



INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION
OF PLASTIC SURGERY SOCIETIES

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PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

Dear Members,

We are very grateful to our friends and colleagues at the Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of South Africa for hosting the 3rd ICOPLAST World Congress in Cape Town from 17 – 19 September 2025. With less than 2 weeks to go, it is sure to be a memorable and successful educational and networking event filled with more than 300 presentations, masterclasses and symposiums from world-renowned faculty. I look forward to meeting many of the ICOPLAST National Delegates and National Society members in person and to a wonderfully productive event.

The ICOPLAST Committees are already working on their annual Plans of Work, and we are very grateful to our Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, their Board Liaisons and the committee members, all of whom have enthusiastically embraced their committee's challenge.

We welcome new member applications from the Hong Kong Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons and from the Albanian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery and we look forward to further expanding the ICOPLAST network in 2026 with the active support of the ICOPLAST Membership and Communication Committee.

We are honored and deeply grateful that the Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons will host an ICOPLAST Symposium in February 2026 where the ICOPLAST 10th Anniversary will be celebrated.

We look forward to meeting many of you in person at the meeting of the Council of ICOPLAST National Delegates in Cape Town and are very happy that we will also have a strong virtual attendance. See you in Cape Town!

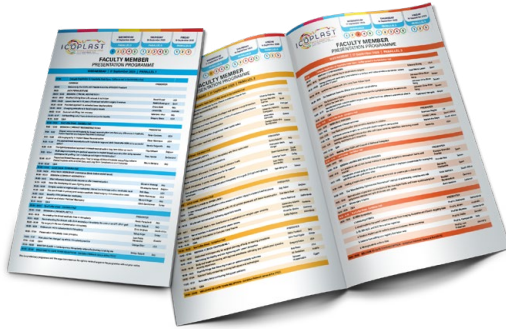


Eva-Maria Baur

Dr. Eva-Maria Baur
ICOPLAST President

ICOPLAST World Congress 17 – 19 September 2025

Dr. Horacio Mayer, Chair of the ICOPLAST Education Committee, and our friends in APRASSA have worked tirelessly organizing this exciting event.



The Education Program is filled with expert faculty in all fields of Plastic surgery delivering masterclasses, presentations and symposiums over three days.

Oral and Poster presentations will be judged by a panel of peers, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Certificates will be awarded at the Congress Closing Ceremony.



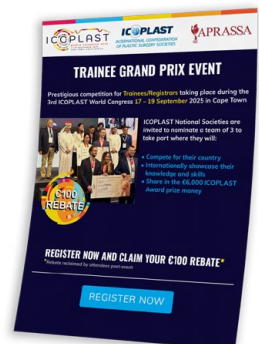
With the generous support of Galderma, we will be hosting a **Women in Plastic Surgery Symposium and Networking Event**.

There will be four talks delivered by Eva-Maria Baur, Marzia Salgarello, Isabel Do Vale and Miriam Vicente Ruiz which will be followed by networking opportunities where women in plastic surgery can share and discuss their own experiences.

We are delighted that there is great interest in the event and to book your slot, scan the QR code.

The **Trainee Grand Prix** is a wonderful opportunity for the rising stars of the future in plastic surgery to compete to win a share of the substantial ICOPLAST prize pot of €6,000.

The Grand Prix is also a fantastic networking opportunity for the ICOPLAST Trainee Community to connect with each other in person and with mentors and experts in all fields of Plastic Surgery.



Committees Update

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Horacio Mayer, Chair of the Education Committee has created a very strong education program for the Cape Town Congress and has successfully arranged over 300 presentations, posters, masterclasses, symposiums and workshops across all areas of Plastic Surgery.



Dr. Horacio Mayer
Chair
Argentina

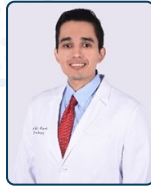


Dr. Edward Chang
Vice-Chair
USA

Along with Dr. Edward Chang, the Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, Dr. Mayer is working to finalize their committee members, and the Webinar Subcommittee has been appointed and onboarded.



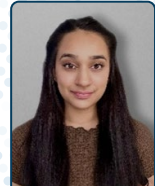
Dr. Anja Ismirovic
Austria



Dr. Hatan Mortada
Saudia Arabia



Dr. Madelein Maliepaard
South Africa



Dr. Maha Ejaz
UK

With the support of the Webinar Subcommittee, the Education Committee continues to present the ICOPLAST Webinar program.

ICOPLAST WEBINAR SCHEDULE TO MARCH 2027

Thank you to all of your Education Chapter Chairs for agreeing to host a second round of their webinars and the full schedule, starting in October 2025, will run until March 2027. The Webinar Subcommittee members will contact each of the Education Chapter Chairs to offer their support with the upcoming Webinar program.

2025



Dr. Marzia Salgarello

October 2025
Breast Reconstruction Chapter



Dr. Bernardo Hontanilla

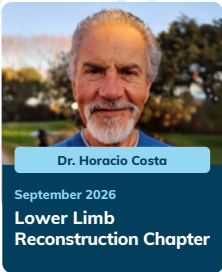
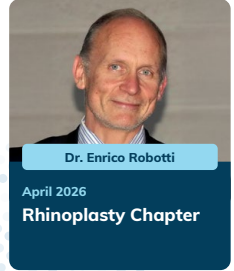
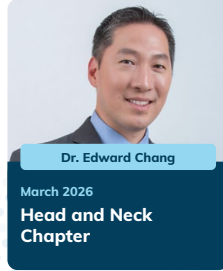
November 2025
Facial Palsy



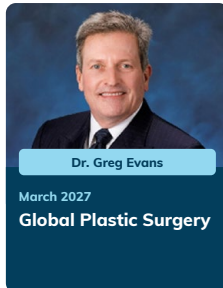
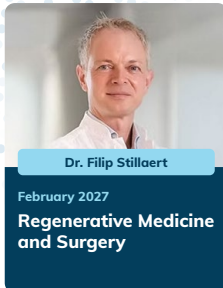
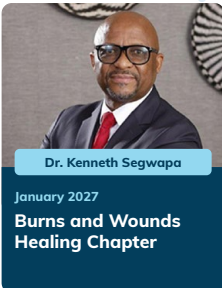
Dr. Ghulam Fayyaz

December 2025
Craniofacial/Cleft Lip Palate

2026



2027



ICOPLAST SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 2026

Following the success of ICOPLAST World Congresses in Lima, Dubai and our upcoming congress in Cape Town, and ICOPLAST Symposiums held in Egypt, South Korea, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Kingdom, we are very excited to be hosting the next ICOPLAST Symposium celebrating the **ICOPLAST 10th Anniversary**, in Cairo, Egypt, 3 – 6 February 2026.

This symposium will be held in collaboration with the **Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive and Surgeons (ESPRS)** with the support of Prof. Ahmed Khashaba, ICOPLAST Past President.

The program is filled with world-renowned speakers from across the globe and the main topics will be Aesthetic Facial Surgery, Breast Aesthetic and Reconstructive & Body Contouring Surgery.

Thank you to our hosts, the Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive and Surgeons (ESPRS), for so generously covering registration, accommodation and gala dinner costs for the ICOPLAST faculty, many of whom will also be presenting at the local congress.

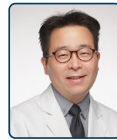
ICOPLAST would warmly welcome further opportunities to hold an ICOPLAST Symposium at any National Society Congress in 2026.

Please let us know at info@icoplast.org.

MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of Dr. Jong Won Hong and Dr. Stefania de Fazio and with Board Liaison support from Dr. Earl Campbell, the Membership and Committee have met and divided into three subgroups.

The subcommittees will initially focus on compiling a database of National Plastic Surgery Societies regionally, reviewing the effectiveness of current communication mechanisms and drafting Communication and Membership retention strategies.



Dr. Jong Won Hong
Chair
South Korea



Dr. Stefania de Fazio
Vice-Chair
Italy

PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Committee is chaired by Dr. Pietro Berrino and supported by Dr. Kenneth Segwapa and the Committee, divided into three subcommittees, is reviewing minimum patient safety requirements for Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Consensus on Breast Implants and compiling Guidelines for Medical Websites.



Dr. Pietro Berrino
Chair
Italy

Each region is well represented, and the committee would warmly welcome members from Oceania and the Middle East.

TRAINEE COMMITTEE

Dr. Smilja Tudjarova and Dr. Thendo Netshiongolwe, the Chair and Vice Chair, together with their Board Liaisons Dr. Miriam Vicente Ruiz and Dr. Eva-Maria Baur met with the committee who are now three working groups on Communication, the Fellowship Database and the Global Curriculum.



**Dr. Smilja
Tudjarova Gjorgova**
Chair
Republic of Macedonia



**Dr. Thendo
Netshiongolwe**
Vice-Chair
South Africa

HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

Dr. Beatriz Berenguer, the Committee Chair, with the support of the Board Liaison, Prof. Ghulam Fayyaz, has embraced a very detailed Plan of Work and her committee subgroups will focus on compiling data from the National Societies to identify particular humanitarian needs, drafting regulation recommendations for humanitarian work and creating a panel of expert volunteers from our member societies to assist and teach local practitioners.

Dr. Berenguer would welcome new members to the Humanitarian Committee from Africa, Central and South America and Oceania.



Dr. Beatriz Berenguer
Chair
Spain

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Under the leadership of Dr. Alexandru Georgescu and Dr. Sally Ng, with the support of the Board Liaison, Dr. Mikko Larsen, the Publications Committee has four main priorities - working to create an ICOPLAST peer review panel, to create, manage and promote an ICOPLAST Journal Club and to actively participate in the JPRAS Editorial Panel and ensure the success of the new cooperation with the JPRAS Journal.



Dr. Alexandru Georgescu
Chair
Romania



Dr. Sally Ng
Vice-Chair
Australia

YOUNG PLASTIC SURGEONS COMMITTEE

This new committee, chaired by Dr. Susana Benitez with the support of the Vice Chair Dr. Andrea Battistini, and Board Liaison guidance from Dr. JP Hong, is working to support newly qualified plastic surgeons in bridging the gap between being a Trainee to becoming a successful fully qualified plastic surgeon. The Committee is focused on coordinating Mentorship opportunities, organizing virtual events and developing communication channels to support early-career surgeons.



Dr. Susana Benitez
Chair
Chile



Dr. Andrea Battistini
Vice-Chair
USA



African Taste Experience

Join us to celebrate **ICOPLAST2025** at the **GOLD Restaurant** on **Thursday, 18 September 2025 at 19:00 for 19:30**

Set in the heart of Cape Town, this extraordinary evening combines a 14-dish African tasting menu with captivating live entertainment that brings the continent's stories to life. From the moment you arrive, you'll be welcomed with the energy of African praise singing, marvel at Mali puppetry, and feel the rhythm of the marimba percussion and djembe drums as you dance along to their infectious beats.



The tasting menu, inspired by diverse African traditions, is designed to be shared, fostering a sense of connection and celebration. Each dish is accompanied by fascinating insights into its origins, preparation techniques, and unique spices. With Halaal-certified options and vegetarian or vegan substitutes available, everyone can savor this culinary journey.

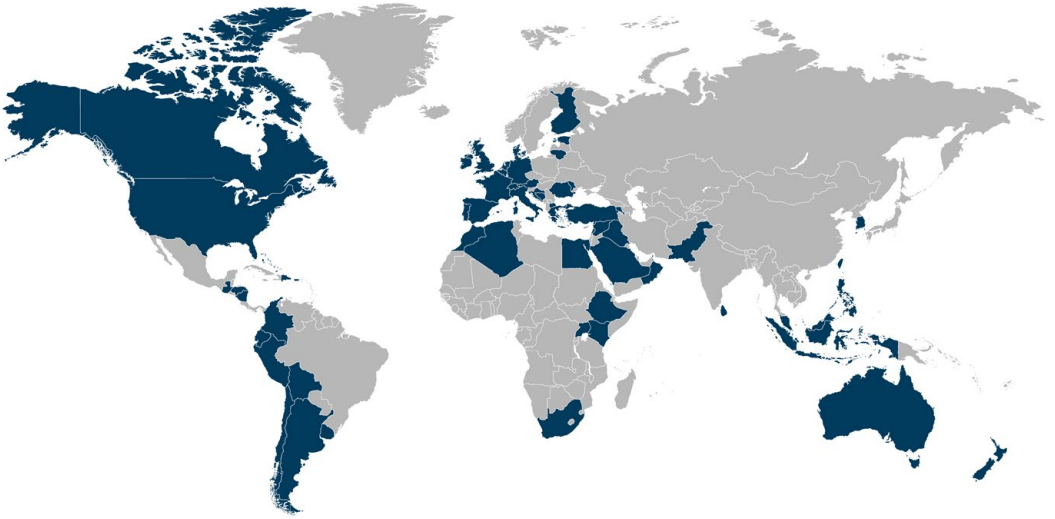
Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich flavors and vibrant culture of Africa. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and unforgettable memories!

To book your ticket please email: confetal2@iafrica.com



National Societies

ICOPLAST has almost 60 National Plastic Surgery Societies representing over 21,000 plastic surgeons worldwide.



National Society Members

ALGERIA

College Algerien de Chirurgie
Plastique Reconstructrice et
Esthetique

ARGENTINA

Sociedad Argentina de Cirugía
Plástica, Estética y Reparadora

ARMENIA

International Association of
Armenian Plastic Surgeons

AUSTRALIA

Australian Society of Plastic
Surgery

AUSTRIA

Austrian Society of Plastic,
Aesthetic and Reconstructive
Surgery

BELGIUM

Royal Belgian Society for Plastic
Surgery

BOLIVIA

Sociedad Boliviana de Cirugía
Plástica y Reconstructiva

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Society of Plastic, Reconstructive
and Aesthetic Surgeons in Bosnia
and Herzegovina

BULGARIA

Bulgarian Association of Plastic
Reconstructive and Aesthetic
Surgery

CANADA

Canadian Society of Plastic
Surgeons

CHILE

Chilean Society of Plastic,
Reconstructive and Aesthetic
Surgery

COLOMBIA

Sociedad Colombiana de
Cirugía Plástica Esthetica y
Reconstructiva

CROATIA

Croatian Society of Plastic,
Reconstructive and Aesthetic
Surgery

DENMARK

Danish Society of Plastic and
Reconstructive Surgery

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dominican Society of Plastic,
Reconstructive and Aesthetic
Surgery

ECUADOR

Ecuadorian Society of Plastic Surgery and Aesthetic

EGYPT

Egyptian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

ESTONIA

Estonian Society for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

FINLAND

Finnish Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

FRANCE

French Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

GERMANY

German Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

GREECE

Hellenic Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery

GUATEMALA

The Association of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgeons of Guatemala

HONDURAS

Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of Honduras

INDONESIA

Indonesian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

IRAQ

The Iraqi Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

IRELAND

Irish Association of Plastic Surgeons

ITALY

Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

KENYA

Kenya Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

LEBANON

Lebanese Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery

LITHUANIA

Lithuanian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

MALAYSIA

Malaysian Association of Plastic, Aesthetic, and Craniomaxillofacial Surgeons

MOLDOVA

Moldavian Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

MOROCCO

Moroccan Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

NETHERLANDS

Dutch Society of Plastic Surgery

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons

NICARAGUA

Nicaraguan Association of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery

OMAN

Omani Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

PAKISTAN

Pakistan Association of Plastic Surgeons

PERU

The Peruvian Society of Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery

PHILIPPINES

Philippine Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

PORTUGAL

Portuguese Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Plastic Surgery

PUERTO RICO

Plastic Surgery Society of Puerto Rico

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Macedonian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

ROMANIA

Romanian Society of Plastic Surgeons

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Scientific Association of Plastic Surgery and Burn

SOUTH AFRICA

The Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons of South Africa

SOUTH KOREA

Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

SPAIN

Spanish Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

SWITZERLAND

Swiss Society for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery

SYRIA

Syrian Association for Aesthetic, Reconstructive and Burn Surgery

TAIWAN

Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery

TURKEY

Turkish Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

UGANDA

The Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons Society Uganda

UNITED KINGDOM

British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

UNITED STATES

American Society of Plastic Surgeons

URUGUAY

Society of Plastic Surgery Uruguay