

Scientific Planning Committee

Chair – Dr. Nir Shoham – Hazon



Dr. Shoham-Hazon has completed an Ophthalmology residency at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot, Israel, in January 2010. During his residency Dr. Shoham-Hazon was appointed chief resident and was awarded two awards of excellence 1. Outstanding resident award for the Kaplan Medical Center 2. Outstanding resident award for the School of Medicine, Hebrew University and Hadassah, Jerusalem, Israel. Thereafter, Dr. Shoham-Hazon pursued the highly competitive fellowship at the University of Toronto, with the world renowned, Dr. Ike Ahmed. This was a three year fellowship which included clinical, surgical and

research aspects of Glaucoma, Advanced Anterior Segment & IOL surgery (GAASS). During his fellowship, Dr. Shoham-Hazon has received numerous awards for presentations in international conferences and research grants for numerous research studies. During Dr. Shoham-Hazon's career, he has transitioned from practices of different types. Ranging from academic practice to independent and private practice. He is currently practicing GAASS in independent practice in Atlantic Canada - Miramichi, NB. Dr. Shoham-Hazon has academic affiliations with Dalhousie and Memorial universities as Assistant and Clinical Assistant Professor respectively.

Committee Member - Parnian Arjmand



Parnian Arjmand, M.D., M.Sc., FRCSC is a vitreoretinal surgeon and specializes in treating medical and surgical retinal conditions. A native of Toronto, Dr. Arjmand completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Toronto in the immunology specialist program, followed by medical school at McMaster University and ophthalmology residency at the University of Ottawa. Subsequently, she completed a 2-year vitreoretinal surgery fellowship at the University of Toronto (Sunnybrook and Toronto Western Hospital) in June 2021, where she also served as the chief fellow. She works at the Mississauga Retina Institute, Burlington Laser Eye Centre, and Baycrest Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Arjmand is the recipient of numerous clinical awards and research grants and has

published several book chapters, editorials, and numerous peer-reviewed research articles. Dr. Arjmand is double board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and is a member of the American Society of Retina Specialists, Canada Retina Society, and the Canadian Ophthalmological Society. She is

past executive member and current media strategist with the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and volunteers with several committees with the Canadian Ophthalmology Society.

Committee Member – Bernard Hurley



Bernard R. Hurley, BSc, MD, FRCSC is an Assistant Professor at The University of Ottawa Eye Institute where he is also the former residency program director and the current fellowship program director. He has received awards for top clinical instruction in the department in 2022, 2021, 2016, 2013 and 2011. He completed his post-graduate medical education with a Retina Fellowship at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia where he was twice awarded the Outstanding Fellow Award. He has written several chapters and has been the author or co-author of many peer-reviewed publications on topics including diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration. He has received research support from

the E.A. Baker Foundation. He has a particular interest in the treatment of diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration.

Committee Member – Ken Roberts



Dr. Ken Roberts is a consultant comprehensive ophthalmologist based in Fredericton, NB. He provides screening, diagnosis and treatment (both surgical and medical) for all eye conditions. His areas of expertise include high volume cataract surgery, medical retina, pediatrics, and glaucoma.

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Roberts holds teaching positions at Dalhousie University and Memorial University. He also serves as a medico-legal consultant and provides advice to Health Canada's insurance program.

Dr. Roberts completed his ophthalmology residency and medical degree at Dalhousie University. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.