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:

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**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**

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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.

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:
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.
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 m², 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

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](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](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.P10) 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
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

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

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