



JOIN US FOR THE INTERNATIONAL OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION 33RD SUMMIT

The International Opticians Association (IOA) is looking forward to welcoming members and supporters to Thailand in 2020 for its 33rd biennial summit.

Membership of the IOA is including in your OAC membership, which gives you the chance to join the IOA for a week of education and informative debate about the world of optics. You can combine visits to key optical facilities in Thailand with enjoyable days out, fantastic meals in the company of like-minded colleagues from the world of optics, and the chance to go to SILMO Bangkok.

Robert Dalton, Executive Director of the OAC, says, *“Being an optician is about passion. Bringing the gift of sight is a reward unmatched in any other profession. The International Opticians Association Summit is an opportunity to share that passion and recognize the reward we all share as opticians, consider attending and learning about our industry as an integral part of the global health care community.”*

There is an active social and activity programme planned for the IOA 2020 Summit as well as a full educational programme. *“Our time together will be filled with fun, education, engagement, learning & some exciting visits and, of course, a renewed vigour for the fulfilled life in optics that we all share,”* Says Fiona Anderson, IOA President.

Robert Dalton of the OAC will be speaking on *Standing Proud in the Delivery of Quality Vision*. The IOA has announced two speakers, Stephen Caunter who will be the MC for the IOA summit and Frederic Lefranc, and more exciting content is in the pipeline. The provisional programme includes:

- Talks on topics including new insights on presbyopia correction
- Visit and tour of Hoya facilities and Thai Optical Group facilities
- Dinner at Sala Rattanakosin
- A private dinner cruise on the Manohra Rice Barge, hosted by Silmo
- A visit to the Royal Palace and cruise

- Lunch at the Supatra River House
- A trip to SILMO Bangkok
- Team building dinner at the Blue Elephant Restaurant – an interactive Thai cooking class cooking a communal Thai dinner to be enjoyed together
- The IOA Presidential handover
- A final celebratory dinner at Vertigo

Fiona Anderson says, *“I hope you agree that we have a varied programme with visits hosted and facilitated by our generous sponsors and it is hoped that we may receive an insight into different facets of the wider world of optics in Thailand and beyond. We also have some trips that will truly take your breath away!*

I look forward to seeing you all in Thailand and my hope for this meeting can be found in the words of an ancient Thai proverb: Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success.”

Prices include six nights’ accommodation, breakfast each day, four lunches and five dinners. NB Flights are not included and you will need to book these yourself.

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