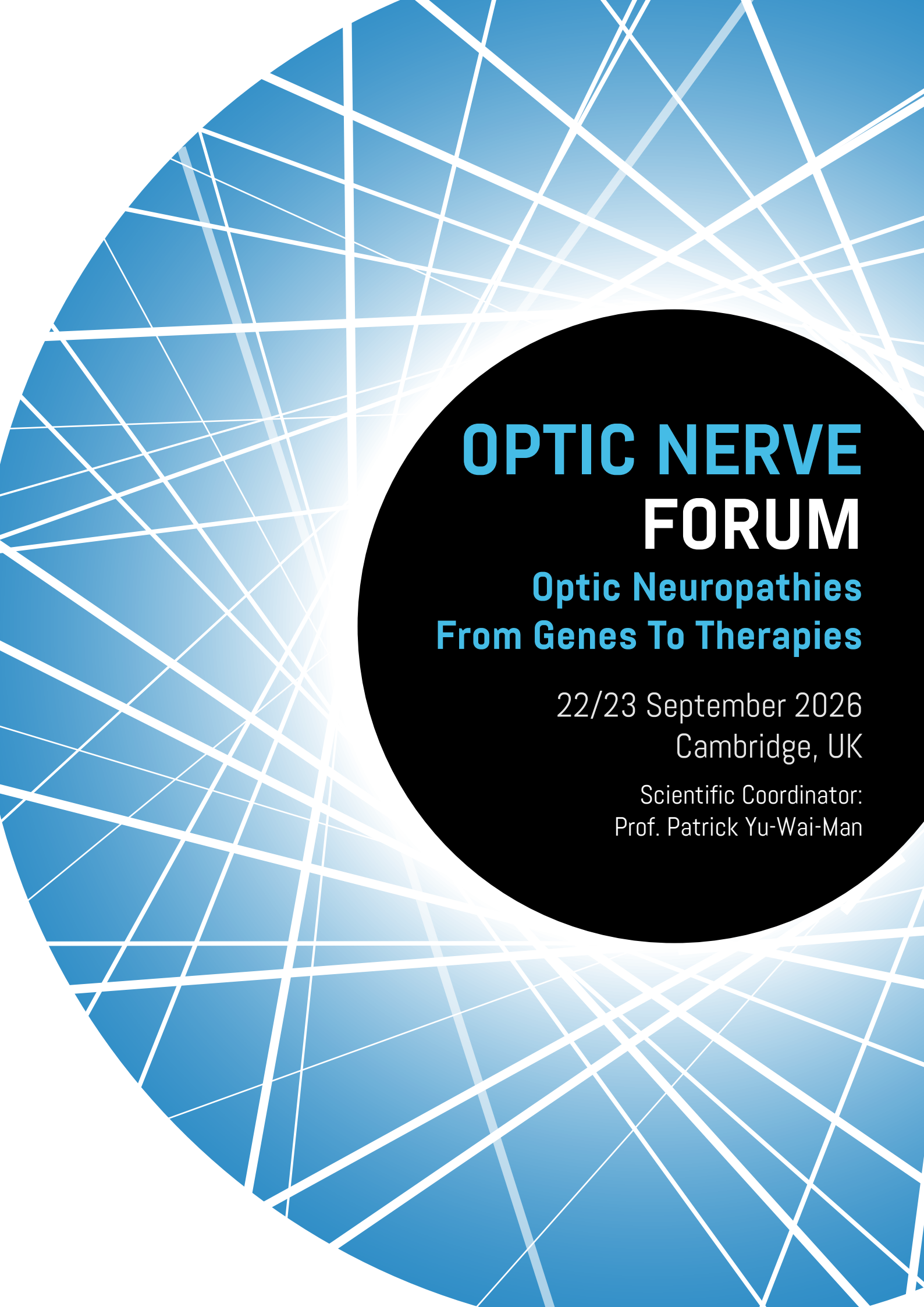




OPTIC NERVE FORUM

**Optic Neuropathies
From Genes To Therapies**

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Cambridge, UK

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Shaping the Future of Optic Nerve Disease Management

THE VISION

The **Optic Nerve Forum** is an evolving international platform bringing together leading experts in optic nerve disorders through a recurring high-level meeting hosted by major centers of excellence. Its mission is to foster cross-disciplinary collaboration, harmonize clinical and research approaches, and accelerate the translation of scientific advances into meaningful benefits for patients.

THE 2026 EDITION

The 2026 edition represents a first step: While featuring a dedicated focus on **LHON (Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy) as a model disease**, it also covers the broader themes of degeneration and neuroprotection relevant to **glaucoma** and **demyelinating optic neuritis**.

CORE OBJECTIVES & APPROACH

By bringing together top experts in ophthalmology, neuro-ophthalmology and neurology, the scientific programme moves beyond theory, emphasising:

- Advanced decision-making frameworks driven by case-based discussions
- Cross-disease comparison and sharing of best practices across specialities
- In-depth focus on advanced imaging and emerging biomarkers





PROVISIONAL TOPIC LIST

- Overview of inherited and acquired optic neuropathies
- LHON as a model of mitochondrial optic neuropathy
- Deep dive into inherited optic neuropathies: from genes to therapies
- Disease pathways driving retinal ganglion cell loss – shared mechanisms
- Neuroprotection in glaucoma and optic neuritis – an update
- Advanced imaging of the brain and optic nerve
- Clinical decision-making and treatment strategies in glaucoma and optic neuritis
- Discussion of complex cases (interactive roundtable)
- Emerging therapies for inherited and acquired optic neuropathies
- What will change clinical practice in the next 5 years?
- Mapping the research agenda with the scientific and patient communities

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