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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to report that 2012 was another great year for the Academy! We have experienced a steadily growing membership, impressive annual meeting attendance, and a record number of manuscript submissions to *Optometry and Vision Science*.

The Academy started 2012 with an enormous endeavor—moving our offices from Rockville, Maryland to Orlando, Florida—while maintaining customer service and planning Academy 2012 Phoenix! The Academy purchased a 5,400 square foot office building and quickly affixed the Academy's logo on the front for all to see. Seven highly skilled new staff members joined the Academy team just prior to the move.

Academy 2012 Phoenix was an immense success! With 5,155 in attendance, including 936 students/residents, this was the third largest meeting in Academy history. Attendees had nearly 300 hours of continuing education, 450 Scientific Program presentations to choose from and many exciting social events to attend. Doctors earned more than 30,000 hours of continuing education. Attendees explored 270 booths in the buzzing exhibit hall.

We admitted 204 new Fellows at the Annual Banquet and I took great enjoyment in personally welcoming each of them as they posed for a picture on the stage. In addition, nine individuals were awarded Diplomate status by the Academy’s Sections. We received approximately 150 new candidate applications at the Annual Meeting. The Student Fellowship program, now in its second year, admitted a total of 197 new Student Fellows in 2012.

The American Optometric Foundation distributed $300,000 in scholarships, grants, and awards this year, received $177,000 in donations and new commitments at the meeting, awarded 13 coveted Ezell fellowships, and welcomed 14 new Presidents Circle members.

*Optometry and Vision Science* (OVS) had a banner year with a 15% increase in manuscript submissions and a 29% increase in citations over 2011. OVS also recently became available for the iPad, allowing subscribers to access the journal’s clinical research on the go. In 2013, keep an eye out for the newly designed OVS cover.

We convey our sincerest thank you to the remarkable Academy volunteers who developed different aspects of the meeting program and to our hard-working staff who work year round to make sure everything runs according to plan. We appreciate you for making our Academy a success!

This Annual Report highlights the Academy’s work and accomplishments in 2012. We look forward to sharing our continued success in 2013!

See you in Seattle!
The Arizona desert may often appear arid and desolate, but the activity surrounding the Phoenix Convention Center on October 24-27, 2012 was no mirage! The Academy’s 91st annual meeting attracted 5,155 attendees for four days of top-notch continuing education, networking and camaraderie, and clinically relevant research.

Academy 2012 Phoenix was the Academy’s third largest meeting to date. In its second year, the Student Fellowship program inducted 197 new Student Fellows during the meeting, allowing them to experience even more of the quality and excitement of the Academy’s annual meeting. In addition, 92 students excitedly participated in the 2012 Academy Scavenger Hunt in the Exhibit Hall, where competing teams representing 13 different optometry schools sought out Academy information and clinical pearls.

During this year’s Plenary Session on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Drs. Ricki Robinson and David Amaral emphasized that optometrists can not only treat children diagnosed with ASD, but that they are an integral part of the multidisciplinary care for children with this condition. Dr. Robinson highlighted that poor visual-spatial processing is one of the many characteristics of ASD, so treatment such as visual-spatial integration training can help improve the life skills of children living with ASD.

The annual awards ceremony drew a large crowd as distinguished vision scientists were recognized for their cutting-edge work in the field. Before the ceremony commenced, Dr. Paul Sieving, Director of the National Eye Institute (NEI), announced the NEI’s new opportunity for optometrists and vision scientists, “The Challenge to Identify Audacious Goals in Vision Research and Blindness Rehabilitation.” The Charles F. Prentice Medal recipient, Dr. Larry Thibos, lectured on the modern efforts to define and measure the refractive state of aberrated eyes, and how lenses and refractive surgery outcomes have led to new insights about the nature of refractive error. The American Optometric Foundation’s Glenn A. Fry Award recipient, Dr. Susana T.L. Chung, shared her research that demonstrates how eye-movement behavior and certain spatial properties adapt to central vision loss, as evidence of plasticity of the visual system following central vision loss late in life.

The annual President’s Banquet concluded the Annual Meeting as 204 new Fellows and 9 new Diplomates were recognized as they took the journey across the stage. Master of Ceremonies Dr. Donald Mutti kept the evening humorous and lively as the sun set on the desert horizon and Academy 2012 Phoenix came to a close.

### Lectures and Workshops

The Lectures and Workshops Committee worked diligently over the past year to provide the very best education program in optometry with over 200 courses offered. Additionally, there were areas the committee worked on to improve the overall attendee experience and reduce the amount of manual labor need to complete tasks.

In addition to the usual latest information available for the practitioners, researchers, and educators, there were significant logistical activities that were incorporated utilizing available technology. A new course evaluation system was implemented this year. At the Phoenix meeting, course evaluations were collected and tabulated electronically by means of smart phone/tablet technology. The result was a higher compliance of submitting evaluations and greater efficiency of the collection of much needed information on course ratings. Over 210 courses and 27,000 evaluations were processed.

Also, thanks to the Southern California College of Optometry Continuing Education Department, CEE Credit was provided online. This eliminated the need for any paper examinations to be distributed on site and also increased compliance with State Board requirements.

I want to personally thank the Lectures and Workshops Committee for their invaluable help. Going forward, the Lectures and Workshops Committee will be chaired by the very capable Gay Tokumaru. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Academy these past years.
CONGRATULATIONS to the Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) Class of 2012!

“The process of becoming a Fellow was truly rewarding... I only wish I had done it sooner.”

— Christian J. Thompson, OD, FAAO
TULATIONS
Academy of Optometry (FAAO) Class of 2012!

Tennessee
Jeremy W. Anderson
Kelley Dasinger
Michael Craig Dasinger
Janette D. Dumas
Elissa Bunick Fleming
Lauren G. Goldsmith
Frankie F. Goolsby
William D. Kress
Glen T. Steele

Texas
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Monica Roy
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Jeannette Aidee Wong-Powell
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Nisha Patel
Adam Preston
Sandra Su

Washington
Brian A. Arvidson
Benjamin D. Crowell

West Virginia
Meghan Elkins
Stacy A. Potvin

Wisconsin
Gina Heck

President Karla Zadnik congratulates new Fellow Lernik Mesropian.

“I chose to pursue Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry because throughout all of my training many of the optometrists I worked for or with—especially those who I aspired to be like—were Fellows. It was something I wanted to be a part of and planned to obtain from the beginning. Although the process can be daunting, starting early and completing a residency helps tremendously, and I highly recommend it for students considering Fellowship in the future.”

— Lindsey K. Lear, OD, FAAO

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Manuela Bonilla
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ACADEMY AWARDS

Charles F. Prentice Lecture
Larry N. Thibos, PhD, FAAO
Wavefront Measurement of Refractive State

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
Melissa D. Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry
Olanrewaju M. Oriowo, MSc, PhD, FAAO

William Feinbloom Award
P. Sarita Soni, OD, MS, FAAO

Carl C. Koch Memorial Award
Roger J. Wilson, OD, FAAO

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics
Kenneth Headington, OD, MS

Eminent Service Award
Richard E. Weisbarth, OD, FAAO
Joe Yager, OD, FAAO

Life Fellow Award
John F. Amos, OD, MS, FAAO

Honorary Fellow Award
Susan I. Eger
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Garland W. Clay Award
Fiona Stapleton, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO;
Lisa Keay, BOptom, PhD;
Isabelle Jalbert, OD, PhD, FAAO;
Nerda Cole, MSc, PhD

Larry Thibos during the Prentice Award Lecture, demonstrating a facet of visual optics that is difficult to grasp from 2D images.

“Every student of optometry knows the legacy of Charles Prentice and his optical rule describing the prismatic effects of lenses. From a broader perspective, Prentice’s Rule is the foundation of modern wavefront aberrometry for objective measurement of the eye’s refractive state. That change in mindset expands the scope of optometric practice by characterizing all of the eye’s optical defects, not just defocus and astigmatism, to give a comprehensive, 21st century approach to diagnosis, treatment, and understanding of ocular refractive errors.”

-Larry N. Thibos, PhD, FAAO

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION AWARDS

Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture
Susana T.L. Chung, OD, PhD, FAAO
Plasticity of the Visual System Following Central Vision Loss

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Dennis L. Smith, OD, MS, FAAO

SECTION ON CORNEA, CONTACT LENSES & REFRACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Fiona Stapleton, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
Can We Prevent Contact Lens-Related Microbial Keratitis?

Founder’s Award
Lester E. Janoff, OD, MSED, FAAO (posthumously)

Awards Committee
Chris A. Johnson, Chair  Donald O. Mutti, Vice Chair
The 2012 American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting in Phoenix served as a culmination of another year of active student involvement. 936 students descended upon the sunny city to expand their knowledge of optometric research, treatment, management, and technology. Not only did they attend, 146 students presented original research through paper and poster presentations. In addition, 143 students were supported by various Travel Fellowships from generous industry and private donors and the Academy.

This year marks the second year of the Student Fellowship program: an initiative intended to bolster current students’ involvement in the meeting, and to drive conversion of students to candidates for Fellowship. The Student Fellowship orientation breakfasts were standing room only, indicating the strength and growth of the fellowship program in 2012. Throughout the meeting in Phoenix, potential student fellows experienced the breadth of Academy’s benefits by attending various CE lectures, scientific posters and paper sessions, as well as the awards ceremony, the Hirsch symposium and the plenary session. This year, 197 students completed the program, raising the total number of Student Fellows to 432.

Enthusiasm amongst students has also extended beyond sunny Phoenix. In the last two years, five schools have initiated student chapters, increasing the percentage of schools that have recognized chapters by 35%. This signifies a growing interest in Academy involvement. It also serves as a mechanism for students to be actively involved in Academy events throughout the year as they return to their respective campuses.

From basic science investigation to clinical application of research findings, the Academy supports optometric enthusiasm and passion.

On behalf of the student members who will soon be graduating, we look forward to continuing to be involved in the Academy, where the collegiate atmosphere will propel our field forward, and ensure that patient care continues to evolve.

Holly Moose
AOSA National Liaison

Student membership has doubled in the past two years alone.

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Pursuing Student Fellowship was an excellent opportunity, one that I believe will play a role in shaping my career. It aided me in diversifying the education I obtained there, and enabled me to form friendships and attend great lectures & events that I likely would not have otherwise. After my experience at Academy 2012, I am committed to attending Academy yearly. I appreciate the time invested by many to make this Student Fellowship program available to me.”

— Burke Manning, The Ohio State University Class of 2013 and 2012 Academy Student Fellow

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“I truly enjoyed my experience pursuing Student Fellowship at the Academy Meeting in Phoenix. Fulfilling the requirements of Student Fellowship provides a nice framework in which to approach the meeting and to get a good sampling of all the Academy meeting has to offer. It was also great meeting and reuniting with student colleagues from other institutions and joining together to further our understanding of optometric principles and advances in research.”

— Jasmine Junge, UC Berkeley Class of 2014 and 2012 Academy Student Fellow
Students and residents had the opportunity to attend any of the top-notch educational offerings and events at Academy 2012 Phoenix. In addition, 143 students and residents received a $750 travel fellowship to help defray the cost of attending the meeting to present their paper or poster. Ten students and residents also received a travel fellowship to attend the 2012 ARVO meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

**Frank W. Weymouth Student Travel Fellowship**
*Kristine Dalton, OD, MSc, FAAO
*Jean-Marie Hanssens, OD, MSc

**Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship**
*Ayeswarya Ravikumar, BSOptom
*Naveen Yadav, BSc, MS

**Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship**
*Sharon Oberstein, MBCO
*Caitlin Murphy, MSc

**American Academy of Optometry Student Travel Fellowship**
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*Roya Attarhousseini, BS
*Shannon Bligdon, BS
*Katrina Chang, OD
*Ashley Craven, OD
*Melanie Frogozo, OD
*Birva Kadakia, OD
*Jill Leisner, OD
*Chelsia Leong, OD
*Daniela Lopes-Ferreira, OD, MSc
*Edward Nicholls, BS
*Donald Rademacher, OD
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*Tara Vacharkulksemsuk, OD
*Konda Vankata Nagaraju, BOptom

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*Yi-San Lee, OD
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*Member of the American Academy of Optometry
Elmer H. Eger Memorial Student Travel Fellowship
*Andrew Congdon

Michael G. Harris Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership
*Jennifer Sidun

Robert D. Newcomb Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership
*Holly Moose

Funded by an educational grant from Essilor
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*Ashley Gezella
*Jennifer Gould
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*Masoud Nafey
*Michelle Nguyen
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*Tyler Phan
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*Jessica Steen
*Shannon Swayne
*Heather Thigpen
*Lindsey Vernillo
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*Veronica Wong
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*Dana Bastarache, OD
*Sara Bell, OD
*Rachel Benesi, OD
*Timothy Bossie, OD
*Grace Brown, OD
*Nivedita Chandrasekharan, OD
*Hyewon Chang, OD
*Ryan Corte, OD
*Puja Desai, OD
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*Elise Kramer, OD
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Generously sponsored by Bausch+Lomb
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*Alex Nixon, OD
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*Faryan Tayyari, MS
*Preethi Thigagarajan, BOptom, MS, FAAO
*Vivian Wong, OD, FAAO
*Naveen Yadav, MS

“All speakers/lectures were very informative. I am really impressed by the quality of education provided as well as how the Academy encourages the individuals who contribute to the growth of optometry education through awards and scholarships. The conference was well organized. It’s really a great experience and a better place for both professional and personal networking.”

--Ayeswarya Ravikumar, Class of 2013 University of Houston College of Optometry
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*Did not continue employment after the Academy move in April 2012.
The exhibit hall at Academy 2012 Phoenix was filled with excitement! The hall was packed with attendees testing the latest products in the field. Attendees also caught up with friends and colleagues. The exhibit hall gives meeting attendees an opportunity to learn and test the newest products and learn about services provided by nearly 160 exhibiting companies, while also contributing to the financial health of the Academy. Thank you to all Academy 2012 Phoenix sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support.

“I appreciated the variety of products available in the Exhibit Hall—from the high tech equipment to the low vision aids to the contact lens products.”

— Julie Lynn McMullen, OD

“The Academy 2012 Phoenix Exhibit Hall was an excellent opportunity to meet with vendors, obtain new instrumentation, and learn about advances in medications.”

— William D. Townsend, OD, FAAO

### ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITS

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The Academy’s philosophy of Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice® was evident at Academy 2012 Phoenix with exceptional symposia, pioneering research paper and poster presentations, and an atmosphere filled with scientific dialogue.

This year’s Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium, planned by the Academy’s Research Committee and co-sponsored by the Low Vision Section, was titled, “Not Your Grandmother’s Macular Degeneration: Current Issues in AMD.” Dr. Maureen Maguire, from the Scheie Eye Institute at University of Pennsylvania, presented the “Epidemiology and Risk Factors for Age-Related Macular Degeneration,” which covered the states of AMD and its prevalence, incidence and risk factors. Dr. Judith Goldstein, from the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University, discussed rehab and AMD, focusing on the epidemiology of patients seeking low vision services, changes in treatment for neovascular AMD, and the visual and functional deficits in patients receiving anti-angiogenic therapy. Dr. Marco Zarbin, of the Institute on Ophthalmology & Vision Science at New Jersey Medical School, discussed the development of “pathway-based” therapy. The session was very well attended and attendees walked away with a good understanding of the evolution and progress in treatment methods for patients with AMD.

For the second year, the Scientific Program Committee invited senior vision scientists to give keynote presentations on selected topics. These spotlighted events provide attendees with perspective on their field of research and some insight into open questions. This year’s keynote presentations were delivered by Dr. Eli Peli of Schepens Eye Research Institute: Eye Movements and Impaired Vision – A New-Old Frontier and Dr. Ronald Harwerth of The University of Houston College of Optometry: Improving Structure Function Relationships for Clinical Use.

The Research Committee also offered the “Ezell Fellows Present” symposium, where prior Ezell recipients presented their latest research. This year the overall topic was “Women on the Front Lines of Ocular Surface Translational Research,” presented by:

- Dr. Rachel Redfern, who introduced the topic of dry eye and discussed the inflammatory cascade, toll-like receptors and their involvement in dry eye pathophysiology,
- Dr. Kelly Nichols, who described the proteomic and lipidomic analyses of meibomian gland secretions and their clinical implications,
- Dr. Nancy McNamara, who informed attendees about the impact systemic disease can have on ocular surface health, emphasizing that patients with autoimmune dry eye benefit most from a multidisciplinary approach.

Noteworthy highlights from this year’s Scientific Program include:

- “Incidence and Risk Factors for Corneal Inflammatory Events with Daily Silicone Hydrogel Lens Wear,” presented by Dr. Loretta Szczotka-Flynn, described how corneal inflammatory events are rare with silicone hydrogel contact lens daily wear, but the incidents that do occur are linked to the presence of substantial bacteria bio-burden on the lid margin.
- “Daily Disposable Contact Lenses: A Potential Option for ‘Problem’ Reusable Lens Wearers,” whose author Dr. Michael Spyridon explained that daily disposable lenses can alleviate symptoms in “problem” reusable contact lens wearers. Data from Dr. Spyridon’s study conclude that the prevalence of dryness and decreased wear were reduced from 51.9% to 33.2% and from 88.6% to 47.2%, respectively, with daily disposable lenses.
- “Working Together to Manage Diabetes: Development and Testing of a Comprehensive Checklist,” presented by Dr. W. Lee Ball, described a pharmacy, podiatry, optometry and dentistry work group established by the National Diabetes Education Program to develop a checklist that enables better collaboration and communication amongst the diabetes treatment team. In a pilot study, 48.6% of practitioners who used the checklist said it helped them talk to their patients about preventative care, and 74.5% reported they would change to more of a team approach.
- “Gram-Negative Bacteria Case Contamination: The Effect of Tap Water,” in which author Dr. Daniel Tilia concluded that noncompliance to lens care hygiene increases the risk of contamination with gram-negative bacteria, even with new dual disinfection systems.
- “The Use of Platelet-Rich Plasma for the Treatment of Severe and Mild Ocular Surface Disease,” presented by Dr. Ed Jarka, demonstrated that platelet-rich-plasma may provide relief for dry eye patients. Dr. Jarka suggested that multiple growth
factors in platelet-rich-plasma may improve the biotensegrity of the ocular surface, resulting in long-term reduction in chronic inflammation that initiates the symptoms of dry eye disease.

- “Corneal Sensitivity and Nerve Morphology in Orthokeratology,” whose author Dr. Edward Lum concluded that the decrease in sub-basal corneal nerve fiber density in overnight orthokeratology lens wear is associated with decreased central cornea sensitivity. Dr. Lum indicates that the mechanism underlying refractive change during overnight orthokeratology treatment appears to impact both corneal sensitivity and nerve morphology.

- “The Impact of Cosmetics on the Surface Appearance and Wettability of Silicone Hydrogel Contact Lenses,” whose author Dr. Sruthi Srinivasan presented the results from a study to evaluate the impact of cosmetics on surface deposition and wettability of silicone hydrogel contact lens materials. According to the study, some mascara-lens combinations resulted in vitro wettability and increased pixel brightness. Non-waterproof mascara was mostly removed following a cleaning cycle.

- “Peripheral Defocus and Myopia Progression in Children Wearing Single Vision and Progressive Addition Spectacle Lenses,” whose author Dr. David Berntsen presented a possible alternative explanation for the myopia-reducing effect of progressive additional lenses (PAL) on children. Dr. Berntsen’s findings support investigating optical interventions that induce a 360° myopic shift in the periphery to determine whether such an intervention results in a greater reduction in myopia progression than PALs.

- “Can Omega 3 Supplements Improve Ocular Comfort During Contact Lens Wear?” presented by Dr. Percy Lazon de la Jara, concluded that with Omega-3 supplements the increase in ocular comfort was greatest in magnitude with contact lens wear. Omega-3 supplements aided in increasing the ratings in the morning and evening, but did not have an effect on the magnitude of change from morning to evening.

- “Revealing a Microscopic Sensitivity Gradient in the Human Retina with Adaptive Optics,” whose author Dr. William Tuten confirmed that using adaptive optics Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope, a stimulus can be delivered to a specific cone and the detection measured. This opens new frontiers in science to study what is seen at the most fundamental level, and how single-cell signals are combined as they move from the retina to the brain. Dr. Tuten is the recipient of the 2012-2013 Irvin M. Borish–Essilor Ezell Fellowship.

Awards for Best Scientific Poster and Paper Presentations

In 2012 the American Academy of Optometry first recognized selected scientific posters and oral paper presentations by awarding one prize for the best presentation of the meeting in each category. This competition included all scientific program session presentations from senior scientists as well as students and residents. Members of the Scientific Program Committee initially selected candidates for these awards from more than 600 scientific abstract submissions received this year. Candidate submissions were selected based upon novelty, scientific merit, and quality of writing. Final awards were then selected by the Committee based upon the quality of the presentation at the annual meeting. Judging criteria included appearance, organization, delivery and the presenter’s overall ability to convey knowledge of their topic.

This year’s inaugural awards were presented to:

- Dr. Nicole Carnt of Moorfields Eye Hospital (Co-authors: Dr. Mark Willcox, Dr. Fiona Stapleton, John Dart) for her scientific poster presentation titled: Association of SNPs of IL-17 with susceptibility and severity of contact lens keratitis.

- Dr. Alan Ng of the University of Waterloo (Co-Authors: Miriam Heynen, Dr. Lakshman Subbaraman, and Dr. Lyndon Jones) for his work entitled: Optimization of a novel fluorescent based lysozyme activity assay for contact lens studies.
Once again Optometry and Vision Science (OVS) has seen a lively and productive advance in its activities in 2012:

- A record number of manuscript submissions (up 15% from a record breaking previous year)
- A 29% increase in the journal’s impact in terms of citations
- The introduction of an OVS iPad App that allows quick download of an entire issue of OVS for later viewing without internet connection
- Two outstanding 2012 feature theme issues: Imaging Advances in the Eye (May) and Low Vision (September)
- Transitioned to considerably enriched online clinical content: “Clinical Communications,” including video clips and free full color opportunities for authors and “Clinical Pearls” for our readers
- A strong international public media outlet for our authors’ publications,
- A new energetic Senior Publisher from journal publisher Lippincott Williams & Wilkins in February
- Made free and open access the “Clinical Communications” (Clinical Cases and Clinical Commentary) Abstracts and “Clinical Pearls” to any clinician in the world
- Highlighted the free “open access” availability for OVS Announces, editorials, guest editorials, news and new products, book reviews (led by two new book review editors), and the calendar of events
- The Academy negotiated a new 7-year contract with the publisher Lippincott Williams & Wilkins beginning January 2013
- Called for papers for two exciting 2013 feature theme issues, “Measuring the Patient’s Perspective,” and “Myopia,” and announced plans to introduce a “Video Corner” section with a new Video Editor.

Optometry and Vision Science thanks all who contributed to its success in 2012. First and foremost are our authors; but it is important to recognize, as well, the tremendous contributions that reviewers and Topical Editors and the Managing Editor make; they invariably strengthen manuscripts and provide critical input on publication priorities.

Launch of Optometry and Vision Science for the iPad®

As of October 2012, Optometry and Vision Science can now be accessed on the iPad. This dynamic OVS journal “app” optimizes the best in digital technology to enhance a print-like reading experience with article-sharing features, multimedia links, and more. For more information on how to download the app, visit the journal website at www.optvissci.com.

Tony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO
Editor-in-Chief
The American Academy of Optometry – More than just a meeting

The Membership Committee spends a great deal of effort every year to make sure that the American Academy of Optometry is not the best kept secret in optometry. We have worked on the premise of an unofficial slogan of “Advancing All Optometry one optometrist at a time” that plays on the “AAO” title for our organization, in order to show prospective candidates that the process of becoming a Fellow is more than a test. Candidacy is a process that makes each person a better optometrist, and our organization becomes better with each Fellow that walks across the stage. More recently, we have strived to work with the rest of the Academy’s administration to show our profession that the Academy is more than just a meeting. We were surprised to learn from the Academy’s new database administrator just how many optometrists have attended multiple Annual Meetings but have never become a Fellow. As always, we are looking for new ways to make our organization as inclusive as possible. If you know one of the optometrists who has regularly attended our meeting and not yet joined, please encourage them to apply!

Generally speaking, we are making strides towards increasing visibility of the Academy and increasing membership. Since 2008, the Membership Committee has almost doubled the number of Candidates for Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry. The increase in applications is the direct result of multiple programs that have increased our organization’s visibility. The Board of Directors makes bi-annual visits to each school and college of optometry, to introduce future optometrists and the faculty and staff to the Academy and the many benefits of Fellowship. In addition, each spring at graduation time, the Faculty Liaison at each institution holds a recruitment event called the Conversion of Students to Candidates (CSC) Program.

The purpose of the CSC program is to encourage graduating students to move into the Candidacy process following graduation. The Academy encourages graduates to view the process of Candidacy as something that will assist them in honing their patient care skills.

At each Annual Meeting, the Academy’s Membership Committee also spends time at the Residents Day program. The committee promotes Fellowship, collects applications, and answers any questions the residents have about Candidacy. In 2012, we began a new recruitment program called Wine and Wisdom. During the annual meetings of several optometric organizations, including the Academy’s Annual Meeting, the Membership Committee hosts a wine tasting event for individuals who have been in practice for at least ten years, and have a strong desire to become a Fellow. If you know someone who fits into this category, please encourage him or her to attend one of these events and learn more about candidacy for Fellowship.

Melissa Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Membership Committee Chair

FELLOWSHIP GROWTH

Melissa Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Membership Committee Chair
Active Fellows by State and Country (as of December 31, 2012)

Alabama 61
Alaska 10
Arizona 109
Arkansas 9
California 539
Colorado 75
Connecticut 35
Delaware 9
Florida 290
Georgia 73
Guam 1
Hawaii 25
Idaho 16
Illinois 173
Indiana 96
Iowa 31
Kansas 33
Kentucky 23
Louisiana 11
Maine 17
Maryland 89
Massachusetts 156
Michigan 96
Minnesota 56
Mississippi 7
Missouri 66
Montana 12
Nebraska 22

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Australia 23
Austria 92
Bahamas 28
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China 8
Denmark 161
France 63
Germany 67
Guyana 172
Hond Kong 8
India 21
Islamic Republic of Iran 32
Ireland 13
Israel 73
Italy 272
Jamaica 23
Japan 22
Republic of Korea 8
Lebanon 82
Malaysia 87
Mexico 5
Netherlands 12
New Zealand 43
Nigeria 10
Norway 10

Pakistan 1
Philippines 73
Portugal 6
Russian Federation 1
Saudi Arabia 1
Singapore 1
South Africa 11
Spain 3
Sweden 17
Switzerland 5
Taiwan 1
Thailand 17
United Kingdom 71

OTHER COUNTRIES 516

GRAND TOTAL 4381
Fellows must successfully complete rigorous written requirements before they take and pass an oral examination to be a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO). Fellows are practitioners, vision scientists, and educators in vision science; they work in various capacities including the federal government. 204 Fellows inducted in 2012 included representatives from 10 countries, 36 states, and one U.S. territory.
The goal of the Academy’s chapters committee is to see increased activity and participation from our chapters, as well as the addition of more chapters over the next coming year. I would like to see all areas have a local chapter in which members can meet with their local Fellows and candidates. The chapters are most appreciative of the creation of a speakers bureau, generously sponsored by VISTAKON®, to help provide continuing education lecturers for chapter education events.

Ken Manning, OD, FAAO
Chair, Chapters Committee

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United States Chapters

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University of Montreal
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State
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Ohio State University College of Optometry
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
Pacific University College of Optometry
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New Jersey
The New Jersey chapter continues its high level of activities and held three evening continuing education meetings throughout 2012. In addition to the 3 CE meetings, our treasurer Dennis Lyons, OD, FAAO, chaired the chapter’s annual golf continuing education conference that took place in Myrtle Beach, SC, which was a tremendous success with a record of 50 doctors in attendance. The chapter also organized its Annual Summer Seminar in August and had over 90 doctors in attendance. Building on the chapter’s strong relationships with both SUNY College of Optometry and Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, annual scholarship endowments were presented to both schools. The annual donation of the last several years of $10,000 to Salus was matched while the donation to SUNY continues to grow towards the same level. Five New Jersey Chapter travel scholarships were also awarded through American Academy of Optometry in order to help selected optometric students and/or residents be able to attend Academy 2012 Phoenix.

New York
The New York Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry’s summer continuing education event took place on June 19, 2012 with a celebration of Dr. Benjamin Lane’s 80th birthday and a lecture titled, “Expanding Frontiers in Optometry—including the New Role of Nutrition and More than Nutrition.”

North Carolina
The North Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry held its continuing education event on April 5, 2012. The meeting featured lectures by the optometry residents at the Salisbury VA Medical Center and the optometry resident from Fort Bragg. The North Carolina Chapter represents over 100 Fellows from the state of North Carolina.
The Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are groups of Fellows who wish to gather and communicate about specific areas of interest within optometry and vision science. In 2012, one new SIG was proposed and accepted by the Board of Directors:

- Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG serves to enhance the knowledge of its members in the area of neuro-ophthalmic disease and improve the care given to patients with neuro-ophthalmic diseases.

The current SIGs include:
- Anterior Segment
- Fellows Doing Research
- Glaucoma
- Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry
- Ocular Nutrition
- Vision in Aging

The current Sections include:
- Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry (BVPPO)
- Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies (CCLRT)
- Low Vision (LV)
- Optometric Education (OE)
- Primary Care (PC)
- Public Health & Environmental Vision (PHEV)
- Vision Science (VS)

2012 Annual Meeting Symposia

One of the primary goals of the Sections and SIGs is to create outstanding educational events for the annual meeting.

The BVPPO Section’s symposia, “Demystifying Vision in Autism,” tied into the Plenary Session’s topic of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Symposium, “The Role of Meibomian Gland Dysfunction and Lid Wiper Epitheliopathy in Dry Eye Disease,” was sponsored by Bausch+Lomb.

The Glaucoma SIG presented, “Identifying Glaucoma Progression: A Clinical Discussion.”

The Optometric Education Section presented, “The Evolution of Competency Over a Career.”

The Primary Care Section partnered with the Anterior Segment SIG in presenting, “Cornea and Ocular Surface Disease: Application of Cutting Edge Optometric Research.”

The Public Health & Environmental Vision Section presented, “Sustainable Humanitarian Efforts in International Eye Care.”

The Vision in Aging SIG presented, “Vision in Aging: A Focus on Falls and the Driving Debate.”

The Vision Science Section presented the ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium: “Rod Vision – Structure, Function, Treatment, and Rehabilitation.”

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FELLOWS DOING RESEARCH (FDR)
SIG: THE CRYING BOOTH

FDR is an Academy Special Interest Group dedicated to promoting clinical research in optometric private practices. Its mission is to advance the ocular health of the public through community-based research. This will be accomplished by training Academy Fellows in the concepts and techniques necessary for multi-center clinical research. Training Academy Fellows from a broad range of practice settings, rather than specialists or tertiary care providers, will allow access to patients from a broad range of ethnicity, socio-economic and health status.

The SIG’s inaugural research project launched at Academy 2012 Phoenix. The Crying Booth was set up to evaluate dry eye symptoms and to correlate them with tear osmolarity readings. The SIG completed 250 subjects in 12 hours and spoke with another 100 potential subjects about the FDR concept and future plans. The FDR SIG steering committee was thrilled with the support of industry, including TearLab who loaned the osmolarity instruments and test strips, Foresight Regulatory, Inc. for providing iPads for data entry and help with regulatory oversight, and New England Survey Services who provided live web-based and data management services. Results are now being analyzed and will be submitted for peer-reviewed publication.

Twelve OD students volunteered to gather consent forms from subjects and 10 volunteer Fellows joined the FDR Steering Committee and sponsor personnel to conduct tear testing. It was an exciting project that was successfully completed. In 2013, FDR will continue to train Fellow clinicians and create projects for clinical research.

2012 NEW DIPLOMATES

BINOCULAR VISION, PERCEPTION & PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY (BVPPO) SECTION DIPLOMATE PREPARATORY COURSE

The first ever BVPPO Section Diplomate Preparatory Course was held at Academy 2012 Phoenix. The content focused on material covered during the Diplomate examination process and was selected based on the topics which were perceived to be most challenging by the respondents to a survey in 2011. The goal was to support the candidates’ mastery of topics, increasing the likelihood of candidates initiating and successfully completing the Diplomate process. Presenters were all current Diplomates in the Section. COPE-approved CE credit was given to all attendees.

There were 31 people in attendance, well exceeding the planned cap of 24. In order to encourage candidates to commit to the process while their enthusiasm was still high at the meeting, the application fee for the Diplomate process was waived for any candidate who submitted an application at the meeting. This is similar to the incentive provided by the Academy to encourage Fellowship candidates at the meeting. The Section received an astounding 26 applications. The section is now working on identifying mentors for the candidates to ensure these applicants continue to move through and complete the process successfully.

312 Fellows, approximately 8% of the Academy membership, have attained the distinction of being a Diplomate. Some of the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a Section are:

- Professional growth and goal achievement
- Recognition of extensive skill in their research or practice area
- Participation in a referral network of highly qualified colleagues
- Camaraderie and fellowship with leaders in the field.
The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy's philanthropic arm. While the annual meeting provides a forum for presentation of research, and Optometry and Vision Science promotes the publication of new research, it is the Foundation that directly supports research. By funding the future of optometry through its scholarship and awards programs, the Foundation gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward. The Foundation also administers the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award, the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, and the Julius F. Neumueler Award in Optics. These are listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

With an endowment of over $4 million, the Foundation hopes to award $500,000 in Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants in 2013. This is the profession’s investment in the future leadership of optometry and vision science.

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W. Lee Ball Joins AOF Board of Directors
The AOF Board of Directors sets policy consistent with its mission, goals and objectives. They are charged with growing the financial resources needed to support the numerous programs and to ensure that resources are used effectively—all in a volunteer capacity. To better serve the optometric community, the Academy Board has appointed W. Lee Ball, Jr., OD, FAAO, to the AOF Board of Directors. Dr. Ball is Associate Director of Medical Affairs at VISTAKON® Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care.

Essilor Honors Optometry Icon
In 2012, the father of modern optometry, Irvin M. Borish, OD, FAAO, passed away at the age of 99. Dr. Borish had been a Fellow of the Academy since 1940 but most will remember his name from the textbook, Clinical Refraction. Dr. Borish touched every optometrist’s professional life in deep and lasting ways.

The Irvin M. Borish Ezell Fellowship Fund provides, in perpetuity, one graduate student each year with an $8,000 fellowship and two $750 travel fellowships to attend the Academy Meeting and the ARVO meeting. The Fund was created in 2007 with over $100,000 from Dr. Borish’s Trust and $130,000 from Essilor. In 2012, to honor this great man, Essilor donated an additional $25,000.

VISTAKON® Partners with Foundation on New Program
VISTAKON®, a Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. again teamed up with the American Optometric Foundation by providing generous funding to support the creation of the VISTAKON® Innovation in Education Grants program. Designed to aid new faculty in advancing their teaching skills, the inaugural disbursement of approximately $40,000 provided funding to talented faculty in promotion of new methodologies, new technology in all teaching settings and highlighted online learning tools within the schools.

The 2012 VISTAKON® Innovation in Education Grant awardees are:
Efrain Castellanos, OD, MS
Western University College of Optometry
The Use of Online Resources to Improve Significant Learning
Lisa W. Christian, OD, FAAO and Sarah MacIver, OD, FAAO
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry & Vision Science
Evaluation of Inter-professional Collaboration and Education in Optometry
Len Y. Hua, PhD, OD, FAAO
Pacific University College of Optometry
Integration of Hybrid Learning in Pharmacology
Kierstyn Ann Napier-Doworany, OD, FAAO and Jasmine Yumori, OD, FAAO
Western University College of Optometry
Evaluating the Effectiveness of iPads as Learning Tool in a Small Group Learning Context
Shilpa J. Register, OD, MS, PhD, FAAO
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science
Inter-professional Education and Teamwork across Disciplines
Faheemah Saeed, OD, FAAO
Illinois College of Optometry
Student Engagement in Geometric Optics
2012 VISTAKON® Research Grants
Pete Kollbaum, OD, PhD, FAAO
Indiana University School of Optometry
The visual impact of spherical aberration in the presence of lens
decentration induced aberration
Yvonne Wu, B Optom, MPH, PhD, FAAO and
Suzanne Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry
The impact of ocular surface factors on virulence factor expression
within Pseudomonas aeruginosa biofilms on contact lenses

2012 Beta Sigma Kappa Research Fellowships
Patrick A. Scott, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of Louisville, School of Medicine
Morphological characterization of photoreceptor degeneration in a
swine model of retinitis pigmentosa
Daniel Powell, OD, MS
The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
Assessment of tear film and ocular surface alterations in cigarette
smokers

2012 Antoinette M. Molinari Memorial Scholarship
Kasie Jean Rust
Pacific University College of Optometry

2012 Frederic Rosemore Low Vision Grant Recipients
David Lewerenz, OD, FAAO
Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry
Preparing student interns for the low vision rehabilitation clinical
experience
Rebecca Kammer, OD, FAAO
Southern California College of Optometry
Entry to low vision rehabilitation: student motivation and patient access
Marc Taub, OD, MS, FAAO
Southern College of Optometry
Transforming commercial 21st century technology into assistive
technology for low vision education and patient care

2012 Vincent Salieno Scholarships
Isabella Yu
University of California – Berkeley, School of Optometry
Troy Mysliwiec
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Anik Milliard
University of Montreal School of Optometry

2012-2013 William C. Ezell Fellowships
Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow
Mariana Garcia, BS
University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry
American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
Preethi Thiagarajan, BS, Optom, MS
SUNY College of Optometry
AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow
Alex Hui, OD
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry & Vision Science
Bausch + Lomb Ezell Fellow
Nagar Babai Omali, B Optom
University New South Wales
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Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow
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Mike Daley – Essilor Ezell Fellow
Pablo de Gracia, BS Optom
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Daniel R. Powell, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

The Foundation also administered three other industry-sponsored
awards to nearly 60 students through their institutions in 2012. They
are the VISTAKON® Award of Excellence in contact lens patient
care, the VISTAKON® J. Pat Cummings Scholarship and the Carl
Zeiss Vision Student travel awards as part of the 2011 Carl Zeiss
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