



European Glaucoma Society
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The Patients Programme

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2026

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30 MAY • 2 JUNE

The Patients Programme

Meet the Expert Sessions

Grab your coffee and join us at the EbE stand where you can witness experts in glaucoma care & Experts by Experience conversing on a range of topics in a quick fire and casual setting.

Gold Hall Plenary

Find the EbE represented at the following sessions

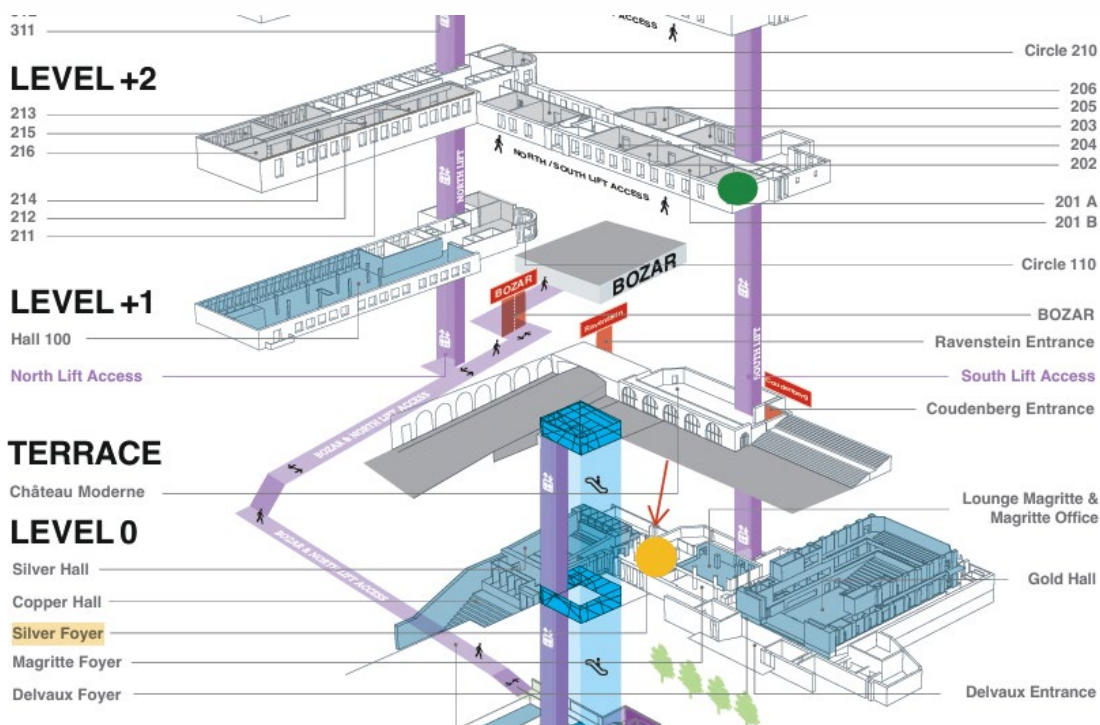
Saturday 30th 11:40 - 12:50 Plenary II - Delivering effective interventions
Patient's messages for doctors on interventions? With Asle Haukaas

Monday 1st 14:10 - 14:20 EGS Showcase
with Deborah Loi Davidson

Monday 1st 14:20 - 15:20 Plenary XI - A stroll along the PROMenade
Which outcomes matter to patients? With Carol Bronze

EbE Session

Designed and run by the patients, with special guest An Geiser, a behavioural expert and her insights into the minds of your patients and how you can get the best out of your interactions.



EbE Stand

Where to find us:
On Level 0 in the
Silver Foyer

After the Conference

Can't make it to our stand but still want to contact us, reach out to us at egs_patients@eugs.org

Saturday, 30 May 2026

10:30-10:45 Meet the Experts – Dorothea Peters EbE Stand

Dorothea Peters (*Sweden*), part of EGS in the Membership & National Societies committee has a relaxed conversation with Dora Rolo (*Portugal*) & Deb Davidson (*France*) from the EbE.

10:45-11:00 Meet the Experts – Gauti Johannesson EbE Stand

Gauti Johannesson (*Sweden*), Secretary of the Executive Committee of EGS chats to Sarah Tayler (*UK*) & Kate Backhaus (*Germany*) of the EbE.

11:40-12:50 Plenary II - Delivering effective interventions Gold Hall Plenary

Chairs: Prin Rojanapongpun (*Thailand*), Kaweh Mansouri (*Switzerland*)

What NOT to do?

Augusto Azuara-Blanco (*United Kingdom*)

Are surgical patients really only 5%?

Sophie Lemmens (*Belgium*)

The right procedure for the right patient at the right time?

Ingeborg Stalmans (*Belgium*)

Careful communication is an effective intervention

Bakula Patel (*United Kingdom*)

Patient's messages for doctors on interventions?

Stylianos Georgoulas (*United Kingdom*)

with the EBE's Asle Haukaas (*Norway*)

Discussion

11:40-12:40 Experts by Experience Session – Beyond the Diagnosis Studio 201

An Gaiser is a behavioural analyst, investigative interviewer, and founder of the GIN Method (Behavioural Analysis, Interaction Skills and Non-Verbal Intelligence). With over 25 years of experience across intelligence, forensic and high-stakes professional environments, her work focuses on how behaviour emerges under pressure, uncertainty, and emotionally significant conversations. Rather than analysing people in isolation, she examines how interaction itself shapes communication, trust, resistance, and decision-making.

During her session at the Brussels 2026 Conference, she will offer a behavioural perspective on doctor-patient interaction in glaucoma care, exploring how emotional overload, uncertainty, and communication dynamics may influence what patients hear, process, ask, and ultimately do.

15:10-15:25 Meet the Experts – Ingeborg Stalmans & Karl Mercieca EbE Stand

A special double session featuring Ingeborg Stalmans (*Belgium*) President of the EGS & Karl Merceica (*Germany*) Chair of the Membership & National Societies Committee meeting with Kate Backhaus (*Germany*) & Sarah Tayler (*UK*) of the EbE discussing glaucoma & Europe.

15:25-15:40 Meet the Experts – Fotis Topouzis EbE Stand

Fotis Topouzis (*Greece*), the past President of the EGS joins Dora Rolo (*Portugal*) & Deborah Davidson (*France*) from the EbE, for the final session - a lighthearted discussion on glaucoma.



Sunday, 31 May 2026

06:30	Social Run & Walk	Social Programme
We will be running / walking the route on the social programme, if you're there, please say hello, before, after or during!		
09:30-09:45	Meet the Experts – Florent Aptel	EbE Stand
Florent Aptel (<i>France</i>) a member the EGS Guidelines taskforce kicks the day off with Carol Bronze (<i>UK</i>) & Deborah Davidson (<i>France</i>) from the EbE for an open discussion on glaucoma.		
10:50-11:05	Meet the Experts – Marta Pazos	EbE Stand
Marta Pazos (<i>Spain</i>), Adjunct Secretary of the Executive Committee of EGS catches up with Carol Bronze (<i>UK</i>) & Dora Rolo (<i>Portugal</i>) of the EbE on the topic of glaucoma.		
11:05-11:20	Meet the Experts – Mia Zoric Geber	EbE Stand
Mia Zoric Geber (<i>Croatia</i>) Co-chair of the Membership & National Societies Committee meets with Kate Backhaus (<i>Germany</i>) & Sarah Tayler (<i>UK</i>) of the EbE for an insightful discussion.		
16:45-17:00	Meet the Experts – Frode Halvorsen	EbE Stand
Frode Halvorsen (<i>Norway</i>) Board Member & Advice Columnist for the Norwegian Glaucoma Association, finishes the day off talking all things glaucoma with EbE's own Jørn Grønkjær (<i>Denmark</i>) & Asle Haukaas (<i>Norway</i>)		

Monday, 1 June 2026

10:30-10:45	Meet the Experts – Stylianos Georgoulas	EbE Stand
Stylianos Georgoulas (<i>UK</i>) Member of the National Societies & Programme Planning Committees, and EbE Liaison sits & chats with Sarah Tayler (<i>UK</i>) & Deb Davidson (<i>France</i>)		
14:10-14:20	EGSShowcase	Gold Hall Plenary
Gauti Johannesson (<i>Sweden</i>) with the EBE's Deb Davidson (<i>France</i>)		
14:20-15:20	Plenary XI - A stroll along the PROMenade	Gold Hall Plenary
Chairs: Alina Popa-Cherecheanu (<i>Romania</i>), Ananth Viswanathan (<i>United Kingdom</i>)		
What are PROMs and which should we use? David Crabb (<i>United Kingdom</i>)		
Use and misuse of PROMs Andrew Mcnaught (<i>United Kingdom</i>)		
Performance related measures Carolina Gracitelli (<i>Brazil</i>)		
Which outcomes matter to patients? Dorothea Peters (<i>Sweden</i>) with the EBE's Carol Bronze (<i>UK</i>)		
Discussion		

Monday, 1 June 2026

10:45-11:00 Meet the Experts – João Breda EbE Stand

João Breda (*Portugal*) Communication Committee Chair & EU Committee Co-Chair speaks with **Sarah Tayler** (*UK*) & **Dora Rolo** (*Portugal*) in a friendly and informative glaucoma discussion

11:00-11:15 Meet the Experts – Luis Abegãoã Pinto EbE Stand

Luis Abegãoã Pinto (*Portugal*) Vice-President of the EGS meets **Dora Rolo** (*Portugal*) & **Asle Haukaas** (*Norway*) to reflect on glaucoma awareness & care.

15:35-15:50 Meet the Experts – Sophie Lemmens EbE Stand

Sophie Lemmens (*Belgium*) Membership & National Societies Committee Member with **Asle Haukaas** (*Norway*) & **Jørn Grønkjær** (*Denmark*) wrap up the final coffee & chat of the conference

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

09:10-10:20 Plenary XII - From Brussels to Berlin - future perspectives in glaucoma Gold Hall Plenary

Chairs: **Rupert Boume** (*United Kingdom*), **Cédric Schweitzer** (*France*)

New lasers

Stylios Kandarakis (*Greece*)

Back to the future - landmark trials

David Friedman (*United States*)

An eye doctor or AI doctor?

Luis Abegão Pinto (*Portugal*)

Clinic@home?

David Crabb (*United Kingdom*)

What do patients want in the future?

Stylios Georgoulas (*United Kingdom*)

Discussion

If you see us, talk to us:



**Asle
Haukaas**
Norway



**Carol
Bronze**
UK



**Deb
Davidson**
France



**Dora
Rolo**
Portugal



**Jørn
Grønkjær**
Denmark



**Kate
Backhaus**
Germany



**Sarah
Tayler**
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