

Marko Hawlina

Professor Marko Hawlina was born in 1958 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He graduated at Medical Faculty of Ljubljana in 1983. He specialized as ophthalmologist in Ljubljana and in London and graduated as ophthalmologist in 1992. He completed his PhD study at St Thomas' Hospital, University of London in 1995. In 2008, he was appointed full professor of ophthalmology by the University of Ljubljana. In 1998, he was appointed chairman of Chair of Ophthalmology of Medical Faculty of Ljubljana. His field of clinical work and research is genetic retinal diseases, neuroophthalmology, electrophysiology and complicated cataract surgery. He has published over 70 papers, out of which more than 50 in major international journals and had a number of invited lectures worldwide. He mentored 7 PhD and 7 MSc completed theses and to numerous residents. He is national coordinator for specialisation in ophthalmology in Slovenia. He is a board member of European Neuroophthalmological Society, International Society of Clinical Electrophysiology and vice-president of UEMS Section of Ophthalmology. He acted as local host of EVER meetings in Portoroz, Slovenia in 2007-2009. He is a member of editorial board of Documenta Ophthalmologica, Clinical Ophthalmology and Journal of Academic Ophthalmology and serves as an associate editor for Acta Ophthalmologica. He is past president of European Board of Ophthalmology and was named honorary member of Czech and Hungarian Society of Ophthalmology. He is president of Slovenian Society of Ophthalmology, chair of Education Committee of the SOE, member of Advisory board of the ICO, Global Advisors Committee of the AAO, and current president of South East European Society of Ophthalmology (SEEOS). In his career, he has been particularly active in promoting grants for young ophthalmologists and in reducing differences between Western and Eastern ophthalmology. During his EBO presidency, the strategy to co-edit AAO books by the European experts led by the EBO was introduced and the first three co-edited volumes will be available this year.