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The International Ophthalmic Microsurgery Study Group (IOMSG) was founded by Harms and Mackensen in 1966 in the very early days of ophthalmic microsurgery. This small group of 40 ophthalmologists has a great merit in having promoted the introduction of the microscope into ophthalmic surgery. Special attention has always been paid to the development of new microsurgical procedures and to improvements of instruments, suture material, and operating microscopes. The members meet every second year and are entitled to invite selected guests for covering particular topics. The main advantage of this small informal microsurgery group is that all presentations can thoroughly be questioned and discussed.

The proceedings of earlier meetings are already of some historic interest and were published by Karger in Advances in Ophthalmology and more recently in its new series Developments. They are enumerated below.

Many of the presentations of the 9th meeting in Las Vegas were given again at the immediately following World Congress 1982 in San Francisco and are included in Acta XXIV International Congress. This volume contains mostly papers presented at the 10th biannual meeting 1984 in Flims, Switzerland. One of the topics of the last meeting was corneal preservation. Experts in this field presented their research work and their clinical experience. In penetrating keratoplasty the residual astigmatism remains an unsolved problem. In glaucoma surgery the advent of laser trabeculoplasty has to be noticed. Only well-defined long-term studies will be able to give the final answer on the value of this new modality. Whereas the implantation of intraocular lenses was still a disputed subject some years ago, this aphakic correction is now accepted by all members of the group. There is a definite trend for retropupillary placement of intraocular
lenses.

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