

Fact Sheet

Who we are

The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) is the largest community of eye and vision researchers in the world, with more than 10,000 members from more than 75 countries. The association advances research worldwide into understanding the visual system and preventing, treating and curing its disorders.

Organizational Structure

ARVO is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are elected from candidates put forth by the 13 Scientific Sections: Anatomy, Pathology & Oncology; Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Clinical & Epidemiologic Research; Cornea; Eye Movements, Strabismus, Amblyopia & Neuro-ophthalmology; Glaucoma; Immunology & Microbiology; Lens; Physiology & Pharmacology; Retina; Retinal Cell Biology; Visual Neuroscience; and Visual Psychophysics & Physiological Optics. The Board also includes one appointed At-large Members-in-Training Trustee.

Scientific Publications

ARVO publishes three open access, peer-reviewed journals, available to members and subscribers.

Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science (IOVS) — *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science (IOVS)*, published online several times a month, is an official journal of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). Included are original contributions that emphasize clinical and laboratory hypothesis-based research with statistically valid results that clearly advance the fields of ophthalmic and vision research. *IOVS* de-emphasizes purely descriptive research. Subjects cover the 13 sections represented by ARVO's membership and the three ARVO Cross-sectional Groups. Short updates on notable new developments in important research areas are also published, but only by invitation. Summaries of meetings/symposia and general review articles are not considered.

Journal of Vision (JOV) — *Journal of Vision* is an online, open access, peer-reviewed scientific journal devoted to all aspects of visual function in humans and other organisms. The journal is published exclusively in digital form: full-text articles may be accessed for free via the internet. The journal encourages the effective use of color, multimedia, hyperlinks, program code, and other digital enhancements.

Translational Vision Science & Technology (TVST) — *Translational Vision Science & Technology (TVST)*, an official journal of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) is an online, open access, peer-reviewed journal emphasizing multidisciplinary research that bridges the gap between basic research and clinical care. Articles published are from scientists and clinicians with diverse backgrounds ranging from basic chemistry to ophthalmic surgery that will advance or change the way we understand and/or treat vision-threatening diseases.

Meetings and education

ARVO meetings, presented throughout the year, are renowned for their variety of topics and timeliness.

The **ARVO Annual Meeting** brings together approximately 10,000 vision researchers, clinicians and scientists from around the world for scientific sessions, poster presentations and invited speaker sessions.

ARVO also fosters cutting-edge research and leading experts through other ARVO **workshops, conferences and online education** throughout the year, including:

- Online sessions and courses
- ARVO Imaging Conference
- ARVO Conferences, such Advance Professional Development Conference, the Bench to Bedside (B2B) Meeting aimed at guiding members on how to advance translational ideas to clinically applied products, and a fall scientific conference.

Advocacy

ARVO represents the vision research community at the national level by preparing statements, signing onto various letters alongside other research organizations, attending and sponsoring various Congressional briefings, and through its partnerships with numerous research-oriented associations and societies and the National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR), who assists in the planning of ARVO Advocacy Day.

Supporting vision research

The ARVO Foundation for Eye Research, established in 2001, funds novel research, education and outreach initiatives of ARVO. The mission is to serve as a global catalyst for innovation, workforce development and collaboration in the field of vision research.

The Foundation raises funds through corporate grants, fundraising events and the generosity of ARVO members who are eager to support the next generation of eye and vision researchers.

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