

# VISIONARY

The Eye Cancer Foundation, Inc.



## THE FIRST EYE CANCER WORKING DAY

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The First Eye Cancer Working Day was immensely successful, offering the first glimpse into a new future for ophthalmic oncology.

The Working Day attracted 158 medical specialists eager for international collaboration and community-based projects. This event would not have been possible without your continued support and dedication to our mission.

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# Working Day Accomplishments

In a first of its kind meeting, eye cancer specialists from every continent convened to initiate worldwide collaboration within their specialty. Divided into several sections, the Working Day addressed critical issues related to eye cancer research and treatment. Sections began with an overview presentation from moderators, followed by an interactive, group sessions to brainstorm ideas.

First, The Working Day Moderators reviewed currently available international, multi-center eye cancer registries being used to analyze the results of thousands of patients. The first collaborative registries focused on choroidal melanoma and ocular lymphoma. However, calls to participate in ongoing efforts focused on conjunctival melanoma, intraocular lymphoma, eyelid and orbital cancers. In addition, a new concept to collect important data from patients with metastatic choroidal melanoma.

Another theme of the Working Day was reaching out to the developing world. Working Day participants discussed a 10-year plan to save the lives of the 7,000 children who die from retinoblastoma each year in less developed countries. We know we can do this, in contrast less than 2% die in North America and Europe.

In that early detection and prompt treatment would save most of them. Dr. Finger believes we must start by having at least one advocate for these children in each unserved country.

The Eye Cancer Foundation, Princess Margaret Cancer Center - Toronto and The Daniels Foundation have joined together to fund cost-effective training for 33 new retinoblastoma eye cancer specialists from unserved countries. But that is just a beginning.

The next Eye Cancer Working Meeting will be held at Princess Margaret Cancer Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Working Days show that we can do so much more together than any of us can do alone.

**[CLICK HERE](#) to browse the 1st event program!**



**The first meeting of its kind**



**International, multi-center cooperation**



**Reaching out to the developing world**

The event was endorsed and hosted by The Eye Cancer Foundation and the Curie Institute. It was also endorsed by The International Society of Ophthalmic Oncology (ISOO), The American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC), The Commission on Cancer (COC), The American Brachytherapy Society (ABS), The European Ophthalmic Oncology Group (EOOG), The American College of Surgeons (ACS), and The International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).

# THE “BUZZ” ABOUT THE WORKING DAY



“I think it’s a wonderful opportunity to bring together a multidisciplinary team of eye tumor specialists from all over the world to share ideas and to try to come up with some more standardized approaches and to try to transfer knowledge and technology from the higher income countries to the lower income countries.

—Ira Dunkel, MD  
United States

“I think this Working Day is a very good instance to validate all of the information we can collect together from different parts of the world. I hope it starts as soon as possible, in order for us to work properly and with better information.”

—Ignacio Zeolite, MD  
Argentina



“I would like to thank Dr. Finger and The Eye Cancer Foundation for the Invitation. It has been a tremendously educating and important day. I learned a lot and got some very important ideas on collaboration and international standardization. I am really enthusiastic about being more involved in the field.”

—Vicktoria Vishnevskia-Dai  
Israel

“I think it was a wonderful idea for Paul Finger to have conceived this Working Day meeting where several burning issues in ocular oncology were discussed in great detail and sorted out. I think it was a wonderful beginning.”

—Santosh Hanover, MD  
India





# Join Us!

*We can do so much, but only with your help*

**\$6,000 - \$10,000 WILL TRAIN ONE EYE CANCER SPECIALIST FROM AN UNSERVED COUNTRY FOR 6 MONTHS. THEY WILL RETURN TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN WITH RETINOBLASTOMA.**

\*The Eye Cancer Foundation is embarking on a brand new project to diminish worldwide retinoblastoma mortality (currently 7,000 children die each year). We will not quit until there is a trained eye cancer specialist in every country. This is your opportunity to get involved and help us eradicate retinoblastoma mortality in a country of your choice.\*

THE COUNTRY CLUB: I would like to donate \$6,000+

THE 20/20 CLUB: I would like to donate \$500

EYE CARE CLUB: I would like to donate \$100

I would like to donate another amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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