# Anglo-Spanish Ophthalmological Society

*In association with Instituto Balear de Oftalmología (IBO)*

*Invitation*

*First Open Meeting*
*6th – 9th July 2017*
*Mallorca, Spain*

**Introduction**
ASOS was founded in 2000 by colleagues with similar interests from the United Kingdom and Spain. Since then the Society has met on a yearly basis, and in 2017 hosts its first open meeting on the Balearic island of Mallorca.

The intention is to provide a forum where clinical experience can be openly discussed amongst colleagues in a relaxed setting, with ample time to mix socially and to explore the island and its Balearic culture.

**Dates**
1800 Thursday July 6th – 1400 Sunday 9th July, 2017.

**Venue**
The congress will be held in the secluded Hotel S'Olivaret, located in the foothills of the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range, a UNESCO World Heritage site (Map). The beautiful towns of Alaro, Deia and Soller lie close by, with the wide open bays of Alcudia and Pollença barely 40 minutes drive away. With so much beautiful countryside, and places of interest, delegates may consider staying for longer.

**Sponsors**
Instituto Balear de Oftalmología
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**Schedule**:
We shall spend the mornings discussing challenging cases from our own practices, and in the afternoons explore the island.

- **Thursday July 6th**
  An evening reception will be hosted in the beautiful mountain-side resort of S'Olivaret at 1800, followed by a swim in the infinity pool for those who need to cool off, and dinner at the hotel at 2030.

- **Friday July 7th and Saturday July 8th:**
  Morning scientific sessions will be held in the hotel between 0900 and 1130, followed by light lunches and cultural events in the afternoons. These will include a reception at IBO, a private visit and dinner in the remarkable

Arabic Gardens of Alfabia, a visit to a local vineyard, and a day's sailing with lunch on board.

The Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday evening in the private country residence of C'an Manyolas, a few minutes from S'Olivaret.

- **Sunday 9th July**
  The conference ends after the morning scientific session and a light lunch. An afternoon expedition or local walk will be organized for any planning to stay on the island for a few extra days (which is highly advisable!).

**Language**
The congress will be conducted in English.

**Accommodation:**

**Hotel reservation**
S'Olivaret is a small hotel of only 25 rooms, and ASOS has reserved 12 of these (of varying size) until November 31st. The rates below include an ASOS discount of 10% - 25% off the normal rates, the amount depending on room size.

On **December 1st** these rooms will be released and he discount may not apply (depending on local demand). *The hotel typically books up very quickly*. You are therefore strongly advised to make the reservation before this date (payment will be taken later, cancellation fees may apply).

To reserve your room(s), please contact Miss Susana Romero Carballal who is managing the ASOS bookings on susanaromero@solivaret.com

Please quote 'ASOS 2017' and the pre-reservation number **11527/1-12.**

Susana Romero Carballal is also available on +34 971 510 889.

Please cc any correspondence to info@ASOS.bio

Rates *per room* (not per person) *per night* at S'Olivaret (bed & breakfast):

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| *Single* occupancy of a double room: | €135 |
| Standard double room, 2 adults: | €160 |
| Superior double room, 2 adults: | €165 |
| Superior double room with terrace, 2 adults | €170 |
| Junior suite for 4 (2 - 3 adults, 1 – 2 children) | €200 |
| Superior suite for 4 (2 - 3 adults, 1 – 2 children) | €250 |

All rooms are furnished to a high standard in classical Mallorcan style, and the superior rooms and suites are well worth the small extra surcharge – they are really quite exceptional. Some may consider sharing a suite with colleagues, offering very good value.

**Alternative accommodation**
*The meeting will be small and it is hoped that all delegates will book accommodation in S'Olivaret.* If absolutely required, alternative accommodation can be found in the smaller Petit Hotel 3 miles away in the village of Alaro, and the Hermitage Hotel about a mile away. A neighbour in Alaro has also offered to rent rooms at rates similar to the Petit Hotel.
Please note that if delegates book alternative accommodation, they are responsible for their own transport (taxi or hire car) to S'Olivaret.

**Transport:**
Flights to Palma de Mallorca are readily available in July. ASOS will arrange a minivan to the hotel (35 minutes) if a sufficient number of delegates arrive on similar flight(s). Taxis from the airport to the hotel cost ~ 50 Euros. Equally, we can arrange car hire for a reasonable 40-50 Euros per day.
Once at the hotel, ASOS will arrange transport to and from the social events.

**Registration fee**
ASOS meetings are not-for-profit.
A registration fee will be raised to cover 3 lunches, 3 dinners and all social events, *these at the most reasonable rates possible*. This registration fee can be paid by BACS before or during the congress (or by credit/debitcard with a small transaction fee) and is likely to be ~320 Euros or less (to be confirmed).
*A significantly lower fee will apply to trainees.*

*Welcome to Spain. Viva ASOS.*

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