



Dear Colleagues,

The scientific and clinical program of the First European Vision Event has been completed; the international program can now be accessed on the website of the Chapter <http://europe.aaopt.org>. The organisers have succeeded in bringing together a number of world famous presenters who offer a most interesting program.

The First European Vision Event is a joint conference of the European (Continental) Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), Optometristen Vereniging Nederland (OVN) and the Vereinigung Deutscher Contactlinsen-Spezialisten (VDC).

The meeting will take place from October 2nd to 4th 2004 in Oberhausen, Germany. Oberhausen is located near the Dutch border, at about 30 minutes from the Dutch town Arnheim. The official languages of the meeting will be English and German. The scientific and clinical paper sessions on Saturday are in German only, the afternoon workshops are in German and English. On Sunday and Monday parallel scientific and clinical paper sessions and workshops will be organized in either German or English.

Furthermore, the meeting offers (international) candidates for Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry the once-only opportunity to sit the oral exam in Oberhausen. This is a unique chance for international candidates who cannot attend the annual meeting of the Academy in the US to take the oral exam in Europe. A condition to sit the oral exam in Oberhausen is that the (international) candidate has successfully completed the first part of the admission process. For information contact Feike Grit, Chair, Region 8 (International) Admittance Committee of the American Academy of Optometry.

Online-registration is possible from the second half of August. Registration before September 12 gets Academy Fellows and Candidates a 20 euro discount on a three-day-ticket or a 10 euro discount on a one-day-ticket. Our website lists hotels in the Oberhausen area together with information how to contact the hotel of your choice.

In addition to the scientific and clinical program you can participate also in an attractive social program that includes a welcome reception at the Oberhausen Castle on Friday evening and a banquet at a typical German brewery on Sunday evening. The combination of education and the opportunity to meet with colleagues from all over the world make the First European Vision Event such an interesting meeting. For that reason I hope to welcome as many Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry as possible. See you in Oberhausen!

With best wishes,

Wolfgang Cagnolati

Chair, European (Continental) Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry