

International Congress of Ophthalmology

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San Francisco is the host city for the **XXIV International Congress of Ophthalmology**, which will convene **October 31-November 5, 1982**. The history of these meetings goes back 125 years to the first congress held in Brussels. Their purpose was and continues to bring together ophthalmologists from around the world to exchange new ideas and information in order to advance the treatment of eye diseases all over the world.

The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, as part of their decision to organize and sponsor the Congress, agreed to combine the Annual Meeting of the American Academy with the International Congress. This effort will probably produce the largest gathering of ophthalmologists in history. Attendance is expected to reach **20,000-25,000**.

The Organizing Committee has requested **abstracts of scientific papers**, exhibits or

films be mailed so that they are received by **December 15, 1981**. Requests for abstract submission forms should be directed to **Frederick C. Blodi, M.D., ICO, Box 3030, San Francisco, California, U.S.A., 94119**.

The major meetings and the exhibits will take place in the soon-to-be completed Moscone Convention Center. The commercial exhibit will encompass more than 300 companies supplying products and services to ophthalmologists. Moscone Convention Center is expected to be one of the most sophisticated facilities of its type in the world. A number of social events, such as a large reception, a concert and a performance by the San Francisco Opera are tentatively planned.

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