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Dear Colleagues and Friends,
Members of the International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS),

We hope this letter finds you in good health.

We are excited to inform you that after twenty years as part of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, ISRS is now positioned to become an independent, non-profit scientific medical organization. Beginning in January 2024, the plan is for ISRS to be established as an independent entity in the United Kingdom as it continues to advance its mission to promote excellence in Refractive Surgery. To make this change and ensure the continuity of your membership once the new entity is established, we ask you to opt-in to receive communications regarding the new organization, including dues billing for the calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024).

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We express our *profound gratitude* to the Academy for successfully managing us for over twenty years. The ISRS is deeply indebted to the commitment and leadership of Stephen D. McLeod, MD, the Academy's Chief Executive Officer, and R. V. Paul Chan, MD, MSc, MBA, Secretary for Global Alliances for the Academy. As an independent organization, ISRS looks forward to collaborations with the Academy.

We will be truly international, with many other positive "I"s that describe our core values, including, besides international and independent: Integration, Integrity, Innovation, Impact, Inclusivity, Inspiration, Initiative, Imagination, Improvement, Interconnectedness, Investment, Intuition, Idealism, Insight, and Influence.

We look forward to this new chapter and its opportunities to serve our members better and advance our mission. We remain committed to our founders' tradition and classic values as we support innovation and respond to the diverse needs of our patients and constituents worldwide.

The independent ISRS will aim to promote and stimulate excellence in Refractive Surgery. We will promote value to you through credibility and quality in clinical education and scientific medical research, fostering collaboration and innovation. In addition to aiming to host the *Journal of Refractive Surgery* and offer access to a vast multimedia library, our plans aim to stimulate the best practices in our field throughout the entire patient experience.

We invite all of you to join us in this exciting new endeavor. We believe that together, we can achieve great things and make a meaningful impact on the future of Refractive Surgery to serve our patients best. Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to greater engagement with you, our members, partners, and supporters.

Sincerely,
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