

EAsDEC Annual General Meeting 2026

29th May 2026

Oslo, Norway



Agenda

Report on 2026 meeting

Treasurer's report

Constitution amendment

Board

The EAsDEC Skills Transfer Awards

Future meetings

Any other business

2026 meeting

Total attendees: 185 delegates

High proportion of international attendees

Abstract submissions

- 66 received (3 rejected)
- 39 papers; 26 posters
- 1 symposium; 4 keynotes; 1 debate

High standard for EJO maintained

Awards

Eva Kohner Lecture:
Professor Toke Bek

Professor Anne Katrin Sjolie prize:
Laura Kunze

Best poster: TBC

Invited Speakers

Prof Trond G Jenssen
Prof Per M Thorsby
Prof Lars Krogvold

Treasurer

Balance £81,000 at commencement of 2026 cycle

Constitution

- Proposal: remove requirement for alternating president between an ophthalmologist and a diabetologist/researcher (article 7b of EAsDEC constitution)
 - Change to 'aspiration'
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- Post AGM note: motion approved by delegate show of hands



*Medical Retina Specialist,
Policlinico di Bari, Italy*

Maria Grazia Pignataro



Graduated cum laude in Medicine & Surgery from the University of Bari Aldo Moro.



Completed a research fellowship at Queen's University Belfast with Professor Tunde Peto, focusing on diabetic retinopathy (DR) and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).



Specialized cum laude in Ophthalmology in October 2025 at the University of Bari Aldo Moro.



Main Interests: clinical activity, cataract surgery, and research in medical retina.



Main Research Focus: DR, AMD, Pachychoroid Spectrum Disorders.



Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish and French (elementary).



EASDEC participation: 2024-2025 poster presenter, 2026 oral presenter and poster session moderator.

Eager to contribute to EASDEC's mission and support the society's growth.

Benedicte Dupas



- Medical and surgical retina
- Hospital Lariboisiere, Paris
- Centre Ophtalmologique Sorbonne Saint-Michel
- Master's degree in neuroscience
- Clinical research at Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore

ANDREAS POLLREISZ



- Associate Professor in Ophthalmology at Medical University of Vienna
- Head of the Unit for Diabetic Ocular Diseases
- Medical and Surgical Retina Specialist
- Research Focus: Diabetic Retinopathy
Advanced Retinal Imaging (High-Resolution, Wide-Field)
Multicenter Clinical Trials
- Austrian Ministry of Health - Member of Expert Group for Diabetes
- President of Vienna Ophthalmological Society

The EAsDEC Skills Transfer Awards

Since 2014

Purpose: to promote transfer of scientific and clinical skills within Europe through short term placements for:

a) laboratory techniques, b) clinical skills

Review committee: EAsDEC Board

Up to E10,000:

- stipend, travel, accommodation, consumables
- funding max 6 months

The EAsDEC Skills Transfer Awards

1. Annoucement 15th June 2026: email & website

Deadline: September

Up to 4 awards

Consider application

2. Host centres

A list of active research and specialist clinical centres in Europe that have agreed to offer placements to trainees

Expressions of interest welcomed

Next Meeting
EAsDEC 2027

Vilnius, Lithuania

Expression of interests invited
for 2028 onwards

Website

- www.easdec.org
- Please visit the website regularly for updates

Any other business

Dinner and dancing!