



Ophthalmology in the Era of Globalization: Collaboration and Shared Advances

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The beginning of a new year always provides an opportunity for reflection and forwardthinking. In the field of ophthalmology, we find ourselves in a fascinating era marked by unprecedented scientific and technological advancements, along with increasing global interconnectedness that is redefining how we share knowledge and expertise.

Globalization has profoundly impacted our specialty, facilitating the dissemination of knowledge and enabling innovations that once took years to cross borders to now spread within weeks. Thanks to new technologies, conferences, scientific publications, and digital platforms have successfully connected ophthalmologists worldwide, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and the development of novel diagnostic and therapeutic strategies.

In the field of oculoplastic and orbital surgery, to which I have dedicated my career, interconnectedness has been key to sharing advancements in minimally invasive surgical techniques, innovative biomaterials, and personalized approaches to managing complex conditions. Artificial intelligence and telemedicine, for instance, have opened new avenues for patient evaluation and follow-up, improving access to ophthalmic care in remote areas and optimizing clinical outcomes.

General ophthalmology greatly benefits from this global cooperative ecosystem. The fight against prevalent conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy is strengthened when we share optimized protocols, multicenter studies, and clinical experiences that enhance our practice and enable us to provide a better quality of life for our patients.

In this context, scientific journals such as this one play a fundamental role, serving as a bridge between researchers, clinicians,

and surgeons from different regions. The publication and dissemination of knowledge remain essential pillars for the advancement of our discipline, and the diversity of perspectives we contribute from various parts of the world further enriches our understanding and approach to ocular diseases.

With this first issue of 2025, we reaffirm our commitment to scientific excellence, international collaboration, and continuous education. Let us continue building a future in which ophthalmology advances with innovation, rigor, and, most importantly, a global vision that ensures the benefits of science reach every corner of the world.