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It is expected that the American Academy of Optometry

will constitute essentially a study group and a mutually helpful group, and that it will gladly pass on the results of its investigations to the entire optometric profession.

— Chairman Eugene Wilson in his 1927 address to Academy membership



President
Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD, FAAO

Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice™

Dear Colleagues:

2003 was a year of introspection as well as strategic planning for the Academy. Volunteer leaders and staff spent time developing the future direction of the organization. The Board of Directors analyzed current and future forces that will impact on the ability of the Academy to achieve its mission.

The Board identified strengths of the Academy—the loyalty and quality of our membership, our reputation, the international flavor of our organization, our staff, and our programs—education at the annual meeting, sections and diplomate programs and the Ezell Fellowships. And they re-affirmed the Academy's core values of high standards, excellence and fellowship.

The Board concluded that the Academy's greatest strength is our heritage and culture of fellowship between clinicians, educators and researchers. And they identified the Academy's vision, *Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice*™.

To successfully achieve our mission, we need to **share knowledge** through our meetings, through our journal, *Optometry and Vision Science (OVS)*, and through our Web site. We will continue to **support the development of new knowledge** in the vision sciences through the American Optometric Foundation (AOF), **improve communications** with our current members and **grow and diversify our membership**.

The Academy worked to meet these goals throughout the year:

- The Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas brought more than 3,500 members of the optometric profession together for outstanding education.
- OVS continued its climb in the rankings of scientific journals in the vision care field; the journal's impact factor was up for the eighth straight year!



2002 & 2003 Board of Directors (from left): Drs. Richard E. Weisbarth, Joe Yager, Mark W. Eger, Karla Zadnik, P. Sarita Soni, Robert D. Newcomb, Thomas F. Freddo and Thomas L. Lewis

- We improved both the look and timeliness of our communications with members, focusing more on getting news and information out quickly (and at lower cost!) through e-mail and streamlined print materials.
- The online Personal Program Planner (PPP) became fully operational in 2003, enabling attendees to customize their annual meeting experience based on the education they want and need.
- And we continued to recruit members from around the globe, working especially closely with the newly re-energized European (Continental) Chapter.

Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice™. It's what the Academy has always been about—the dynamic link between scientific research and the practice of optometry.



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Academy 2003 Dallas: The Future in Sight: Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice™



The stars were shining brightly over Dallas, Texas, December 4-7, 2003, but not as brightly as the stars in attendance at Academy 2003 Dallas! From the meeting's logo, which featured star shapes of an image of the photoreceptor mosaic in a living human eye taken with an adaptive optics fundus camera, to the best-of-the-best presenters in the educational program, Academy 2003 Dallas glowed. 3,500 registrants experienced nearly 300 hours of education, a jam-packed exhibit hall and the kind of fellowship that only the Academy can provide.

This year's theme was *The Future in Sight: Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice™*. Instructors made the extra effort to present material that was not

only thought provoking, but also useful for every-day optometric practice. The Plenary Session, generously supported by Vision Service Plan (VSP), brought together internationally renowned clinicians and clinician researchers on discoveries in nerve cell death, protection and nerve regeneration and their implications for glaucoma treatment.



The Lectures and Workshops (Ellerbrock) Program Committee selected numerous stars of the Academy to present over 200 hours of diverse optometric and vision science education. For the first time vision scientists from the Bascom-Palmer Eye Institute, the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospitals, the Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and Co-management Centers presented Grand Rounds cases on vitreo-retinal, systemic disease, neuro-ophthalmics, and glaucoma, respectively. This session was well attended and the committee plans to offer it again at Academy 2004 Tampa. The exhibit hall sponsored continuing education (CE), as well as interactive participant response programming, funded by Novartis Ophthalmics, and also showcased stars both lecturing and participating in the audiences.



ACADEMY

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The eight Academy membership sections succeeded at planning symposia that reflected the most important trends in each of their areas of focus. The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)/American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Joint Symposium, planned by the Vision Science Section and the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses, brought new knowledge in the Basis and Treatment of Dry Eye to attendees. The Low Vision Section educated participants on accessibility issues in the general environment and the Internet. Presenter Mike May, whose sight was surgically restored in March 2000, drew attention to the many issues that affect the visually impaired on an everyday basis.

The Monroe J. Hirsch Memorial Research Symposium introduced the science of macular degeneration (AMD). Notable in the eminent panel of speakers were two vision scientists, Deepak Edward, MD, and Peter Kaiser, MD, who laid out the histopathology of AMD and then spoke of new treatment strategies. At the conclusion of the symposium, Student Travel Fellowship recipients were awarded their travel grant checks. There were over 100 students sponsored by industry and Academy chapters this year! See page 10 for further details.

Extreme gratitude goes to the corporate sponsors of Academy 2003 Dallas. Without the generous support the Academy receives from such donors as CIBA Vision Corporation® and VISTAKON™, Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, among others, materials printed for our meetings would consist of black and white photocopies, and the students would have to brown-bag it at the student welcome reception! We are extremely grateful to be able to access our e-mails and the Personal Program Planner (PPP) at the Technology Pavilion sponsored by Novartis Ophthalmics.

This year's exhibit hall was chock-full of activities and exhibitors. Along with the over 147 vision care companies exhibiting, attendees were able to hear informative lectures on diagnosing and treating glaucoma at the Academy Glaucoma Theater, browse the Western Wear of Texas' Wild Bill and enjoy delicious lunch and hors d'oeuvres during exhibit hall hours.

On December 6 Academy Fellows honored their own during the annual Academy Awards ceremony. The true stars of the Academy, the honorees included





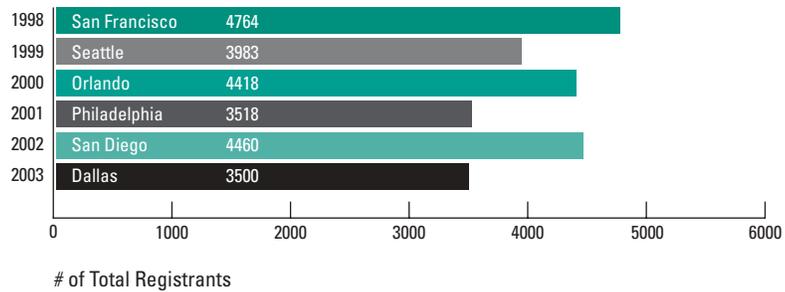
Gunilla Haegerström-Portnoy, and Anthony J. Adams, whose lectures on vision in elders and color studies of cone pathway sensitivity drew a standing-room-only audience.

Attendees at the December 7 evening banquet were treated to the creative talents of Michael Ostaski of Art Explosion. His three paintings were auctioned off in a rousing and humorous display by master of ceremonies (and experienced auctioneer), Michael G. Harris. This unique experience was followed by the presentation of nine new Diplomates and the introduction of 105 new Fellows.

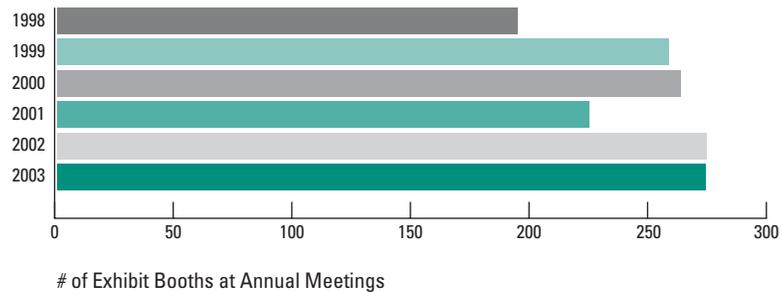
Many thanks go out to all of the Academy volunteers for their selfless dedication to the day-to-day work of Academy life, especially to all who worked to make this excellent annual meeting a reality!



ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION



ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITS



Academy 2003 Dallas Exhibitors

The Academy 2003 Dallas Exhibit Hall encompassed a wide-range of exhibitors, the industry's finest! While visiting the 274 booths located in the hall, meeting attendees were able to preview and experience cutting-edge ophthalmic technology, review the latest products and investigate the newest equipment that our 147 exhibitors had to offer! Of special interest were a new Glaucoma Theater, featuring four very informative lectures on diagnosing and treating glaucoma, and a standing-room-only amphitheater presenting Academy-sponsored education.

A successful exhibit hall is vital for a successful meeting. Not only does it give attendees outstanding opportunities and access to technology and the newest trends, but it is also a major source of financial support to the Academy. Thank you, exhibitors, for your support!

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Over 400 students attended the Academy 2003 Dallas meeting. Their program included two student-only events: a Student Welcome Reception sponsored by VISTAKON™ and a Student Networking Luncheon sponsored by CooperVision, Inc.

Student attendees had full access to all Academy events, thereby having the opportunity to not only receive the best in Academy education, but also to meet the top researchers, clinicians and practitioners in the field of optometry and vision science. More than 100 students were awarded travel fellowships to help defray the cost of attending the meeting.

The Robert D. Newcomb Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership

Jennifer Ash, *AOSA National Student Liaison to the Academy*

The Michael G. Harris Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY AWARDS

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Anthony J. Adams

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Melvin D. Shipp



Carel C. Koch Award winner Melvin D. Shipp and Life Fellowship recipient Alden N. Haffner at the awards ceremony.

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics

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AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION

Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award

Gunnilla Haegerström-Portnoy

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education

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Anthony J. Adams, Charles F. Prentice Medal Award recipient, lecturing on Color Studies of Cone Pathway Sensitivity in Eye Disease.



Gunnilla Haegerström-Portnoy receives the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award from Academy President Tom Lewis.

Academy Membership

The Academy was founded in 1922. Its mission to *promote the art, science and research of vision care* includes:

- Sponsoring educational programs that provide practitioners current information about all aspects of clinical practice
- Disseminating current knowledge that allows an understanding of new products and technology
- Initiating and supporting research programs in optometry and related sciences
- Creating opportunities for sharing results of research in vision
- Encouraging reporting of exceptional and instructive conditions encountered in practice
- Disseminating knowledge through *Optometry and Vision Science*, the official journal of the American Academy of Optometry
- Promoting the highest ethical and professional standards of practice.

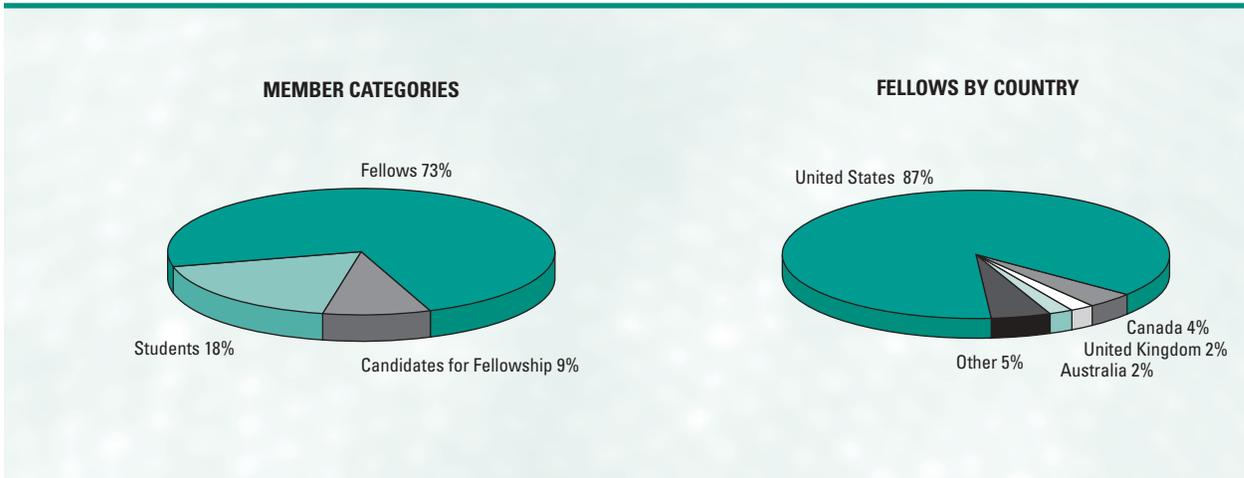


The Academy has three categories of membership: Fellow, candidate for fellowship and student.

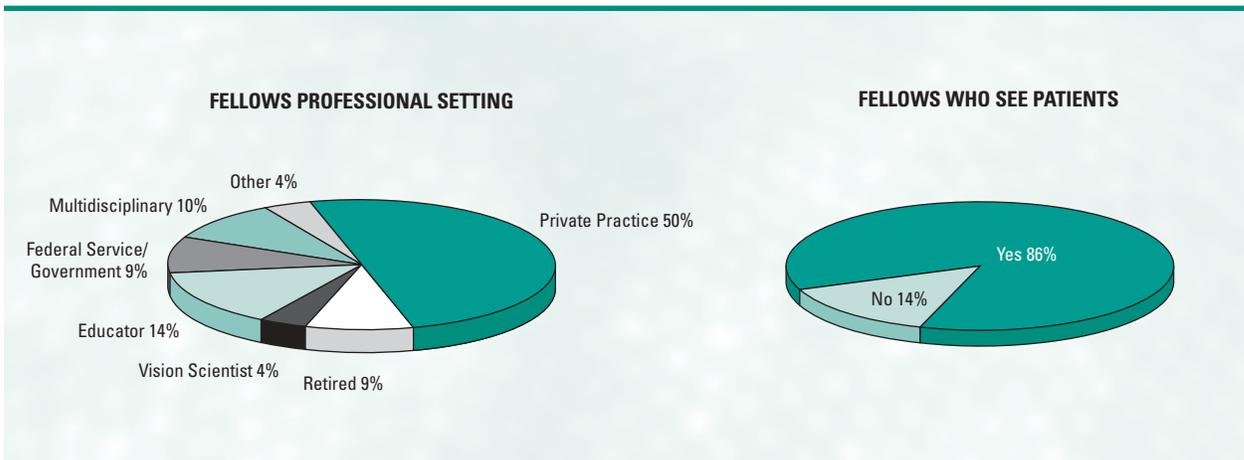
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|--|---|
| Fellows | |
| • Reside in the United States ¹ | 2750 |
| • Fellow Emeritus ² | 550 |
| • Reside in 38 countries outside of the U.S. | 400 |
| Candidates | 500 |
| Students | 900 |
| Total | 5100 |

¹ Represents less than 10 percent of the practicing optometrists in the U.S.

² Fellow Emeritus status may be granted to any Fellow who has been a Fellow for at least 30 years and is over the age of 65, upon approval of the Board of Directors



Fellows meet rigorous written requirements before taking and passing an oral examination to become a “Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO).” Fellows are private practice optometrists, scientists and educators in vision science.



105 new Fellows were inducted during the Academy 2003 Dallas meeting. The Class of 2003 included representatives from eight countries and 34 states.

Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) Class of 2003

CANADA

Julie Brûlé
Larisa Hladun-Nickeson

CHINA

Helen Eng

ISRAEL

Moshe Schwartz

NIGERIA

Canice Asonye

SPAIN

Maria J. Izquierdo

SWITZERLAND

Hanspeter Michel
Nina C. Mueller

UNITED KINGDOM

Paul Gifford

UNITED STATES

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APO

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Arizona

Thelma G. Buelna-Barnes
Doug Hassenpflug
Dawn Heffelfinger
Gay Nord
John C. Rockwell

California

Gene D. Calkins
Pamela E. Carlson
Julie S. Chen
Lee L. Cornforth
Kristine Eng
Orlando Guiang
Rita M. Hannum
Arby R. Hoobyar
Minna Huang
Lenore C. Hummelman
Carmen Jan
Andrew B. Mick
Marsha Nguyen

Colorado

Christie L. Barton

Florida

Kerry A. Giedd
Richard G. Zeber

Georgia

David C. Hicks
Jennifer Ramey

Iowa

Brian Kirschling

Illinois

Shmaila S. Tahir
Shelley Wu

Indiana

Laura K. Windsor

Kansas

Michelle L. Dent

Kentucky

Bob Greenlee
Pinakin Gunvant

Massachusetts

Konstantin Booras

Maryland

Scott M. Han
Sanjay Patel
Scott M. Smearman

Michigan

Bob M.C. Ho
Michael J. Lipson
Donald W. Mitchell
Randall E. Myers
Jennifer M. Sortor

Minnesota

Megan Buliano
Brian J. Snyder

Missouri

Bryan Bowen
Eric Polk

Montana

Derek J. Melton



North Carolina

Jeffrey T. Joy
Thomas R. Miller, Jr.

New Jersey

Jeffrey M. Roth

New Mexico

Brian Culligan

Nevada

Tamara S. Old

New York

Harriett M. Canellos
Jose E. Capo-Aponte
Stacy Friedman
Michelle N. Lee
Mary Ellen Loughrey
John Rundquist
Jianhua Wang
Andrea Yang

Ohio

Phillip E. Apfel
Briana J. Shelton
Jason J. Singh
Robert L. Sorrell

Oklahoma

Trula Davis
Angela S. Harris
Nimesh Patel
Angela M. Plant
Daniel N. Woods

Oregon

Daniel L. Mannen

Pennsylvania

Andrew R. Gregory
Janice Mignogna

Rhode Island

Robert J. Parks

South Carolina

William J. Denton

Tennessee

Robyn Reesman
Jeffrey Sonsino
Janna Zbozien

Texas

Sara Brown
Carrie E. Campbell
Patricia M. Cisarik
Joe W. DeLoach
Laura J. Frishman
Kevin L. Gee
Christine M. Harden
Sheila Hartis
Gordon C. Hendricks
Michael S. Kaminski
Kimberly A. Lambregts
Wanda L. Parham
Anthony Tran
Kenney H. Wells
Tracey L. Yothers

Utah

Neil J. Roberts

Virginia

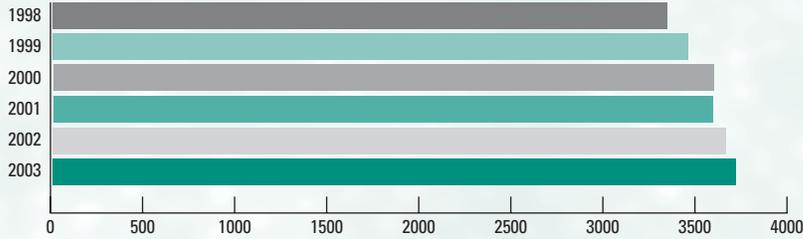
Celeste Lewis

Washington

Kristen S. Griggs
Abigail Neal

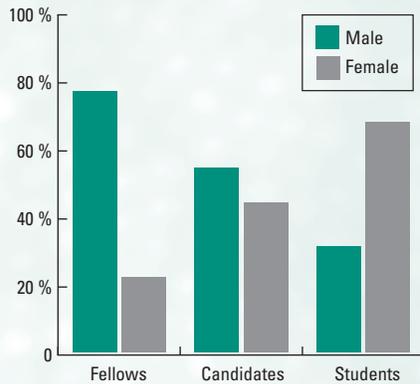
The recruitment of high quality candidates for Fellowship is one of the Academy's highest priorities and vital to its future.

FELLOWSHIP GROWTH



The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. In 1996, 11 percent of the Fellows were female; now women represent 22 percent.

MEMBERSHIP DATA



Membership Sections

The Academy has eight areas of shared interest referred to as sections.

- Binocular Vision and Perception and Pediatric Optometry
- Cornea and Contact Lenses
- Disease
- Low Vision
- Optometric Education
- Primary Care
- Public Health and Environmental Optometry
- Vision Science

Each Academy Section conducts or fosters clinical, educational, research or related activities, including outstanding programs for the annual meeting and diplomate programs.

Future Academy Meetings

2004

December 9–12, 2004

Academy 2004 Tampa
Tampa Convention Center

2007

October 24–27, 2007

Academy 2007 Tampa
Tampa Convention Center

2005

December 8–11, 2005

Academy 2005 San Diego
San Diego Convention Center

2008

October 22–25, 2008

Academy 2008 Anaheim
Anaheim Convention Center

2006

December 7–10, 2006

Academy 2006 New Orleans
New Orleans Convention Center

Diplomate Programs

Seven of the eight sections administer diplomate programs, which offer opportunities for Fellows to demonstrate the highest level of expertise in a given area of interest.

- Binocular Vision and Perception and Pediatric Optometry
- Cornea and Contact Lenses
- Disease
- Low Vision
- Primary Care
- Public Health and Environmental Optometry
- Vision Science



About 300 Fellows, less than 10 percent of the Academy membership, have attained this distinction. Among the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a section are:

- Professional growth and goal achievement
- Recognition of expanded knowledge and skill in their practice or research area
- Participation in referral network of qualified colleagues
- Camaraderie and fellowship with leaders in the optometric and vision science field

New Diplomates (December 2003)

Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry

Clinical

Carmen N. Barnhardt (FAAO 1998)
Stanley W. Hatch (FAAO 1993)

Low Vision

Clinical

Dawn K. DeCarlo (FAAO 1997)
David C. Lewerenz (FAAO 1984)
Dennis W. Siemsen (FAAO 1982)

Research

Jan Lovie-Kitchen (FAAO 1983)

Primary Care

Clinical

Ernest L. Bowling (FAAO 1998)

Public Health and Environmental Optometry

Clinical

Jason J. Nichols (FAAO 2000)
Jeffrey L. Weaver (FAAO 1998)

Chapters

The Academy has 24 chapters, including four student chapters. They were established as a membership catalyst and serve to provide the continuous exchange of ideas in promoting the mission of the Academy.

Geographic

- European (Continental)
- Great Britain
- Quebec (Canada)
- United States: California, Florida, Hawaii, Heart of America, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New England, New Jersey, New York, Northeastern Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin

Student

- Illinois College of Optometry (ICO)
- New England College of Optometry (NEWENCO)
- NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO)

Highlights of activities conducted by some of the chapters during 2003 follow.

European (Continental) Chapter

The main activity of the chapter in 2003 was the design of the Web site (<http://europe.aaopt.org>), which informs Fellows of the Academy and other interested eye care practitioners about the Academy, the chapter and European optometry related topics. The Web site also informs optometry students and faculty members about the different European universities and colleges in optometry and places for clinical education. The second main activity of the chapter is facilitation of continuing education in continental Europe.

Contributed by Chapter President, Wolfgang Cagnolati



California

The California Chapter's mission is to promote education, research and interaction among researchers and clinicians. Each year, the California Chapter allocates a significant proportion of their funds from membership dues and corporate donations to support student thesis projects. The recipients for 2003 are the following.

- *Comparison of the Central Corneal Thickness in the Hispanic and Caucasian Population:* Cynthia Lau, Betty Chun, David Sendrowski
- *The Effect of Head Tilt and Decreased Interpupillary Distance on Depth Perception:* Trina Lau, Dawn Lam, David Kirschen
- *A Comparative Study on the Antimicrobial Efficacy of Contact Lens Disinfecting Systems, PuriLens vs. AIOSept:* Thu Nghia, Vu Q. Tran, Sunny Sanders
- *A Survey of Various Optometric Testing Emphasized in Different Practice Modes by California Optometrists:* Melissa McGowan, Katy Stout, Heather Teeter, Lawrence Thal, Michelle Hoff



The California Chapter also encourages student attendance at the Academy meetings.

Contributed by Chapter President, Wesley T. Ota

Florida

The Florida Chapter held its 38th Annual Educational Meeting on May 9–10, 2003. There were 62 optometrists in attendance to hear lectures by Leo Semes, Mark Dunbar and Jack Yager. The meeting was held at Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. Five corporate sponsors took part in the program: Advanced Medical Optics (AMO); CIBA Vision Corporation®; Essilor; VISTAKON™, Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care; and X-cel Contacts.

The chapter provided a \$1000 travel grant to Cristine Llerena of NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry, to attend the Academy 2003 Dallas meeting.

Contributed by Chapter President, Arthur T. Young

Indiana

The Indiana Chapter is proud to announce the 2003 Indiana University (IU) School of Optometry Awards for graduating optometry students. This year's winner of the John P. Davey Award is Laura M. Emond, whose paper was entitled *The Effects of Using Various Colored Lenses on the Standard D-15 Test in Two Color Deficient Populations*. The 2003 winner of the Roy E. Denny Award is Paul T. Bertram. Dr. Bertram's paper was entitled *Role of the Sodium Bicarbonate Transporter in Bicarbonate Flux across the Corneal Endothelium*. The Chapter annually provides funding of \$500 for each of these two awards for graduating optometry students.

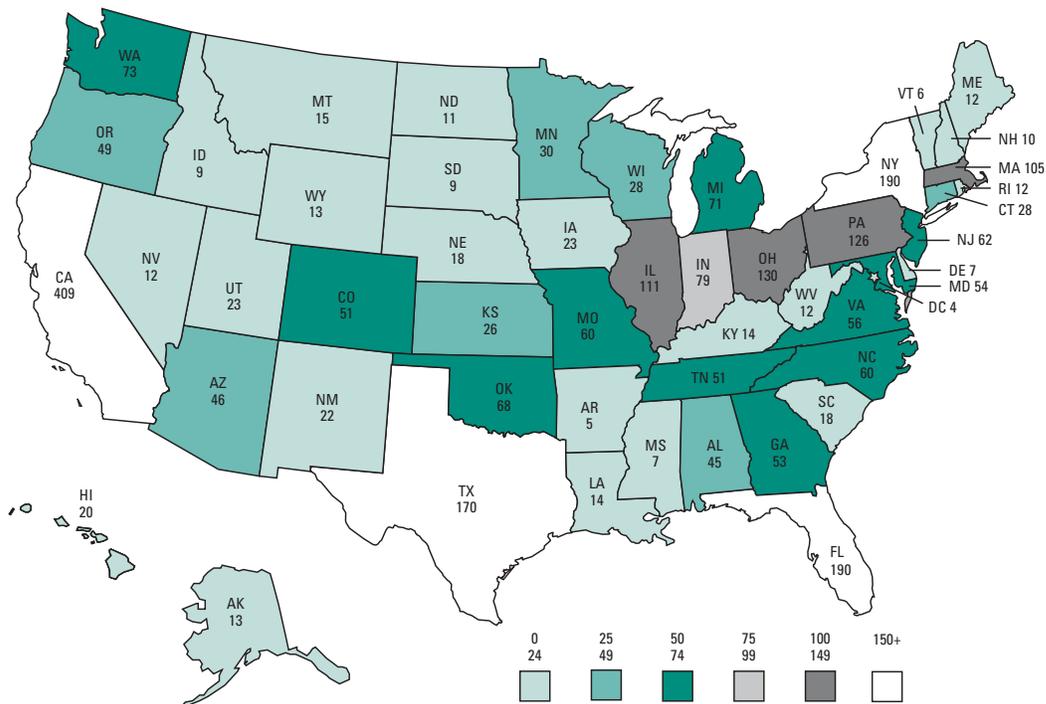
The Indiana Chapter also awarded a research grant to Suresh Viswanathan, Assistant Professor of Optometry and Vision Science at the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research at the IU Optometry School. The \$7,500 grant supported work to purchase state-of-the-art electrodiagnostic equipment and to develop age norms, so that the test results from patients with visual disorders can be compared to the responses of normal patients in the same age range. The new Electrodiagnostic Clinic will assist practitioners in Indiana with electrodiagnostic testing on a referral basis, and offer demonstrations, lectures, and workshops in the form of continuing education to practitioners to keep them updated about new developments in the area of visual electrodiagnostics, relevant to clinical practice.

In addition, the Indiana Chapter of the Academy once again provided a grant to the IU Optometry Library for the purpose of supporting subscriptions to professional journals.

Contributed by Chapter President, Max E. Bailey



Geographic Distribution



Fellows* by State and Country (As of December 31, 2003)

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|----------------|----|-----|---------------------------|----|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Alabama | AL | 45 | Montana | MT | 15 | Wyoming | WY | 13 | Italy | 3 |
| Alaska | AK | 13 | Nebraska | NE | 18 | Puerto Rico | PR | 6 | Jamaica | 1 |
| Arizona | AZ | 46 | Nevada | NV | 12 | Overseas Military | AE | 19 | Japan | 4 |
| Arkansas | AR | 5 | New Hampshire | NH | 10 | Overseas Military | AP | 7 | Lebanon | 1 |
| California | CA | 409 | New Jersey | NJ | 62 | United States | | 2752 | Malaysia | 2 |
| Colorado | CO | 51 | New Mexico | NM | 22 | | | | Mexico | 1 |
| Connecticut | CT | 28 | New York | NY | 190 | Argentina | | 1 | Netherlands | 17 |
| Delaware | DE | 7 | North Carolina | NC | 60 | Australia | | 60 | New Zealand | 16 |
| Florida | FL | 190 | North Dakota | ND | 11 | Austria | | 5 | Nigeria | 2 |
| Georgia | GA | 53 | Ohio | OH | 130 | Bahamas | | 1 | Norway | 3 |
| Hawaii | HI | 20 | Oklahoma | OK | 58 | Belgium | | 2 | Philippines | 1 |
| Idaho | ID | 9 | Oregon | OR | 49 | Bermuda | | 1 | Portugal | 1 |
| Illinois | IL | 111 | Pennsylvania | PA | 126 | Canada | | 134 | Singapore | 1 |
| Indiana | IN | 79 | Rhode Island | RI | 12 | China | | 12 | South Africa | 10 |
| Iowa | IA | 23 | South Carolina | SC | 18 | Denmark | | 3 | Spain | 13 |
| Kansas | KS | 26 | South Dakota | SD | 9 | France | | 4 | Sweden | 3 |
| Kentucky | KY | 14 | Tennessee | TN | 51 | Germany | | 12 | Switzerland | 24 |
| Louisiana | LA | 14 | Texas | TX | 170 | Ghana | | 1 | Thailand | 1 |
| Maine | ME | 12 | Utah | UT | 23 | Honduras | | 1 | United Kingdom | 78 |
| Maryland | MD | 54 | Vermont | VT | 6 | Hungary | | 1 | Zimbabwe | 1 |
| Massachusetts | MA | 105 | Virginia | VA | 56 | India | | 1 | Other Countries | 427 |
| Michigan | MI | 71 | Washington | WA | 73 | Iran, Islamic Republic of | | 1 | | |
| Minnesota | MN | 30 | Washington DC | DC | 4 | Ireland | | 1 | | |
| Mississippi | MS | 7 | West Virginia | WV | 12 | Israel | | 3 | GRAND TOTAL | 3179 |
| Missouri | MO | 60 | Wisconsin | WI | 28 | | | | | |

*Excludes Emeritus and Life Fellows

The American Academy of Optometry and Affiliate

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended
June 30, 2003

CONSOLIDATING

| | The American Academy of Optometry | | | Total |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | |
| Revenue, support and gains: | | | | |
| Annual meeting | \$ 1,676,206 | | | \$ 1,676,206 |
| Membership | 891,056 | | | 891,056 |
| Contributions | 11,300 | \$ 271,500 | \$ 20,000 | 302,800 |
| In-kind contributions | | | | - |
| Investment earnings | 49,149 | 11,574 | 300 | 61,023 |
| Publications | 31,950 | | | 31,950 |
| Royalties | 78,069 | | | 78,069 |
| Sections | 3,900 | | | 3,900 |
| Other revenue | 15,682 | | | 15,682 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 281,110 | (281,110) | | - |
| Total revenue, support and gains | 3,038,422 | 1,964 | 20,300 | 3,060,686 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Program expenses: | | | | |
| Annual meeting | 1,503,148 | | | 1,503,148 |
| Publications | 405,249 | | | 405,249 |
| Membership | 205,206 | | | 205,206 |
| Committees | 158,904 | | | 158,904 |
| International meeting | 4,841 | | | 4,841 |
| Sections | 18,746 | | | 18,746 |
| Scholarships, grants, awards and special funds | 92,873 | | | 92,873 |
| Contributions to other organizations | 45,744 | | | 45,744 |
| Total program expenses | 2,434,711 | | | 2,434,711 |
| Fundraising expenses: | 22,118 | | | 22,118 |
| Management and general expenses: | | | | |
| General and administrative | 172,188 | | | 172,188 |
| Executive council or governance | 35,403 | | | 35,403 |
| Total management and general expenses | 207,591 | | | 207,591 |
| Total expenses | 2,664,420 | | | 2,664,420 |
| Change in net assets | 374,002 | 1,964 | 20,300 | 396,266 |
| Net assets, July 1, 2002 | 560,251 | 411,626 | 107,000 | 1,078,877 |
| Net assets, June 30, 2003 | \$ 934,253 | \$ 413,590 | \$ 127,300 | \$ 1,475,143 |

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