. Its friendly, lively atmosphere is a magnet for visitors from around the globe. Bangkok is a regional center for business, finance and communications. It also has plenty of activities for visitors to enjoy: a wide selection of cuisines including the exotic taste of Thai food; an abundance of shops, malls and markets; and the traditional Thai massage or a pampering treatment in an elegant spa.

For more information about Thailand, please visit the following website:
https://www.tourismthailand.org/home

Climate

The weather in Bangkok is dominated by a tropical monsoon climate. The temperature varies from 38°C to 19°C with the annual average at about 29°C. The humidity is from 66% to 82.8%. For the latest weather forecast, please visit the Thai Meterological Department website: https://www.tmd.go.th/en/7-day_forecast.php

Getting to the Congress Venue

Located on New Rachadapisek Road in central Bangkok, QSNCC is conveniently accessible by car or by public transportation. Suvarnabhumi International Airport is a 45-minutes drive from QSNCC, or can be reached via Airport Rail Link through mass transit connections from QSNCC's MRT Subway station.

Taxi

Taxi may drop passengers at the entrance of the QSNCC.

MRT Subway

MRT Queen Sirikit National Convention Center station is right in front of the QSNCC, reached by following Exit No. 3.

BTS Skytrain

Take the BTS Skytrain to Asok interchange station, where visitors catch the subway to MRT QSNCC station. Follow Exit No. 3 to the venue.

Bus

Take bus No. 136 and 185.

Car

QSNCC has its own parking area and an overflow parking lot in the adjacent Thailand Tobacco Monopoly for 1300 vehicles. Alternatively, park-and-ride lots are located at 12 major MRT and BTS stations, while parking buildings are available only on Saturday and Sunday at Chamchuri Square and Jasmine City Building. From these locations, you can catch the MRT Subway or BTS Skytrain (see above).

For more information, please visit the QSNCC website:
http://www.qsncc.co.th/en/qsncc-venue-information/how-to-get-there.html

Telecommunications

You may purchase a pre-paid mobile SIM card at the airport or from a telecommunications shop and most convenience stores in Thailand.

WiFi

Complimentary WiFi is available in the QSNCC.

Tipping

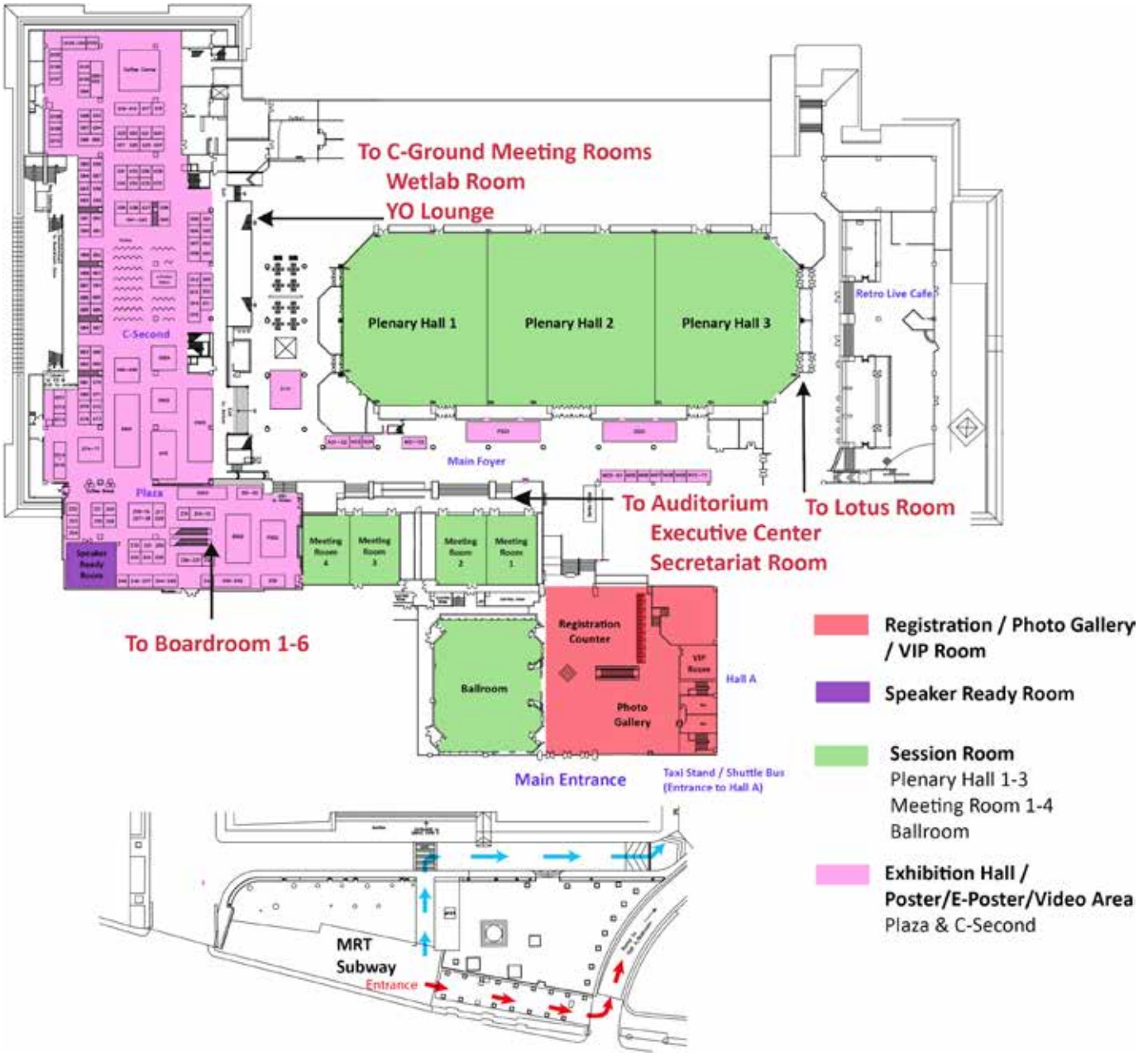
Tipping is not customary in Thailand. Some restaurants, however, levy a 10% service charge and 7% value-added tax (VAT) on your bill.

Tax Refund

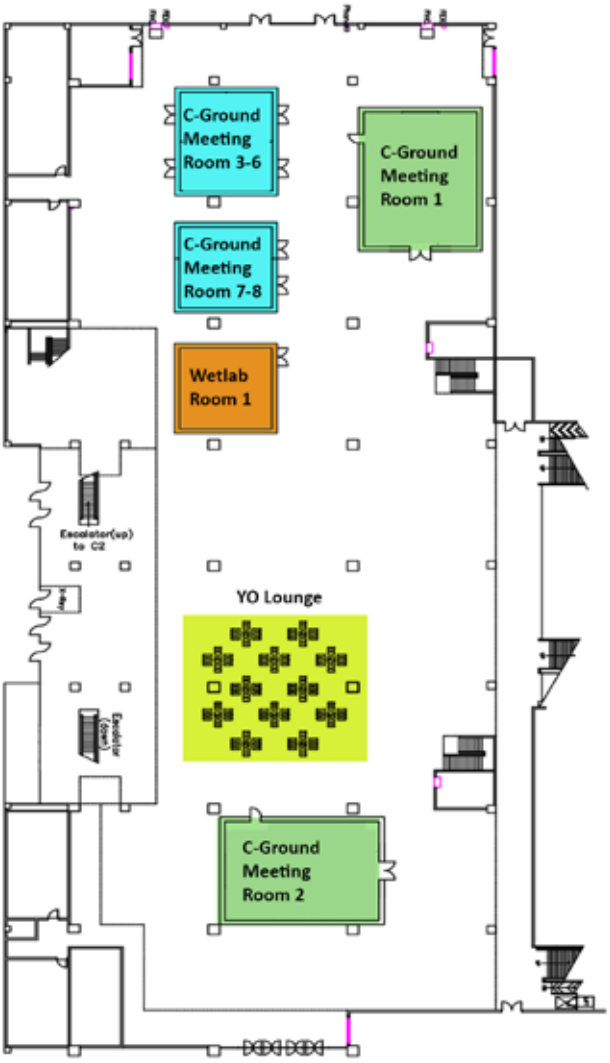
Goods purchased in Thailand are VAT inclusive. However, foreign visitors may receive a 7% VAT refund on luxury goods purchased from shops that participate in the 'VAT Refund for Tourists' scheme. A minimum expenditure of 5,000 baht (including VAT) is required and single purchases must have a value of at least 2,000 baht per day. On the day of purchase, present your passport and request the sales assistant at the store to complete the VAT Refund Application for Tourists form (P.P.10) and attach the original tax invoice to the form. At the aiport before you check-in, you need to go to the VAT Refund Office to have your forms stamped. After going through immigration, take your stamped forms to the VAT refund windows to receive the refund.

FLOOR PLAN

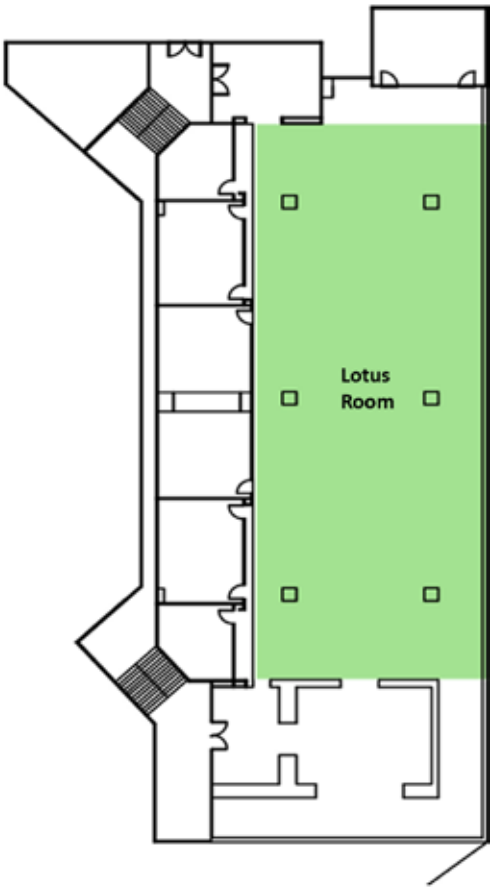
APAO 2019 @ QUEEN SIRIKIT NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER
Exhibition Area:
Atrium / Plaza / C-Second
Session Room:
Plenary Hall 1-3
Meeting Room 1-4
Ballroom, Lotus Room, Board Room 2-4,
Auditorium
Speaker Ready Room:
Plaza
Registration / Photo Gallery / VIP room
Foyer in Hall A
Boardroom
C-Second
C-Ground
Board Room 1-6
Speaker Ready Room
Atrium
Plaza
Plenary Hall 1-3
Meeting Room 1-4
Executive Center 2
Auditorium
Lotus
Ballroom
Registration
Photo Gallery
VIP Room
MRT Station
Taxi Stand
Shuttle Bus
Drop-off Point


To C-Ground Meeting Rooms
Wetlab Room
YO Lounge
Plenary Hall 1
Plenary Hall 2
Plenary Hall 3
Retro Live Cafe
C-Second
Main Foyer
Plaza
To Auditorium
Executive Center
Secretariat Room
To Lotus Room
Meeting Room 4
Meeting Room 3
Meeting Room 2
Meeting Room 1
Speaker Ready Room
To Boardroom 1-6
Registration Counter
Ballroom
Photo Gallery
Hall A
Main Entrance
Taxi Stand / Shuttle Bus (Entrance to Hall A)
MRT Subway Entrance
Registration / Photo Gallery / VIP Room
Speaker Ready Room
Session Room
Plenary Hall 1-3
Meeting Room 1-4
Ballroom
Exhibition Hall / Poster/E-Poster/Video Area
Plaza & C-Second

C-Ground



Lotus Room



Session Room
C-Ground Meeting Room 1-2

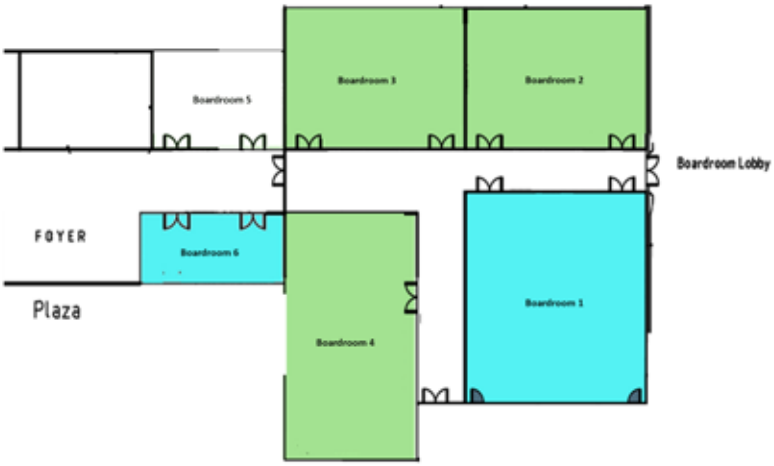
Wetlab Room 1

YO Lounge / WIO Luncheon / LDP Alumni Luncheon

Meeting Room
C-Ground Meeting Room 3-8

Session Rooms
Lotus Room

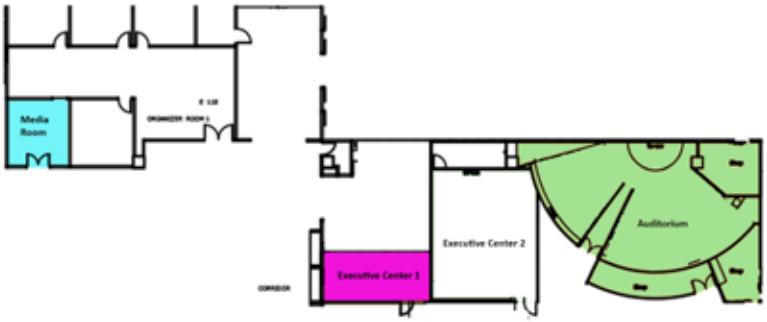
Boardroom



Session Room
Boardroom 2,3,4

Meeting Room
Boardroom 1,6

Auditorium/Executive Centers

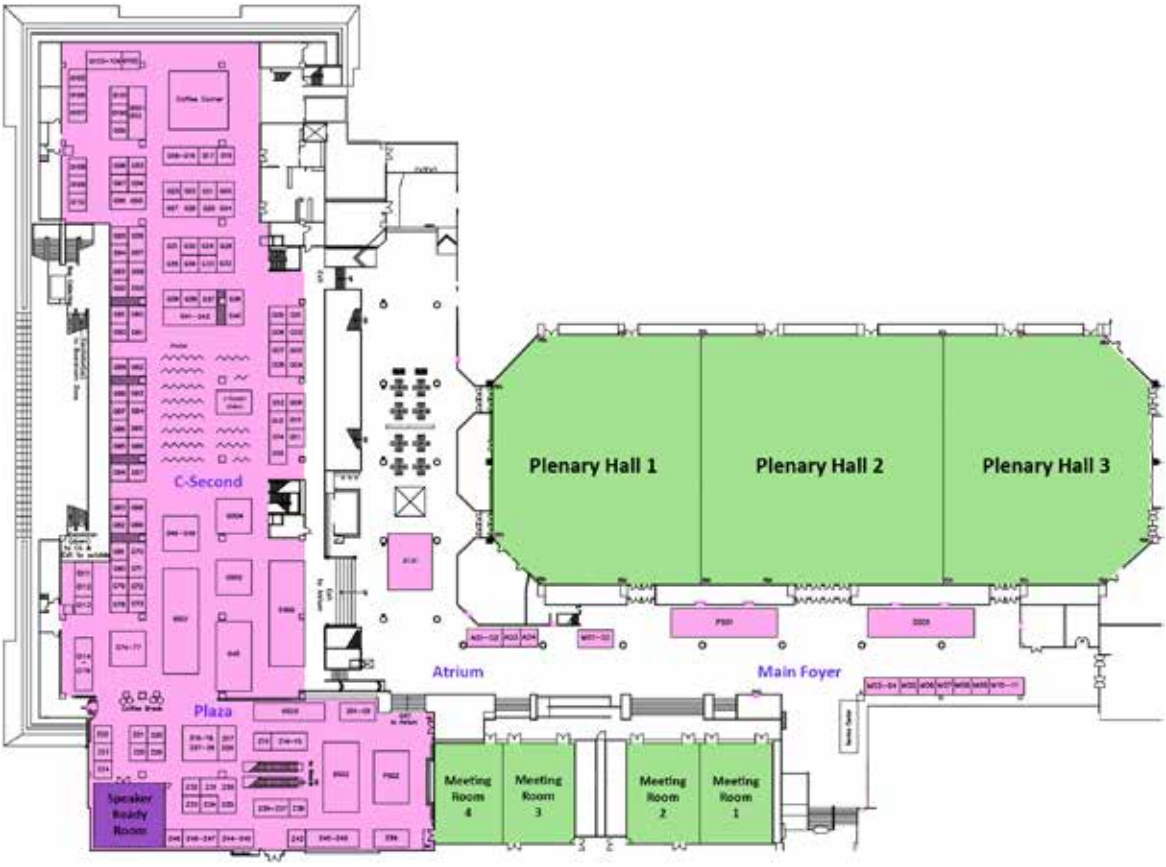


Session Rooms
Leadership Development Program
Auditorium

Secretariat Room
Executive Center 1

Media Room

Exhibition Hall



SOCIAL PROGRAM

Opening Ceremony

Date: March 6, 2019 (Wednesday)
Time: 16:30 – 17:30
Venue: Plenary Hall 2, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
Open to All Delegates

Welcome Reception

Date: March 6, 2019 (Wednesday)
Time: 17:30 – 18:30
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Coffee Corner at C-Second Level, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
Open to All Delegates

Women in Ophthalmology Lunch

Date: March 6, 2019 (Wednesday)
Time: 13:00-14:00
Venue: C-Ground (near YO Lounge)
Open to All Delegates

Presidential Dinner

Date: March 6, 2019 (Wednesday)
Time: 19:00 – 21:30
Venue: Nai Lert Heritage Home
By Invitation Only

Cultural Party cum APAO Award Ceremony

Date: March 7, 2019 (Thursday)
Time: 18:30 – 21:30
Venue: Sook Siam
Fee: USD$75
Open to All Delegates

Charity Run

Date: March 8, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 06:30 – 08:00
Venue: Benchakiti Park (next to Queen Sirikit National Convention Center)
Open to All Delegates

Leadership Development Program Alumni Reception

Date: March 8, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 13:00-14:00
Venue: C-Ground (near YO Lounge)
For APAO LDP Alumni

Young Ophthalmologists' Night

YO Social Muay Thai & Thai Dessert Cooking Class
Date: March 8, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 18:00-19:00
Venue: Young Ophthalmologists' Lounge, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center
For Young Ophthalmologists Only

YO Networking

Date: March 8, 2019 (Friday)
Time: 19:00-21:00
Venue: Lake n' Park Restaurant, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center