1. Any AIOS member can participate in the program, including the YOUNG BRIGADE

2. The abstract of the innovation to be submitted on or before 30th November 2022.

3. The applicants should submit the full text of their innovations to chairmanarc@aios.org on or before 31st December 2022

4. Those who have already presented their innovations at the “THINK UNDER THE APPLE TREE” program at AIOC 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 can re-apply but cannot submit the same topic. Participant should present scientific innovations in field of ophthalmology, done within the last 5 years

5. All innovators should be present during the "Prelims" on the pre-conference day of AIOC 2023 (10th May 2023, Wednesday)
6. The judges will declare the TOP 10 finalists once the preliminary session is completed. The finalists will compete with each other in the FINALS of the "Think Under the Apple Tree" competition.

7. In the FINALS, the TOP 10 will battle it out and present their Innovations to the honourable Judges.

8. In the FINALS, the same participants of the preliminary round will have to present the same presentation that he or she presented in The Prelims to a panel of judges.

9. Each participant will have 4 minutes of presentation and 2 minutes of discussion with the judges in the FINALS.

10. In the FINALS, the judges will declare the WINNERS, who will be awarded EXCITING APPLE PRIZES!

To submit, visit www.rios-scientificcommittee.org, and login with your AIOS membership credentials. The link for submission will be available on your dashboard. For any assistance in submitting your abstract, please write to support@arios-online.com

Let us join hands and learn more from this ARC Initiative of “THINK UNDER THE APPLE TREE” 2022 - 2023

Sincere Regards,

Dr. Chitra Ramamurthy
Chairperson, ARC – AIOS,
Medical Director, The Eye Foundation group of hospitals