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We are trying to stress clinical application of research because

we recognize that research for the sake of research has no value. Unless advances of mankind can ultimately be used for the betterment of mankind, they are nothing.

— Past President Monroe Hirsch in his 1969 interview in the Journal of the AOA



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Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice®

Dear Colleagues:

2004 was a year of renewed excitement and membership growth for the Academy, and a year in which we did what we do best—we offered outstanding education to members of the profession from all over the world.

The number of new candidates for Fellowship surpassed the past two years, and the number of new student members was more than 50% higher than in 2003. In addition, the Academy inducted 152 Fellows in 2004, far outpacing the number of new Fellows inducted the year before.

It was a year of outstanding education, as well. Although attendance was lower than we had hoped, the 2004 Global Pacific Rim meeting in April offered the full complement of Academy-quality education. In Honolulu, lectures, workshops, papers, posters, and symposia were presented in four tracks over three days. And a fabulous day of symposia at the pre-meeting in Maui. Which was better, the atmosphere or the education? Hard to tell. The rooms were filled up to the end of each day, even in paradise!

Academy 2004 Tampa was a big success as well. 3,900 came to this first Academy meeting in Tampa, focused on *Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice®: Technology's Impact on Standards of Care*. We had attendees from every state, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, and from 40 countries around the globe. The Academy offered "All CE credit, all the time," for four days. Outstanding speakers included renowned individuals from within optometry and ophthalmology, providing their insights through Special Topic courses, Grand Rounds, and the plenary session. In addition, at least three other optometric organizations chose to hold education events alongside ours, and those programs brought speakers and excitement, along with hundreds of additional attendees to our meeting. Attendees enjoyed the largest exhibit hall ever, and support from our corporate partners has never been stronger.



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The Continental European Chapter held its first European Vision Event in Oberhausen, Germany in October. Attendance reached above 600, and at that meeting, two new Fellows were inducted into the Academy.

We are well on our way planning for Academy 2005 San Diego. As we look forward to returning to that beautiful city that welcomed us three years ago, we want to thank all of the volunteers who have worked so very hard on behalf of the Academy over the last two years. We would not be *The Academy* without the volunteers—those who spend so many hours in service to their organization and their profession. They plan all of the education for the meetings, administer the admittance process, and design and administer the diplomate exams. They answer questions from the public and the press. When you read on in this annual report, and you see their names, know that they ARE the Academy. They make it all possible.




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Academy 2004 Tampa: Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice®: Technology's Impact on Standards of Care



The sunny spirits of attendees at Academy 2004 Tampa, held December 9–12, 2004, pervaded the halls of the Tampa Convention Center. The theme of the meeting, *Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice®: Technology's Impact on Standards of Care*, pointed the bright light at the outstanding research contributions made by optometrists and vision scientists—advances that will increase our understanding and inspire us to consider how they will transform the nature of the practice of optometry.

The plenary session highlighted important changes that research and technologies have already brought to health care delivery and, most essentially, promise to bring in the future. The opening presentation by David Valle, MD, Director, Predoctoral Training Program in Human Genetics and Director, Center for Inherited Disease Research, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, shed light on the impact and spectacular successes of the human genomic project and genetic medicine, based on his research with clinical, biochemical, molecular and therapeutic aspects of human genetic diseases. Dean Bok, PhD, Professor of Neurobiology and Green Professor of Ophthalmology, Jules Stein Eye Institute, spoke about how technology and eye research provide an exciting horizon for the treatment of eye disease. Attendees learned how discoveries in genomic research are impacting disease prevention and treatment in general, and specifically in eye disease. Charles M. Wormington, OD, PhD, FAAO, of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, focused his lecture on the implications of these advances in the direct delivery of primary eye and vision care and implications for optometric education in the next 10 years.

3,900 attendees had the opportunity to attend over 200 hours planned by the Lectures and Workshops Committee. Included in this illustrious line-up were Special Topics courses that pulled together the top lecturers in their fields. Several lectures included international glaucoma experts who had come to Tampa to participate in the Optometric Glaucoma Society's day of education, which preceded the Academy meeting. Titles of these lectures varied from *A Day with a Glaucoma Consultant* to *Understanding Outflow in Glaucoma* and *The Optic Nerve Head in Glaucoma*. In addition, the Special Topics course presented updated information on retinal disease,

and was followed by another that provided an overview of the instruments used to image the retina and macula. Additionally, attendees were able to learn about current modes of surgical treatment and the future of refractive surgery. The Grand Rounds program, presented for a second year, allowed leading educators and speakers in their fields of expertise to present three cases per hour. The halls of the convention center were packed as attendees streamed from room to packed room.



The Academy sections were hard at work this year planning exciting and informative symposia on the topics of their area of focus. The Vision Science Section in coordination with the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses presented the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)/AAO Joint Symposium on *Aberrometry, Refractive Surgery and Adaptive Optics: Current Thinking and Future Possibilities* with presentations from those who are working at the forefront of these technologies. Other symposia included the Low Vision Section's symposium highlighting the Department of Veterans Affairs' contributions to low vision research, and the Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section's thematic *Impact of Technology on Delivery of Eye Care and Services*. The Low Vision Section also presented a second symposium, in collaboration with the American Optometric Association's (AOA's) Low Vision Rehabilitation Section, on *Low Vision Rehabilitation and Optometric Education: Curriculum Concept Exchange*. The Primary Care Section reprised the popular four-hour rapid-fire overview of today's research and its impact on tomorrow's primary care practice. The two most popular, standing-room only symposia belonged to the Binocular Vision, Perception, and Pediatric Optometry Section: *New Advances in Acquired Brain Injury*, and *Why Mandatory Eye Examinations for Children?* presented with the Public Health Section.

This year's Monroe J. Hirsch Memorial Research Symposium, *The Genetics of Ocular Disease*, provided a forum for the general themes brought up in the plenary session. The illustrious presenters discussed the current understanding of ocular genetics, the genetics of cataract formation, the most current modalities for genetic therapy in eye disease, gene expression and therapy in glaucoma, and their impact of the genetics of ocular disease on the profession of optometry. At the conclusion of the symposium, Student Travel Fellowships were presented to the best and brightest of our optometric students. (See page seven for further details.)

Visitors to the exhibit hall at Academy 2004 Tampa shared aisles with palm trees, flamingoes, and beach balls. New this year, a Punctal Plug Evaluation Work Station offered doctors a chance to compare numerous products side-by-side in a



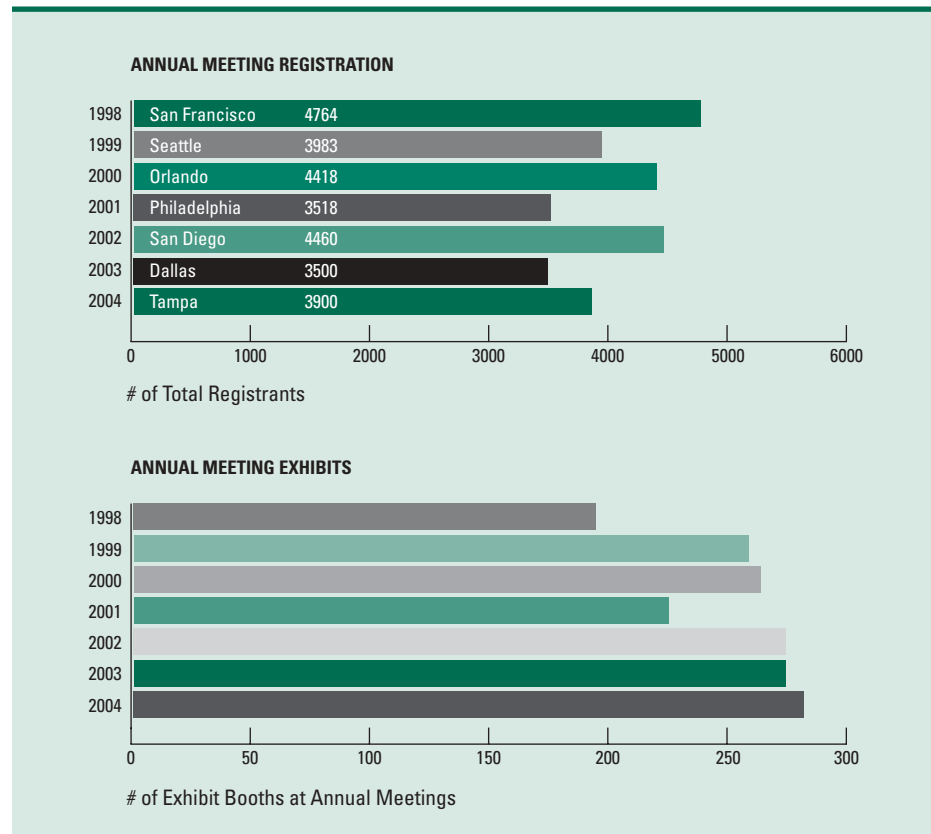


“product neutral” environment. In all there were 155 exhibitors presenting their products and technologies to eager listeners! (See page 10 for further details.)

The Annual Awards Ceremony was jam-packed with those wishing to congratulate the Academy’s chosen awardees and hear lectures by two of the leading glaucoma researchers. The Charles F. Prentice Medal recipient, Robert Weinreb, MD, presented *Changing the Paradigm for Diagnosing Glaucoma*, while the AOF’s Glenn A. Fry Lecture awardee, John G. Flanagan, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO, spoke about *My Life Under Pressure and Other Facets of Glaucoma*.

The Academy inducted 144 new Fellows at the annual President’s Roundtable Banquet before enjoying an hilarious hypnosis session where several audience participants showed us the power of the suggestive mind.

The Academy expresses its gratitude to all of the volunteers who selflessly dedicate themselves to the day-to-day work of the Academy life, especially to all who worked to make this excellent annual meeting a reality!





Student Travel Fellowship Recipients

Over 400 students attended the Academy 2004 Tampa 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.

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Hawaii

Michael Leong
Geoffrey E. Reynolds

Illinois

W. Zack Bartels
Robert Chelberg
Anita Palmer-Hall
Jeffrey G. Robins
Brandy Vaughn

Indiana

Sangly P. Srinivas

Iowa

Christine W. Sindt

Kansas

Stephen L. Nichols
Larry D. Stoppel

Kentucky

Cliff M. Caudill

Louisiana

Steve Gill

Maryland

Ivan Leung
Barbara Pittaras
Lisa Stottlemeyer
Ronald C. VanRoekel

Massachusetts

Melissa A. Suckow

Michigan

Gilbert Blanks
Dina M. Kakish
Renee Mika
James R. Miller
Rob Pairolero
Jeffrey R. Varanelli
Philip E. Walling

Minnesota

Jill A. Kirkeide Hadler
J. Max Kostecki

Missouri

Oscar H. Corredor
Thomas E. Stickel
Christine C. Tran
Richard C. Wilson

Nevada

Vorapas Thunyalukul
Suzanne Tran

New Hampshire

Dorothy Hitchmoth

New Jersey

Idil A. Bilgin
Victoria Bulbin
Norman P. Einhorn
William Marcolini
Rajeev K. Raghu

New Mexico

Brian Bucca
John F. Mileski

New York

Evan Canellos
Leslie Hyman
Melissa Lee
Tam P. Ngo
Daniella Rutner
Christy Sell
Tara C. Vaz
Harry J. Wyatt



North Carolina

N. Elaine Osborne

Ohio

David A. Berntsen

Brett Irvin

Ann L. Laurenzi

Brian Montgomery

Daniele P. Saltarelli

Jeffery M. Schafer

Vishakha Thakrar

Oklahoma

Michael Tomlin

Oregon

Leland W. Carr

Ellen J. Lee

Jeffrey S. Pelson

Pennsylvania

Mira S. Aumiller

Michael Cymbor

Victoria L. Dzurinko

Purvika J. Sheth

South Carolina

Richard G. Gardner

Leann L. Geerts

Tennessee

Nicholas V. Motto

Erin Nosel

Texas

Veronica J. Barber

Michael Brice

Christina Chang

John Coble

Kara Hanson

Terry J. Lantz

Brett D. Ringger

Sri Thota

Virginia

Thomas N. Damiani

Donovan G. Green

Haby I. Ramirez

Gregory M. Schultz

West Virginia

Brett E. Zwolensky

Wisconsin

Nathan L. Catterson

Todd M. Zarwell

Overseas Military AE

Jeffrey J. Autrey

Eric H. Barnes

Robert E. Franks Jr.

Laureen Kirkness

Scott Melling

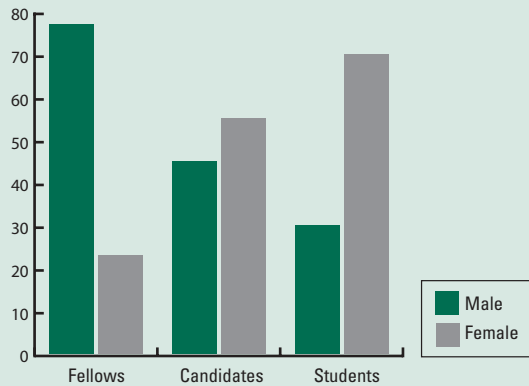
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Overseas Military APO

Anthony Jarecke

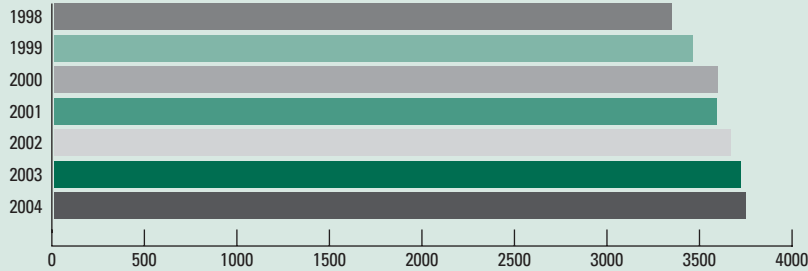
Michael L. Sunman

MEMBERSHIP DATA



The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. In 1996, 11 percent of the Fellows were female; now women represent 23 percent.

FELLOWSHIP GROWTH



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

New Diplomates (December 2004)

Binocular Vision, Perception, and Pediatric Optometry

Clinical

Christine L. Allison
Catherine L. Heyman

Cornea & Contact Lenses

Clinical

Marjorie J. Rah
Ronald K. Watanabe

Research

Kathryn A. Dumbleton
Gina Sorbara

Low Vision

Clinical

Melissa W. Chun

Primary Care

Clinical

Michael W. Ohlson

Public Health and Environmental Optometry

Clinical

Sandra S. Block
Lisa A. Jones
Frederick E. Soto, Jr.

2004 Award Winners

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY'S AWARDS

The Charles F. Prentice Medal

Robert Weinreb, MD

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award

Brad Fortune, OD, PhD, FAAO

American Academy of Optometry—Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry

Brien Holden, PhD, DSc, OAM, FAAO

William Feinbloom Award

Anthony Cullen, MSc, OD, PhD, DSc, FCOptom, FAAO, DipCLP

Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal

John Whitener, OD, MPH, FAAO

Neumueller Award

Mark Kahrhoff

Eminent Service Award

Anthony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO
Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
Feike Grit, BSc (Hons), DSc, PCOptom, FAAO

Life Fellowship Award

Lester Caplan, OD, MEd, FAAO
Richard Hill, OD, PhD, DSc, FAAO

Garland W. Clay Award

Gunilla Haegerström-Portnoy, OD, PhD, FAAO
Marilyn Schneck, PhD
John Brabyn, PhD
Seeing into old age: vision function beyond acuity. Optom Vis Sci 1999;76:141-58.

SECTION ON CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES AWARDS

Schapero Memorial Award

Deborah F. Sweeney, PhD, FAAO

Founders' Award

Stanley J. Yamane, OD, FAAO

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION (AOF) AWARDS

Glenn A. Fry Lecture

John G. Flanagan, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO

The Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education

Lawrence G. Gray, OD, FAAO (awarded posthumously)

Brien Holden receives the first American Academy of Optometry—Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry.



Academy Education in Paradise: Academy '04 Global-Pacific Rim Meeting



Academy '04 Global-Pacific Rim

HONOLULU, HAWAII
APRIL 2-4, 2004

Nearly 500 participants attended the pre-meeting at the Westin Maui March 31st and the Academy '04 Global-Pacific Rim meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center April 2-4, 2004. Beautiful weather and landscape were the frames for excellent

education and fellowship, with a mix of attendees that included long-time Academy leaders and those new to the Academy.

The pre-meeting in Maui consisted of five symposia on varied topics, including: continuous vision alternatives for the myopic patient, aspects of working with the patient with neurologic disease and the latest in retinal disease. Lunch allowed participants time to discuss what they had learned in the morning sessions, along with other recent research and trends in the industry.

Academy Board of Directors President Tom Lewis and members Karla Zadnik, Sarita Soni and Thom Freddo presented the opening session. Their talks focused on glaucoma, contact lenses and myopia.



An intimate, friendly meeting, registrants packed the four concurrent session rooms and the Exhibit Hall. Exhibitors provided lunch so delicious and information so compelling that the participants lingered in the hall.

The lectures and workshops selected by the Education Committee were extremely well attended. The Lion's Eye Bank at the Queen's Hospital generously lent their slit lamp equipment (and office!) for the Gonioscopy Workshop.

A highlight of the meeting was the Sunday evening luau banquet that featured the food, songs and dances of the islands.

It was also during the banquet that Academy President Tom Lewis presented Stanley Yamane with a special gift of appreciation to mark his retirement as Vice President of Professional Affairs at VISTAKON®. Dr. Lewis praised Dr. Yamane for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Academy, the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses and the American Optometric Foundation (AOF). The showing of support, including the attendance of his longtime friends and colleagues, visibly touched Dr. Yamane. Following the presentation, Dr. Yamane was invited to dance on stage with the hula dancers—a great send-off to begin his retirement!





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.

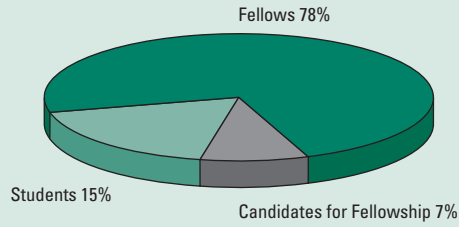
The Academy has three categories of membership: Fellow, candidate for Fellowship and student.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	TOTAL (as of December 31, 2004)
Fellows and Fellow Emeritus ¹	3749
• Reside in the United States ² : 3254	
• Reside in 42 other countries: 495	
Candidates	332
Students	774
Total	4855

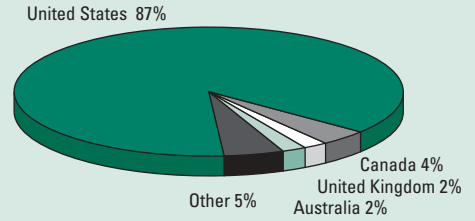
¹ Fellow Emeritus status may be granted to any Fellow who has been a Fellow for at least 30 years and is over the age of 65, upon approval of the Board of Directors

² Represents less than 10 percent of the practicing optometrists in the U.S.

MEMBER CATEGORIES

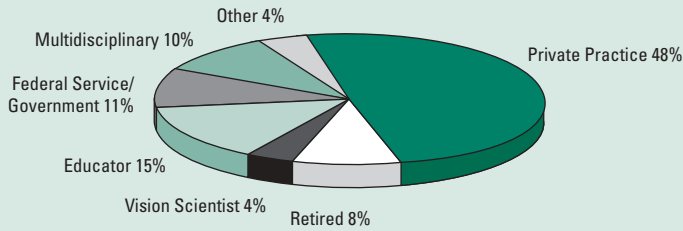


FELLOWSHIP GROWTH

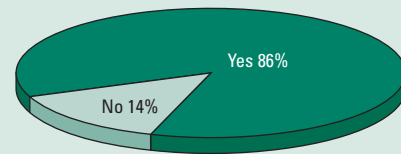


Fellows meet rigorous written requirements before taking and passing an oral examination to be a "Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)." Fellows are private practice optometrists, scientists and educators in vision science.

FELLOWS PROFESSIONAL SETTING



FELLOWS WHO SEE PATIENTS



152 new Fellows were inducted in 2004. The Class of 2004 included representatives from 12 countries and 35 states.

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

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, fewer 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

Diplomates

Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry (42)

Clinical

Christine Allison
Carmen Barnhardt
Eric Borsting
Andrew Buzzelli
Garth Christenson
Allen Cohen
David Cook
Susan Cotter
Rachel Coulter
Mitchell Davis
Graham Erickson
David FitzGerald
Kelly Frantz
Regina Garriott
Edward Goodlaw
J. David Grisham
Stanley Hatch
Catherine Heyman
Richard Kavner
Richard London
Gary Meier
Leonard Press
Frank Puckett
Jack Richman
Michael Rouse
Julie Ryan
J. James Saladin
Janice Scharre
Mitchell Scheiman
James Sheedy
Arnold Sherman
Bruce Wick

Research

Mark Rosenfield

Emeritus

Israel Greenwald
John Griffin
Leon Hoffman
Louis Hoffman
Benjamin Lane
Joseph Robins
Harold A. Solan
Selwyn Super

Honorary

Merton Flom

Cornea and Contact Lenses (168)

Clinical

Dwight Akerman
Bruce Anderson
Lisa Badowski
Robert Barabas
Lisa Barnhart Fox
Joseph Barr
Frederick Baublitz
Edward Bennett
Douglas Benoit
Peter Bergenske
Jan Bergmanson
Irvin Borish
James Boucher
Richard Brannen
Dennis Burger
Urs Businger
Barbara Caffery
Wayne Cannon
Patrick Caroline
Carmen Castellano
Bobby Christensen
Robert Crowe
Shelley Cutler
Robert Davis
Larry Davis
William Dellande
Sally Dillehay
Joseph Donatelle
Jeffrey Dougal
Richard Ebling
Charles Edmonds
Timothy Edrington
Nathan Efron
Arnold Eger
Joan Exford
Barry Farkas
Nieves Fernandez
Mitchell Fink
Victor Finnemore
Desmond Fonn
Louis Frank
Lawrence Fromm
Gerald Furnari
Brian Garnett
N. Rex Ghormley
Edward Goodlaw
Steven Grant
David Hansen
Stephen Harney
Michael Harris
Jon Hayashida

Robert Heacock
Vinita Henry
John Herman
Joel Hirsch
Milton Hom
Ronald Hopping
Lyndon Jones
Janice Jurkus
Dennis Karambelas
Patricia Keech
Lawrence Kline
Robert Koetting
Donald Korb
Jeffrey Krohn
Dennis Kuwabara
James Lanier
Russell Laverty
Richard Lindsay
Gerald Lowther
Harue Marsden
Keith Masnick
Michael McClay
Timothy McMahon
Charles McMonnies
Langis Michaud
Dena Mintz
Kurt Moody
Michael Newman
Clarke Newman
Joseph Nupuf
Jerry Paugh
Daniel Penick
Francisco Pimentel
Howard Purcell
Thomas Quinn
Marjorie Rah
Patrick Reardon
Susan Resnick
Lee Rigel
Charles M. Roberts
Charles R. Roberts
Madeline Romeu
David Rosenbloom
Terry Scheid
Roy Schlabach
Cristina Schnider
Louise Sclafani
Clifford Scott
Glenda Secor
David Seibel
Jacques Sevigny
Joseph Shovlin
Joel Silbert
Arnold Skolnik

Gerald Smith
Jennifer Smythe
Chris Snyder
P. Sarita Soni
Michael Spinell
Donald Springer
Terry Steckman
John Sterling
Charles Stewart
MaryJo Stiegemeier
Loretta Szczotka-Flynn
Irving Tanzman
Evan Thomas
Heidi Wagner
Ronald Watanabe
Richard Weisbarth
Barry Weissman
William Wills
James Winnick
Joe Yager
Stanley Yamane
Karen Yeung
Karla Zadnik

Research

Michael Doughty
Kathryn Dumbleton
Barbara Fink
Brien Holden
Luigina Sorbara

Emeritus

Hal Adelman
Neal Bailey
William Bauscher
Charles Bayshore
Norman Bier
Robert Bowen
Victor Chiquiar Arias
I. William Collins
Bert Corwin
Paul Farkas
David Friedman
Joe Goldberg
Morton Greenspoon
Donald Hersh
Jack Hill
Richard Hill
Harry Kaplan
Theodore Kassalow
Mordicai Katzin
Shahane Kirman
Elwood Kolb
William Lee
David Levenson

Jonas Loring
 Robert Mandell
 Albert Paul
 Marshall Petersen
 Charles Seger
 Jack Solomon
 Akira Tajiri
 Bernard Vodnoy
 Erwin Voss
 Sheldon Wechsler
 Robert Wolter

Honorary
 Lester Janoff

Low Vision (57)

Clinical
 Sarah Appel
 Ian Bailey
 Carol Barron
 Pauline Beale
 Richard Brilliant
 William Brown
 Melissa Chun
 Jay Cohen
 Roy Cole
 Roger Cummings
 Dawn DeCarlo
 Paulette Demers-Turco
 Kia Eldred
 Roanne Flom
 Louis Frank
 Kathleen Freeman

Paul Freeman
 Gerald Friedman
 Marilyn Gilbreath
 Edward Goodlaw
 Susan Gormezano
 Robert Greer
 Wayne Hoeft
 Alan Johnston
 Randall Jose
 Allan Kaye
 Curtis Keswick
 Mark Kirstein
 Lawrence Kline
 David Lewerenz
 Bennett McAllister
 John Musick
 Lynne Noon
 William O'Connell
 Alfred Rosenbloom
 Bruce Rosenthal
 Richard Shuldiner
 Dennis Siemsen
 Patricia Steiner
 Derrald Taylor
 Douglas Williams
 George Woo
 Stanley Woo

Research
 Aries Arditi
 Gregory Goodrich
 Kent Higgins
 David Loshin
 Jan Lovie-Kitchin

Emeritus
 Frank DiChiara
 Allan Freid
 Jack Fugate
 Howard Lewis
 Julian Newman
 Robert Perlin
 Abraham Pogoda
 Norman Weiss
 Robert Wolter

Primary Care (9)

Clinical
 Leonard Achiron
 Harold Bohlman
 Ernest Bowling
 Tara Brown
 Andrew Gurwood
 Peggy Hart
 Michael Ohlson
 C.Ellis Potter
 Michael Radoiu

Public Health and Environmental Optometry (26)

Clinical
 R. Norman Bailey
 Sandra Block
 Clifford Brown
 Gregory Good
 Alden Haffner
 Lawrence Harrington

Stanley Hatch
 Debbie Hettler
 Elizabeth Hoppe
 Lisa Jones
 Robert Kleinstein
 Edwin Marshall
 W.Howard McAlister
 Michael Mittelman
 William Monaco
 Robert Newcomb
 Jason Nichols
 Kelly Nichols
 Donald Pitts
 Melvin Shipp
 Frederick Soto
 Satya Verma
 JeffreyL. Weaver
 Timothy Wingert

Emeritus
 Lester Caplan
 Morton Silverman

Vision Science (3)

Clinical
 Daphne McCulloch
 Gary Trick
 Carol Westall



Chapters

The Academy has 25 chapters, including five 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.

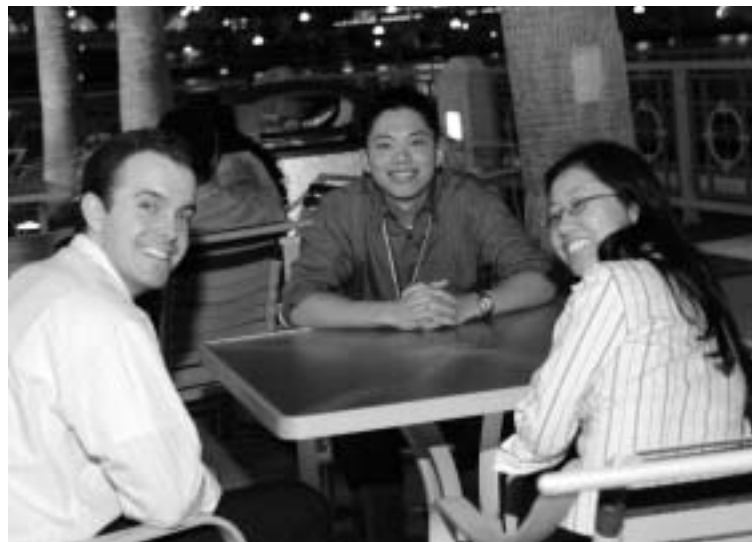
Geographic

- European (Continental)
- Great Britain
- Quebec (Canada)
- United States: California, Florida, Hawaii, Heart of America, Illinois, Indiana, New England, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, 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)
- University of California Berkeley School of Optometry (UCSBO)

Highlights of activities conducted by two of the chapters during 2004:



European (Continental) Chapter

Over 600 participants from all over the world attended the First European Vision Event, which was held October 2–4, 2004, in Oberhausen, Germany. Among the meeting's highlights were the following presentations:

- *Ortho-K vs LASIK vs Extended Wear* by Brien E. Holden, PhD, DSc, OAM, FAAO
- *The Interactive Interior Eyesegment Quiz* by Wolfgang Sickenberger, MS, Dipl-Ing (FH) AO, and Hans-Juergen Grein, Prof Dr med Dipl-Ing (FH)
- *Risk Factors for Glaucoma* by Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD, FAAO

The next European Vision Event is scheduled to be organized in 2006. Amsterdam is the planned location for that future meeting.

Contributed by Chapter President, Wolfgang Cagnolati, MS, MCOptom, FAAO

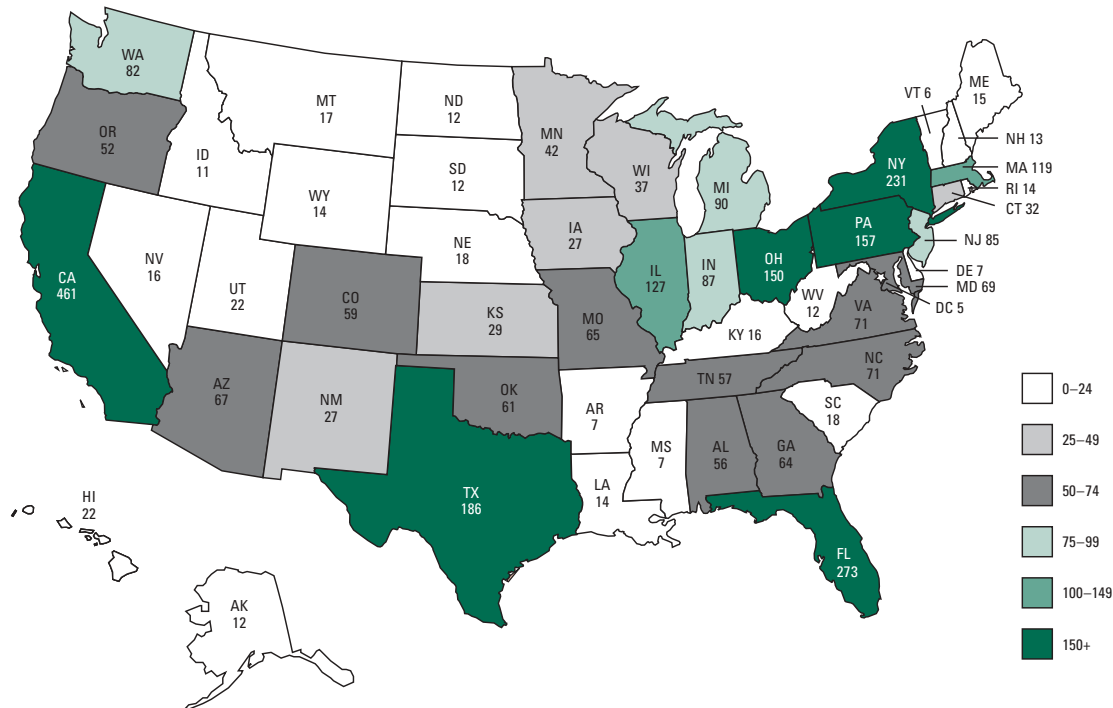
Florida

The Florida Chapter held its 38th Annual Educational Meeting on May 7–8, 2004. There were 55 optometrists in attendance to hear lectures by Rod Nowakowski, OD, PhD, FAAO; Tammy Than, OD, FAAO; Ray Pierie, OD, FAAO; and Joe Yager, OD, FAAO. The meeting was held at Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. Four corporate sponsors took part in the program: Advanced Medical Optics (AMO), CIBA Vision Corporation®, Essilor and X-cel Contacts.

The chapter provided two \$500 travel grants for students to attend the Academy 2004 Tampa meeting. The group also hosted a cocktail reception for incoming Academy President, Joe Yager.

Contributed by Chapter President, Arthur T. Young, OD, FAAO

Geographic Distribution



Active Fellows* by State and Country (As of December 31, 2004)

Alabama	AL	56	Montana	MT	17	Overseas Military	AP	8	Lebanon	1
Alaska	AK	12	Nebraska	NE	18	United States		3254	Malaysia	2
Arizona	AZ	67	Nevada	NV	16	Argentina		1	Mexico	1
Arkansas	AR	7	New Hampshire	NH	13	Australia		65	Netherlands	16
California	CA	461	New Jersey	NJ	85	Austria		4	New Zealand	16
Colorado	CO	59	New Mexico	NM	27	Bahamas		1	Nigeria	5
Connecticut	CT	32	New York	NY	231	Belgium		1	Norway	3
Delaware	DE	7	North Carolina	NC	71	Bermuda		1	Philippines	2
District of Columbia	DC	5	North Dakota	ND	12	Canada		160	Portugal	1
Florida	FL	273	Ohio	OH	150	China		14	Puerto Rico	7
Georgia	GA	64	Oklahoma	OK	61	Denmark		5	Russian Federation	1
Hawaii	HI	22	Oregon	OR	52	France		3	Saudi Arabia	1
Idaho	ID	11	Pennsylvania	PA	157	Germany		11	Singapore	1
Illinois	IL	127	Rhode Island	RI	14	Ghana		1	South Africa	11
Indiana	IN	87	South Carolina	SC	18	Honduras		1	Spain	17
Iowa	IA	27	South Dakota	SD	12	Hungary		1	Sweden	4
Kansas	KS	29	Tennessee	TN	57	India		3	Switzerland	25
Kentucky	KY	16	Texas	TX	186	Iran, Islamic Republic of		1	Thailand	1
Louisiana	LA	14	Utah	UT	22	Ireland		3	United Arab Emirates	1
Maine	ME	15	Vermont	VT	6	Israel		4	United Kingdom	89
Maryland	MD	69	Virginia	VA	71	Italy		4	Other Countries	495
Massachusetts	MA	119	Washington	WA	82	Jamaica		1	GRAND TOTAL	3749
Michigan	MI	90	West Virginia	WV	12	Japan		4		
Minnesota	MN	42	Wisconsin	WI	37					
Mississippi	MS	7	Wyoming	WY	14					
Missouri	MO	65	Overseas Military	AE	22					

*Includes Emeritus and Life Fellows

The American Optometric Foundation— the perfect fit with the Academy

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy's philanthropic arm. The AOF exists to support the advancement of optometric research. It is this aspect which makes the AOF a perfect fit for the Academy. Fostering research is a key element in the Academy's goal of enhancing optometric practice. While the Annual Meeting provides a forum for presentation of research, and *Optometry and Vision Science* provides an archival record, it is the AOF that directly supports research and researchers. Through its scholarship and awards programs, the AOF provides critical funding to students pursuing their optometry degrees and beyond.

William C. Ezell Fellows

In 1947, inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, William C. Ezell founded the American Optometric Foundation. As a means to fulfill his vision, AOF established the William C. Ezell Fellowship, which to this day continues to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science.

Over the past half-century, AOF and the Ezell Fellowship program have helped make optometric education what it is today by sponsoring a total of seven Ezell Fellowships. AOF salutes its 2004–2005 Ezell Fellows:

American Academy of Optometry's Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses-Ezell Fellow

Loretta B. Szczotka-Flynn, OD, MS, FAAO

Case Western Reserve University

Department of Ophthalmology

Research Focus: Use of epidemiology and biostatistics to gain greater knowledge of inflammatory corneal disease associated with contact lens wear.

Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellow

Kit Guan, OD, BSc

University of Toronto

Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science

Research Focus: Investigation of longitudinal change of retinal blood flow, short wavelength visual field sensitivity, and objective retinal imaging in diabetic patients with early and sight-threatening retinopathy.

AOF 2004–2005 Ezell Fellows
(from left): Loretta B. Szczotka-
Flynn, Robert Wojciechowski,
Kit Guan, Michael D. Twa,
Sandra S. Block, Srihari
Narayanan and Sanjeev
Kasthurirangan



CIBA Vision – Ezell Fellow

Robert Wojciechowski, OD, MSc

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Research Focus: The complex interactions between genetic and environmental influences on refractive error and ocular component development.

Essilor – Ezell Fellow

Sanjeev Kasthurirangan, BS

University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: Use of dynamics of the accommodative system as a tool to understand basic aspects and age-related changes in the accommodative system.

Ocular Sciences-Ezell Fellow

Michael D. Twa, OD, FAAO

The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Research Focus: The application of data mining methods from computer sciences to the problem of feature extraction and pattern recognition in medical imaging. Second research is the study of biomechanical properties of the cornea.

VISTAKON®-Ezell Fellows

Sandra S. Block, OD, FAAO

Illinois College of Optometry

Research Focus: Investigation of the visual performance of Fragile X adults pre- and post-pharmacological treatment for attention deficit disorders.

Srihari Narayanan, BOptom, MS

University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: The role of inflammation in the pathogenesis of dry eye disease.

2004 Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award

Purpose: To recognize a distinguished scientist or clinician for her or his current research contributions. The recipient is invited to present a special paper at the American Academy of Optometry's Annual Meeting.

John G. Flanagan, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO

University of Toronto School of Medicine

University of Waterloo School of Optometry

2004-2005 VISTAKON® Research Grants

Purpose: To support basic or clinical research in the area of soft disposable contact lenses.

\$25,000 Grant Winner:

Jason J. Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO

The Ohio State University College of Optometry

The Interaction between Hydrogel Surface Lipid Binding and In-Vivo Lens Wettability

\$10,000 Grant Winner:

Jason Marsack, MS

University of Houston College of Optometry

Correction of Keratoconus Aberration with a Disposable Soft Contact Lens

2004 Antoinette Molinari Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: A rotating, regional scholarship designed to assist an exceptional student who has extraordinary financial needs and, as such, would have difficulty meeting the financial requirements of attending optometry school. The student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average at the time of application.

Jennifer Lynn Stewart

The New England College of Optometry

2004 Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education

Purpose: To recognize an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.

Lawrence G. Gray, OD, FAAO (awarded posthumously)

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry and Affiliate

CONSOLIDATING

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended
June 30, 2004

	The American Academy of Optometry			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue, support and gains:				
Annual meeting	\$ 1,429,188			\$ 1,429,188
International Meeting	222,093			222,093
Membership	894,277			894,277
Contributions	17,400	\$ 373,060	\$ 75,000	465,460
In-kind contributions				-
Investment earnings	107,516	23,875	610	132,001
Publications	33,720			33,720
Royalties	81,288			81,288
Sections	3,965			3,965
Other revenue	4,736			4,736
Net assets released from restrictions	314,076	(314,076)		-
Total revenue, support and gains	3,108,259	82,529	75,610	3,266,728
Expenses:				
Program expenses:				
Annual meeting	1,514,666			1,514,666
Publications	355,959			355,959
Membership	249,111			249,111
Committees	115,664			115,664
International meeting	549,342			549,342
Sections	19,125			19,125
Scholarships, grants, awards and special funds	135,630			135,630
Contributions to other organizations	28,435			28,435
Total program expenses	2,967,932			2,967,932
Fundraising expenses:				
Management and general expenses:				
General and administrative	154,467			154,467
Executive council or governance	28,532			28,532
Total management and general expenses	182,999			182,999
Total expenses	3,150,931			3,150,931
Change in net assets	(42,672)	82,859	75,610	115,797
Net assets, July 1, 2003	934,253	413,590	127,300	1,475,143
Net assets, June 30, 2004	\$ 891,581	\$ 496,449	\$ 202,910	\$ 1,590,940

INFORMATION

CONSOLIDATED TOTALS

American Optometric Foundation, Inc.								
Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Eliminations	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
					\$ 1,429,188			\$ 1,429,188
					222,093			222,093
					894,277			894,277
\$ 116,265	\$ 202,720		\$ 318,985	\$ (14,765)	118,900	\$ 575,780	\$ 75,000	769,680
8,785			8,785	(8,785)	-			-
19,913	22,556	\$ 618	43,087		127,429	46,431	1,228	175,088
					33,720			33,720
					81,288			81,288
					3,965			4,736
					4,736			15,682
211,042	(211,042)		-		525,118	(525,118)		-
356,005	14,234	618	370,857	(23,550)	3,440,714	97,093	76,228	3,614,035
				(9,825)	1,504,841			1,504,841
					355,959			355,959
					249,111			249,111
					115,664			115,664
				(4,940)	544,402			544,402
					19,125			19,125
222,222			222,222		357,852			357,852
				(8,785)	19,650			19,650
222,222			222,222	(23,550)	3,166,604			3,166,604
75,268			75,268		75,268			75,268
29,706			29,706		184,173			184,173
					28,532			28,532
29,706			29,706	-	212,705			212,705
327,196			327,196	(23,550)	3,454,577			3,454,577
28,809	14,234	618	43,661	-	(13,863)	97,093	76,228	159,458
389,465	625,196	178,600	1,193,261	-	1,323,718	1,038,786	305,900	2,668,404
\$ 418,274	\$ 639,430	\$ 179,218	\$ 1,236,922	\$ -	\$ 1,309,855	\$ 1,135,879	\$ 382,128	\$ 2,827,862

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