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## **COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (COSA) REPORT**

COSA met via video call on June 8, 2020.

During the meeting, COSA initially reviewed and finalized items from 2019-2020 year. COSA is working with the AAO Meetings Department to secure space and time for the 2020 Hellman, Sicher, Graber award winners to give their lectures at the 2021 Annual Session. COSA is also working on a schedule for the accepted 2020 Oral Research applicants to have a chance to present at the 2021 Annual Session.

COSA members are playing an instrumental role in the AAO COVID-19 Task Force. COSA members on the task force are Drs. Onur Kadioglu, James Mah, Greg Huang, Kelton Stewart, Rolf Behrents and Ms. Jackie Hittner. To support the work of the task force, COSA members are in the process of writing an Ask Us column for the AJODO that will answer some of the questions the AAO has received regarding office practices during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Steven Marshall is taking the lead on the article. A list of resources the task force is using can be found at: <https://www.aaoinfo.org/node/9638>

Besides working with the AAO COVID-19 Task Force, COSA members are serving the AAO in various other capacities. Dr. Emile Rossouw is serving as an ABO Director. Dr. J. Martin Palomo is serving on the AAO Committee on Conferences and Meetings which will be replacing the Annual Session Planning Committee starting with the 2023 Annual Session.

- The deadline for applying for the 2021 Hellman, Sicher, Graber Awards is October 1, 2020. Information about the application process can be found at: <https://www.aaoinfo.org/node/9562>.
- The deadline for applying for the Oral Research, Table Clinic and E-Poster programs at the 2021 Annual Session is October 15, 2020. The online application goes live the first week of August 2020 on the AAO website.
- The deadline for applying for the Dr. William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award is February 1, 2021. The online application goes live the first week of December 2020 on the AAO website.

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