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Dear Colleagues:

The feeling at Academy 2006 Denver was one of real celebration. We had successfully moved the annual meeting from its original location of New Orleans without having to change the dates. The pleasure of balmy weather in Denver in December—a fabulous venue—coupled with outstanding education, was matched by the delight of seeing old friends and meeting new ones. All around was a sense that this meeting capped a very successful year for the Academy.

Early in the year, when the rare outbreak of fusarium keratitis was reported, there was significant timely and comprehensive public attention from a variety of sources reported in the mainstream media. But optometrists needed clinical diagnostic information. The Academy, through the April 2006 issue of President’s Calling, offered responses to clinical questions along with photographs to aid in diagnosis and management. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Members said that it is important to them that the Academy provides timely clinical information.

On October 23, 2006, the Academy launched “AAO Best Practices: Reported in the Media.” The bulletin, a periodic e-mail message of relevant and present-day clinical care topics, briefs Academy Fellow practitioners on eye-related topics that are in the news. The first such communiqué highlighted information on Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF).

The Academy’s journal, Optometry and Vision Science (OVS), continued its climb in the rankings of scientific journals in the vision care field. The journal is now ranked 16th among the world’s top international journals in vision, ophthalmology and eye research, and it is the top optometry journal in the world based on the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) “Impact Factor.” The journal had several firsts: Complete electronic archives from Volume 1 through the 1999 volume year; the introduction of color for the “OVS Announces” column; and the inauguration of open access for the entire OVS journal 12 months from the publication of any article. And beginning with the December 2006 issue, the lead article of OVS is
available open access, without subscription, from the online publication, making it immediately available to the larger vision and biomedical science community.

The July issue of OVS was an important “Feature Issue on Glaucoma,” with guest editors John Flanagan, Murray Fingeret, Thomas Lewis, and William Swanson.

Staff and board met a major goal of the strategic plan: implementation of a new, web-based member database. Staff and board celebrated the opportunities the new database presents providing better services and education that specifically meet the profession’s needs. And in December members could pay their dues on-line!

New this year at the annual meeting was “Ellerbrock Presents: A Lifetime of Eye Care.” The evening before the official start of Academy 2006 Denver, the members of the Lectures and Workshops Committee presented two hours of education about their diverse practice modalities and areas of expertise. The program was a big hit, and we look forward to “Ellerbrock Presents” at Academy 2007 Tampa!

The annual meeting was the 5th largest ever, and the exhibit hall was 20% larger than in 2005.

Every two years, as the President-Elect prepares to take office, a Call for Volunteers is sent to the entire membership. The response is always gratifying, a reminder that Academy Fellows truly are dedicated to the profession, to the Academy, and to their own personal growth and life-long learning. This year was no exception. When the Call went out, more than 200 Fellows asked to be “put to work.” Some had specific areas of interest or expertise, others just want to “give back” to the organization that has given them so much. While there just aren’t enough opportunities to integrate into the volunteer structure every person who wants to help, we are reminded just how important this “family” is to so many people. We celebrate our successes, but we especially celebrate our Academy friends and colleagues.

Joe Yager, OD, FAAO
President, 2005 & 2006

Lois Schoenbrun, CAE, FAAO
Executive Director
Academy 2006 Denver offered attendees the chance to experience the true peak of optometric education and fellowship in Denver, Colorado, December 7-10. The early December weather cooperated with us! Over 4000 attendees sampled from the nearly 300 hours of highest quality continuing education. The annual meeting continued to expand on the theme of Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®. The Academy provides All CE, All the Time™: a true mix of one, two and three hour Lectures and Workshops, and the research-based Scientific Program of Symposia, Papers and Posters.

Attendees enjoyed the views of the snowy mountain peaks, and inside the Colorado Convention Center there was unparalleled education, record-setting exhibits and ever-increasing social events. Wednesday evening the Lectures & Workshops Committee members discussed late-breaking trends, treatments and technologies in eye care in a session entitled “Ellerbrock Presents.” In both the Plenary Session and the Monroe J. Hirsch Memorial Research Symposium, vision scientists and public health specialists shared the results of their research with attendees.

The Plenary Session’s theme was “Challenges and Opportunities in Providing A Lifetime of Eye Care to the Underserved,” while the Hirsch Symposium presented “Age-related Macular Degeneration: The Future.”

The Awards ceremony honored those individuals distinguished by their efforts on behalf of optometry and vision science. This year the American Optometric Foundation conferred the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award to Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO, who spoke about the results of his research with infant visual development: “Go, Stop, and Stretch: Influences on Refractive Development.” The Charles F. Prentice Lecture Awardee Ronald S. Harwerth, OD, PhD, FAAO, described the relationship between structural (neural) and functional (visual) defects caused by glaucoma in “A Neuron Doctrine for Glaucoma.”

Once again, Ron Melton, OD, FAAO, DO, and Randall K. Thomas, OD, MPH, FAAO, presented their ever-popular “Therapeutic Drug Updates—Clinical Applications.” Attendees also flocked to the three case study-based “Grand Rounds” series developed by Gerald J. Selvin, OD, FAAO. The Academy was honored to present two Special Topics courses in partnership with the Optometric Glaucoma Society. The first, “Cooperation with Glaucoma Therapy: The Nasty Secret,” outlined the issues most immediately relevant to explaining poor patient cooperation with therapy, which include: lack of symptoms, slow progressive change in visual function, and delay in loss of quality of life until late in the disease, among others. In the second, “Truths, Half Truths and Lesser Truths: A Practical Guide to
the Recent Clinical Trials in Glaucoma,” glaucoma experts provided a clinical and epidemiological review, key findings and a critical commentary on how these findings should be translated into practice.

The most unique aspect of the Academy’s annual meeting is the integration of Scientific Program with the Lectures & Workshops. The posters were presented during three days of the meeting. Among the posters were press-worthy presentations on the pathogenesis of dry eye, research on why older adults don’t access low vision services, the risk of microbial keratitis in longer term overnight wear of corrective lenses, marker selection for genetic association studies of refractive error, and the impact of soft contact lens wear on LASIK surgical outcomes. The 24 hours of paper sessions covered equally diverse topics, such as corneal disease, tears, dry eye, glare, myopia incidence and progression, color vision, diabetes, aging, driving, and all aspects of contact lenses. Highlighted at the Press Conference were papers on myopia progression in contact lens wearers, the effect of visual impairment on driving under night-time conditions, and the association of myopia in children and their parents, among others.

The Section Symposia included varied topics that bring research into everyday practice. The ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium was jointly sponsored by the Vision Science Section and the Research Committee, and presented “Corneal Wound Healing: Basic Science and Clinical Relevance.” Leaders in the field of corneal wound healing presented advances and future directions related to how the cornea repairs itself after an insult. The Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section presented two symposia: “Computerized Applications in Visual Efficiency and Processing Disorders” which described technology that evaluates a patient’s accommodation, attention and oculomotility, and “Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): A New Challenge for Optometry, Neuro-optometric Rehabilitation and Our Nation” providing an overview of the vision and related problems, diagnosis and remediation in individuals with traumatic brain injury, with emphasis on those returning from the Iraq/Afghanistan wars with vision symptoms.
The Disease Section continued its popular Thursday evening dinner program with “Disease and Dinner,” and introduced a crash course on the evaluation techniques and data analysis of the HRT, OCT and GDx: “HRT-OCT-GDX: Three Prong Diagnostic Approach to Optic Nerve and Retinal Evaluation.” The Low Vision Section looked towards the future with “Optometry and the Visually-Impaired Child: Habilitation, Education and Research Considerations” which described several models of low vision care for visually impaired children, and “Low Vision in the 21st Century: What is the Future Role of the Optometrist in the Practice of Low Vision?” that discussed the lessons learned from the past, the viability of low vision in the future and “specializing in low vision.”

“Evaluation of Education in the Health Professions: The Impact on Part I of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry” was the Optometric Education Section’s offering to meeting attendees; presenters examined the impact of integration of clinical correlation and diagnostic reasoning as key components of optometric education. The Primary Care Section presented “A Lifetime of Eye Care” with lectures on geriatrics, obesity, aging and nutrition, and corneal manifestations of systemic diseases. The Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section looked at all patient ages with “Delivering Refractive Care to the Children of the World” and “Are We Ready for Our Baby Boomer Patients?” which included different aspects of the aging population and eye care. The Section on Cornea & Contact Lenses presented information on recent studies that have direct application to clinical practice in myopia, youth/teen orthokeratology, and dry eye in “Refractive Solutions for a Lifetime: Recent Study Results/New Clinical Findings,” and discussed the results of the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Study in a lecture following the Section Awards Presentation. Jan P.G. Bergmanson, OD, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO, received the Max Schapero Lecture Award and presented “When Thinner is not Better” on the thinning of the cornea. Unfortunately, neither of the Founders’ Award recipients, Neal J. Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Irvin M. Borish, OD, FAAO, was on site to receive his award. The Academy was saddened to hear that Dr. Bailey passed away December 24, 2006.

The President’s Roundtable Banquet concluded the meeting with the induction of 152 new Fellows, bringing to 159 the class of 2006, including seven new Fellows inducted in Oberhausen, Germany. Academy 2006 Denver was a huge success for all concerned!
Student & Resident Travel Fellowships

Nearly 500 students attended Academy 2006 Denver. Once again, their Academy experience was enriched by two student-only events: a Student Welcome Reception sponsored by VISTAKON®, and a Student Networking Luncheon sponsored by CooperVision.

As always, student attendees had full access to all Academy events. A total of 118 students were awarded travel fellowships to help defray the cost of attending Academy 2006 Denver.

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A record number of exhibitors welcomed attendees to the Academy 2006 Denver Exhibit Hall. While visiting the 327 booths, meeting attendees were able to preview and experience cutting-edge ophthalmic technology, review the latest products and investigate the newest equipment!

A successful exhibit hall is vital for a successful meeting. Not only does it offer attendees outstanding opportunities and access to technology and the newest trends, but is also a major source of financial support to the Academy. Thank you, exhibitors, for your support!
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**The Charles F. Prentice Medal**
Ronald S. Harwerth, OD, PhD, FAAO

**Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award**
Erica L. Fletcher, MScOptom, PhD

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

**William Feinbloom Award**
George C. Woo, OD, PhD, FAAO

**Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal**
Georges C. Benjamin, MD, FACP

**Neumueller Award**
Nina Tran, OD
Sara Chiu, OD

**Eminent Service Award**
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Louis Warshaw, OD, MPH, FAAO

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Hui Min Wu, MD, PhD
Benjamin Seet, FRCS (Edin.), MPH

**Eric Yap, MBBS, PhD**
Seang-Mei Saw, MPH, PhD
Tock-Han Lim, MMEd, FRCS (Edin.)
Kee-Seng Chia, MMEd, MD

**Does education explain ethnic differences in myopia prevalence? A population-based study of young adult males in Singapore.**

**The Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education**
Presented by the American Optometric Foundation
Lyndon W. J. Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO, FIACLE

**SECTION ON CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES AWARDS**

**Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award**
Jan P.G. Bergmanson, OD, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO

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Neal J. Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Irvin M. Borish, OD, FAAO

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

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

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**FELLOWSHIP GROWTH**

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

Active Fellows by State and Country (As of December 31, 2006)

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Chapters

The Academy has 26 chapters, including six 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.

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Highlights of activities conducted by some of the chapters during 2006:

California
During 2006, the California Chapter provided OD project grant support to 11 students at Southern California College of Optometry and UC Berkeley School of Optometry. Awards were made on a competitive basis, with students submitting an application in which they gave the background, purpose and proposed design for studies related to optometry and vision science. Support was given for projects studying the retinal degeneration, whether improved binocular vision skills lead to improved athletic performance, color vision, an analysis of reading eye movements and reading comprehension in children and a survey of training methods of low vision practitioners. In addition, our chapter also provided 6 hotel rooms to house 27 California optometry students who attended the 2005 Academy meeting in San Diego.

Submitted by Meredith M. Whiteside, OD, FAAO President, California Chapter

European (Continental)
The main focus of the European (Continental) Chapter in 2006 has been the participation in the organization of the Second European Vision Event (SEVE), a joint conference with the German Contact Lens Association (VDC) and the Dutch Optometric Association (OVN). More than 600 participants from Europe, the USA and Africa gathered in Oberhausen, Germany for this meeting. Integrated in the conference program was the final oral examination for the Academy fellowship (Region 5). Drs. Rick Weisbarth, Thomas Lewis, Jan Bergmanson, Feike Grit and Wolfgang Cagnolati were the examiners. Seven candidates successfully passed the examination.

Submitted by Dr. Wolfgang Cagnolati
President, AAO European (Continental) Chapter

Florida
We held our 40th annual educational meeting, May 12 & 13, 2006. There were 57 optometrists in attendance to hear lectures by Mark Dunbar, OD, FAAO, Joe J. Yager, OD, FAAO, and Alice Sterling, OD. The meeting was held at the Mission Inn, Golf and Tennis Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. Five corporate sponsors took part in this year’s program: Advanced Medical Optics- Rep Terry Winter, RN; CIBA Vision, Essilor, X-cel Contacts, Kodak-Signet Armorlite- Reps Jenifer Drew and Dave Reed. A golf tournament preceded the program on Friday morning.
Florida
Our chapter has paid $950.00 to Nova University School of Optometry to assist students to travel to Denver. We have also paid for two $500 Student Travel Fellowships to the AAO Annual Meeting. The officers for 2006-2007 are:
President  Art Young, OD, FAAO
Vice Pres.   Paul Monroe, OD, FAAO
Sec/Treas.  David W. Chambers, OD, FAAO
Director   Susan S. Whaley, OD, FAAO
Director    Michael T. Cady, OD, FAAO
Past Pres.   Joe J. Yager, OD, FAAO

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

Hawaii
The Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry is pleased to announce that all Academy Fellows, practicing in the State of Hawaii, are members of the Hawaii chapter. While we have several in the Fellow tract now, no one with be interviewing at this Denver meeting.

We were unable to schedule our usual Summer CE Seminar this year. 2007 is a license renewal year for the state, so we are planning to have a seminar sometime in the summer. Plans are currently in the works to have another program specifically in the therapeutic arena. As always, the chapter plans to announce the specific dates for its 2007 Summer CE offering via the Academy Newsletter.

The officers for 2006-2007 Hawaii Chapter will be:
Dr. Dennis M. Kuwabara, President; Dr. Ron Ling, Vice-President; Dr. Kathy A.K. Ishimoto, Secretary Treasurer.

Submitted by Dennis M. Kuwabara, OD, FAAO,
President, Hawaii Chapter

Heart of America
The Heart of America Chapter continues to promote membership by being involved at local meetings. Recently, the Heart of America Chapter hosted an exhibitor booth at the Missouri Optometric Association meeting in October. The booth allowed academy members to interact with other local optometrists and discuss academy membership. The Heart of America Chapter will have its annual meeting this year at the Heart of America meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on February 17th. Besides having their annual meeting, the chapter will host a booth at the exhibit hall, and present travel scholarships to two student academy members. The scholarships are funded by Alcon laboratories and help pay for travel expenses to the next national meeting in Tampa Bay Florida. The Heart of America Chapter would like to thank Alcon Laboratories for their continued support.

Submitted by Eric Polk, OD, FAAO,
President, Heart of America Chapter
Illinois
The Illinois State Chapter held its second “Rosenbloom Rounds” on February 22, 2006 with exuberant participation from all in attendance. The rounds were hosted by Dr. Peter Russo at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. The presenters were Dr. Faheemah Saaed, Dr. Michael Chaglasian and Dr. David Castells. On October 18, 2006 we held our third “Rosenbloom Rounds” at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind/Visually Impaired. Following stimulating cases presented by Dr. Al Rosenbloom, Dr. Eric Baas, Dr. Ingrid Lorenzana, and Dr. Dominick Opitz, the fellows in attendance left looking forward our next semi-annual meeting.

Dues collections and a generous donation by Allergan allowed us to provide $1500 in travel fellowships to ICO students to attend the meeting in Denver. The state chapters’ efforts are combined with those of the ICO Student Chapter and Dean Scharre’s office to provide travel support for 10 students.

Finally, this was our election year and our new officers will be: President, Dr. Dominick Opitz, President-Elect, Dr. Peter Russo, Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Mary Flynn Roberts, Trustees- Dr. Mary Lou French, Dr. Chuck Kinnaird, and Dr. Al Rosenbloom. We look forward to another productive year.

Submitted by Mary Flynn Roberts, OD, FAAO, President, Illinois Chapter

New Jersey
The New Jersey Chapter of the AAO continued to have a strong presence in the state. It sponsored four continuing education meetings during the year for its members. The largest is the annual summer seminar which had nearly 100 attendees, receiving seven hours of continuing education with nearly thirty exhibitors. We also run a Golf CE Program. With the proceeds of these events, the chapter sponsored seven travel scholarships for students and residents presenting a poster at the annual meeting of the AAO. Additional member programs including the purchase of reference books for all members of the chapter, which were distributed with recognition at the meetings. Finally, the chapter contributed an additional $10,000 to Pennsylvania College of Optometry in an endowment fund.

Submitted by Maria Richman, OD, FAAO, President, New Jersey Chapter

NOVA Southeastern University Student Chapter
In the early fall, Academy President Dr. Joe Yager visited NSU and helped us recruit 10 new student members. Two of our student members, Erin Jenewein (also the NSU Student Liaison) and Tracey Hering were 2006 Vision Care Institute(TM) Summer Research Fellows here at NSU and presented their research as first authors at Academy 2006 Denver.

Submitted by Lewis Reich, OD, PhD, FAAO, Faculty Advisor, NOVA Student Chapter

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University of California at Berkeley Student Chapter

2006 was a great year for Berkeley's Student Chapter of the AAO. During the spring semester, we held two General Meetings—the first was a panel on different modes of optometric practice and the second was a presentation by Mike Mays, a corneal transplant recipient. Over the summer break, we were able to raise funds for the next school year through corporate sponsorships. Our first General Meeting in the fall was a “Residency Information Night” and drew about 100 students. The year ended with 24 students from Berkeley attending the Academy Meeting in Denver.

We look forward to what 2007 may bring!

Submitted by Susan Kim,
UCBSO SAAO Student Liaison

North Carolina Chapter

The North Carolina Chapter continues to grow and become more established. They held their fourth meeting and continuing education dinner on September 21, 2006 in Salisbury, NC. Dr. Keith Walter presented a series on Anterior Segment updates in on Dry Eye Syndrome, Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSEK), Fluoroquinolone Toxicity, and IOL calculations after LASIK. Twenty eight optometrists, optometry residents and optometry students attended. The presentation was sponsored by Allergan.

The North Carolina Chapter encourages fellows or those interested in becoming a fellow to attend its quarterly meetings and help foster excellence in optometric education, practice and fellowship.

Submitted by Robert W. Morris, OD, FAAO,
President, North Carolina Chapter

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.

159 new Fellows were inducted in 2006. The Class of 2006 included representatives from 12 countries and 32 states.
The American Optometric Foundation—Funding the Future of Optometry

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm and supports the advancement of optometric education and research. 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 Foundation that directly supports research. In 2007 the Foundation will provide about $300,000 in research grants, Ezell Fellowships, and scholarships. All Academy Fellows will receive a separate report of the Foundation’s activities in 2006, but here we recognize our major awardees, our grantees, and, of course, our Ezell Fellows.

2006-2007 Ezell Fellows

In 1947, inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, William C. Ezell founded the AOF. As a means to fulfill his vision, the Foundation established the William C. Ezell Fellowships, which continue 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 and research what it is today. We salute the 2006-2007 Ezell Fellows.

American Optometric Foundation – Presidents Circle Ezell Fellow
David A. Berntsen, OD, MS, FAAO
College of Optometry, The Ohio State University, OH

Alcon – Ezell Fellow
Danielle M. Robertson, OD
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellows
Jason Marsack, MS
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

Subha Venkataraman, BSOptom
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

CIBA Vision® – Ezell Fellow
Ling Chi Huang, OD
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

George Mertz – Ezell Fellow
Jennifer Choo, OD
University of North South Wales, Australia

Essilor – Ezell Fellow
Heather Johns, BS
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

VISTAKON® – Ezell Fellows
Johannes Burge, BA
University of California – Berkeley, CA

José Capó-Aponte, OD, MS, FAAO
State University of New York, State College of Optometry, NY

Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) – Ezell Fellow
Patricia Rose, OD, MS
University of Toronto, Canada

American Academy of Optometry – Academy Ezell Fellow
Charlotte Joslin, OD, FAAO
University of Illinois at Chicago, IL

American Optometric Foundation − Presidents Circle Ezell Fellow
David A. Berntsen, OD, MS, FAAO
College of Optometry, The Ohio State University, OH
2006 Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award
Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

2006 Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Lyndon W. J. Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
University of Waterloo College of Optometry

2006-2007 VISTAKON® Research Grants

$25,000 Grant:
Alison McDermott, PhD
Chengzhi Cai, PhD
University of Houston
College of Optometry
*Antimicrobial Contact Lenses*

$10,000 Grant:
Lyndon W. Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
Centre for Contact Lens Research
University of Waterloo
School of Optometry
*A Novel Method to Quantify Protein Adsorption and Absorption on Hydrogel Contact Lenses Using Confocal Microscopy*

2006 George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award
Wendy W. Harrison, OD, MS
Indiana University School of Optometry

Derek J. Louie, OD, MS
Northeastern State University School of Optometry

2006 Dr. Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award
Deepa Chandrasekaran, OD, MS
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Angela Z. Minavi, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

2006 Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award
Kimberley Chan, OD
New England College of Optometry

Gina M. Gabriel, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
The American Academy of Optometry and Affiliate

Consolidated Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

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Change in net assets | 616,448 | 60,151 | 5,872 | 682,471 |

Net assets, July 1, 2005 | 1,455,208 | 641,655 | 208,565 | 2,305,428 |

Net assets, June 30, 2006 | $2,071,656 | $701,806 | $214,437 | $2,987,999 |
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Membership Sections

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

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

- 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

Diplomate Programs

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

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

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

New Diplomates

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Clinical
John D. Tassinari

Cornea & Contact Lenses
Clinical
Susan J. Gromacki
Mohinder M. Merchea
Brett D. Ringger

Disease
Glaucoma: Clinical
Michael Sullivan Mee

Neuro-Ophthalmic Diseases
Kelly A. Malloy

Low Vision
Clinical
Tracy Matchinski
Pamela R. Oliver

Public Health and Environmental Optometry
Clinical
Paul W. Varner

Vision Science Section
Clinical
Jeff Rubin
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October 22–25, 2008
Academy 2008 Anaheim
Anaheim, California

2009
November 11–14, 2009
Academy 2009 Orlando
Orlando, Florida

2010
November 17–20, 2010
Academy 2010
San Francisco
San Francisco, California