

100 Years Protecting Irish Eyes



1928



The Dublin Ophthalmic Club was founded

1949

The first Intra Ocular Lens (IOL) is inserted in a cataract patient at St Thomas' Hospital, London

1966

National Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory and Registry of Ireland is established at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital

1986

Car windscreen manufacture regulations were introduced following lobbying by Irish ophthalmologists

2000

The inaugural Sir William Wilde Medal was presented at the ICO Annual Conference, May 2000

2013

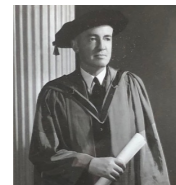
Diabetic Retina Screen, the national Diabetic Retinal Screening Programme, is introduced in Ireland

1918



Ireland's first national society for ophthalmologists, the **Irish Ophthalmological Society** was founded. Its establishment was credited to Irish ophthalmologist, Dr John Benjamin Storey

1930



Dr Francis S. Lavery presented the Montgomery Lecture on the distribution and control of trachoma in the Irish Free State, with the implementation of his measures ultimately leading to the extermination of trachoma in Ireland

1952



IOS hosted a Joint Meeting with the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom (OSUK) in Dublin

1974

The Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland (RAMI) established the Section of Ophthalmology

1992



Irish Ophthalmological Society and Irish Faculty of Ophthalmology are amalgamated to form the Irish College of Ophthalmologists

1995

The inaugural Mooney Lecture was presented at the ICO Annual Conference, May 1995

2010



Head gear became compulsory for hurlers at all levels, after sustained lobbying and publication of a report on eye injuries by ophthalmologists in Waterford Regional Hospital and Cork University Hospital

2016

The ICO is the first postgraduate medical training body in Ireland to publish a Code of Conduct for its members

A special event celebrating the centenary of the foundation of the Irish Ophthalmological Society is hosted by the ICO at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on November 16

2018