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Dear Colleagues:

It’s been a very busy year!

The Academy’s year revolves around our annual meeting, and this year was no exception. But in 2007, our “year” was actually just 10 months. Why? Because we successfully moved the annual meeting out of December and into October, as requested by our members. And from this point forward, the Academy’s annual meeting will be in the October/November time frame.

At times it felt like there was just never enough time to get it all done, but in the end, Academy 2007 Tampa proved to be another fabulous meeting. The education was outstanding, exhibits exceeded all expectations, and attendees thoroughly enjoyed the venue. (Of course we couldn’t do it without the support of our terrific and very generous corporate sponsors!) And best of all, 150 new Fellows and 8 new Diplomates crossed the stage at the banquet. There is more detail about Academy 2007 Tampa on the following pages of this Annual Report.

This year was special—and busy—for another reason: the thinking, planning, meeting and initial implementation of our new strategic plan. We reiterated our Vision Statement: “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®” and improved our Mission Statement to better reflect what we strive to do: “Promoting the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning.” Further, we determined that the Academy will, in the next few years:

- Be the premier provider of post graduate education in optometry
- Define Academy’s role in optometric certification
- Increase the number of members while maintaining our standards
- Evaluate the Academy’s structure of specialty areas
- Develop a plan to promote the Academy to various audiences
- Encourage the discovery of new knowledge in vision science and increase the resources to support it

Of course, these bullet points are just the barest bones, our highest level goals. Achieving the objectives and implementing the specifics will keep the Academy at the forefront of optometry. And key, of course, is our volunteers.

The Academy continues to be honored with literally hundreds of Fellows who say, “Put me to work!” Our members volunteer their time, their energy, and their expertise to review hundreds of Candidacy applications and the written work submitted with each, hundreds of course outlines from those who wish to present at the next annual meeting, and hundreds of abstracts for papers and posters. This year we added two committees: The CE Quality Assurance Committee, whose
members evaluated every educational offering at Academy 2007 Tampa to ensure that we continue to provide the best eye and vision education, and the Residents Day Committee, whose members planned and organized this novel program to offer residents a unique educational opportunity at our meeting.

For *Optometry & Vision Science*, which remains among the very top optometry, ophthalmology, eye and vision journals, 2007 was a busy year! Three feature issues were published, each dedicated to a single clinical entity and Guest Edited by leading clinician researchers (“Infant and Child Hyperopia” [February], “Contact Lenses in Suboptimal Environments” [April] & “Vision-Related Quality of Life” [August]). These Feature Issues attracted superb research and review papers from around the world. In addition, 2007 saw the introduction of new features, including a new invited series entitled “Profiles in Discovery.” Every issue of OVS had one paper selected as the “Feature Article on Line,” made immediately available online to all without any subscription (“open access”).

The American Optometric Foundation, the Academy’s foundation providing financial support for optometric research and education, gave a third of a million dollars in scholarships, fellowships, and research grants last year and grew its endowment 40% to $2.5 million. The Foundation had many successes:

- The creation of the Douglas Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award,
- The first Class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows,
- The first awarding of the Borish-Ezell Fellowship,
- The introduction of the VSP seed grant, a $42,000 award to support research in evidence-based eye care, and
- Completion of the Section on Cornea and Contact Lens Ezell Fund.
- In addition, the Foundation is now halfway toward completing the endowments of both the Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellowship and the Merton Flom Ezell Fellowship.

The following pages tell the story in greater detail. As we plan for Academy 2008 Anaheim, we are grateful to have a full year, but we are far more grateful to the outstanding Fellows of the Academy who make it all possible, and to the student members who are our future.

Rick Weisbarth, OD, FAAO
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Highlights of Academy 2007 Tampa

Nearly 300 hours of the best quality optometric continuing education. 150 new Fellows inducted. Twenty-four residents share their cases. The 25th Anniversary of the Australia Party!

These are all achievements at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in 2007, Academy 2007 Tampa. Over 3,000 optometrists and vision scientists joined the Academy in Tampa, Florida, braving sudden rain showers to attend lectures, workshops, symposia, special events, paper and poster sessions. The move of the meeting into the October time period was a big success, as more private practitioners were able to fit the meeting into their schedules while not competing with the busy holiday season.

With the change in meeting dates, the first ever Resident’s Day specifically designed to meet the needs of our Resident Members allowed current residents to participate in the meeting with a day-long program of case report presentations. This program was so successful that it will continue in Anaheim.

Our Exhibit Hall was bigger and better than ever, with more than 300 booths representing 177 companies exhibiting the latest technology, pharmaceuticals, equipment and educational tools.

2007 was the 25th Anniversary of the Australia Party! This year, as always, featured a tremendous amount of fellowship, camaraderie, dancing and a good time was had by all.

But the real story is the education... Beginning with the two-hour program Ellerbrock Presents, there was non-stop education until one hour before the Banquet Saturday evening. The ambitious attendee could obtain over 40 hours of continuing education at this meeting alone! The Lectures and Workshops committee had put together an exciting program offering 177 lectures and workshops. A total of 256 hours of education were presented by more than 200 different presenters who had developed novel courses on the latest in eye care. Sixty four percent of the lectures were one hour courses which allowed attendees to have more flexibility in scheduling. The number of workshops was expanded to a total of thirteen with a topic for everyone from Prescribing Magnifiers to Injectable Medications to How to Perform an Infant Examination.

Several special events were the cornerstones of Academy 2007 Tampa. First, the annual Plenary Session, Impact of an Aging Population on Eye Care, was generously sponsored by VSP. The lunch program featured outstanding speakers whose research interests cover different aspects of the aging eye and how research results can inform the optometry practice. James M. Tielsch, Professor and Associate Chair for Academic Programs from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, discussed different challenges to eye care providers in the 21st century. David B. Elliott, Optometry Professor at the University of Bradford, concentrated on two topics: the changes in ametropia over time in elderly people and the link between the correction of ametropia and falls. Sheila K. West, El-Maghraby Professor of Preventive Ophthalmology of the Wilmer Eye Institute outlined the impact of visual impairment on function in the elderly. Gunilla Haegerström-Portnoy, Professor of Optometry from the University of California—
Berkeley, described changes in vision function with aging with an emphasis on “normal aging,” evaluated the impact on vision changes on visual performance, and identified risk factors for high contrast visual acuity loss.

Continuing to grow and exceed room quotas, the Awards ceremony encompassed both insightful, cutting-edge education from the Prentice and Fry lecturers, and the chance to honor those who have made enormous contributions to the field. Judah Folkman, the father of angiogenesis inhibitors and antiangiogenic drugs, received the Charles F. Prentice Lecture Award and presented a lecture on “Ocular Angiogenesis as an Organizing Principle in Biomedicine” that captivated the attendees. The Academy was saddened by his untimely passing only a few months later. Christine Wildsoet, the Glenn Fry awardee, shared new insights in the role of the retinal pigment epithelium in myopia development and implications for its management.

This year’s Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium presented the latest technology in implants for the anterior eye. Speakers discussed new and emerging approaches to the management of refractive error, presbyopia, and low vision. Michael Grimmett spoke from the perspective of his experience on the FDA Ophthalmic Devices Panel reviewing and approving new devices. Unfortunately, Adrian Glasser from the University of Houston College of Optometry wasn’t able to attend the meeting, but Mark Bullimore presented his lecture on the latest accommodative intraocular lens implants. Deborah Sweeney concluded the symposium with her talk on changing the shape of refractive surgery.

Attendees learned from the experts in the fields of glaucoma research and testing in the Vision Science Section’s symposia on “Structure-function Correlation in Glaucoma” and “Neuroprotection of Retinal Ganglion Cells in Glaucoma.” The Academy was also honored to present two lectures on glaucoma in Tampa in partnership with the Optometric Glaucoma Society: “The Anterior Segment in Glaucoma: The Aging Eye and New Theories for Aqueous Outflow” and “The Future of Structural and Functional Assessment in Patients with Glaucoma.”

Section Symposia get better and better! At Academy 2007 Tampa, the education was truly integrated. For the first time, Section Symposia were interspersed with the traditional lectures, making real the adage, All CE, All the Time”. The Optometric Education Section Symposium, “Making the Grade in the 21st Century: The Millennial Generation Enters Optometry School,” informed about the novel set of challenges for faculty, college administrators, and future employers posed by the distinguishing characteristics of the Millennials. The evening symposium of the Disease Section was a rousing interactive session called “Systemic Medical Jeopardy.” The Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section provided attendees with two symposia, one on “Visual Attention, Magnocellular Deficits, and Reading Disability” and the other, “Myopia: A Look into the Future.”
This year’s ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium, co-sponsored by Section on Cornea and Contact Lens & Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section, discussed “Advances in Dry Eye Disease: Women, Nutrition, and Impact on Vision and Quality of Life.” The goals of this symposium were to raise awareness of the most recent advances in ocular surface disease through a multifaceted discussion of key findings of the International Dry Eye Workshop (DEWS) reports.

The Section on Cornea & Contact Lens presented its Max Schapero Lecture Award to Oliver Schein at the Awards & Lectures symposium. Dr. Schein gave a 25 year perspective on the epidemiology of corneal infections associated with contact lens use, after which members of the Section presented the latest on prescribing contact lenses for children.

The Primary Care Section invited attendees to learn about current research from the National Eye Institute (NEI) and how this research affects primary care optometry, while the Public Health and Environmental Optometry & Optometric Education Sections drilled down into the multidisciplinary curriculum developed by the Healthy People Curriculum Task Force in a symposium, entitled “Core Competencies in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention – Optometry’s Next Level of Involvement in Patient Care.”

The Low Vision Section provided an update regarding real-time field and imaging technology and its lessons for Low Vision care, as well as a symposium on “Technology and Low Vision in the 21st Century – Where Do We Go From Here?”

The American Academy of Optometry continues to put into action its mission: to promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning. This is exemplified through the latest technologies and procedures demonstrated in the Exhibit Hall, the hands-on learning in workshops, the research presented in the papers and posters, the pearls, studies and best practices discussed in the lectures and symposia, and the top-notch speakers in the Plenary and the Hirsch. The fellowship that is so integral to the Academy emerges in the hallways between sessions, the parties after hours, and then culminates in the grand event of the meeting, the Banquet, where the lifeblood of the Academy, the new Fellows, are inducted.
Student & Resident Travel Fellowships

Nearly 300 students attended Academy 2007 Tampa. 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 91 students were awarded travel fellowships to defray the costs of attending Academy 2007 Tampa.

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A record number of exhibitors welcomed attendees to the Academy 2007 Tampa Exhibit Hall. While visiting the more than 300 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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Ethan E. Huisman
Terry D. Moehnke
Illinois
Treacy Adamo
Dianne M. Anderson
Ivetta Daccache
Sarah Ann Klein
David Maze
Erika Melchiorre
Kerry M. Navin
Jeffrey A. Newsom
Mindy C. Nguyen
Yi Pang
Melissa K. Sigler
Indiana
Damon Dierker
Kathryn Gray
Brady P. Hanlon
Tiffenie Harris
Allison K. Lorenz
Melanie A. Pickett
Danielle F. Warren
Kansas
Wesley E. Garton
Jennifer Manning
Christie L. Rose
Massachusetts
W. Lee Ball Jr.

Caroline Blackie
Kimberley Chan
Scott D. Huffer
Anney B. Kunthara
Paul E. Levine
Shital Mani
Andrew D. L. McLeod
Maryland
Amy J. Quan
Michigan
Teresa M. Aris
Marie Gannon
Jeffrey J. Kenyon
Laura L. Kenyon
Jennifer A. Wong
Minnesota
Allen M Y Cheong
Scott G Hauswirth
Sandy Pham-Vang
Rajni Shah
Gina Wesley
Missouri
Julie DeKinden
Julie Hart
Linda R. Marks
Katherine L. Osborn
Mississippi
Benjamin J. Franklin
North Carolina
Gayatri Dhruba
Ann M. Hoscheit
Matthew B. Motteler
Philip Roels
Joshua T. Ziebell
New Hampshire
Jessica L. Potter
New Jersey
Brian R. Hall
Stephanie Ku
Khadija S. Shahid
New Mexico
Cara A. Morris
Amita D. Patel
Nevada
Vivienne M. Velasco
New York
Monique Bean
Marie Agnes Ceravolo
Roshni Desai
Irina F. Fazio
Nancy Kwon
Mary T. McCarthy
James A. McDonel
Kenneth Sorkin
Ohio
Nicky Y. Lai
Dennis J. Light
Sarah L. Lopper
Kelly R. Thompson
Angela G. Zurovski
Oklahoma
Alan G. McKee
Kevin W. Wells
Oregon
Zuzana B. Friberg
Matthew Lampa
Derek J. Louie
Pennsylvania
Marianne Boltz
Michael Hancox
Len V. Hua
John R. Martinelli
Heidi Mayer
Derek Mladenovich
Leslie E. O’Dell
Rhode Island
Jodi Pukl
South Carolina
Lila Goodwin
William J. McGill
South Dakota
Andrea L. McCann
Gary VanderZee
Tennessee
Shawna L. Hill
Texas
Jessica Grimm
Christopher M. Putnam
William D. Townsend
Ravaughn Williams
Virginia
Suleiman Alibhai
Angela N. Musick
Makesha Sink
Veronica Sullivan
Washington
Katherine Carrick
A. Paul Chous
Carol Hsiao
Wisconsin
C. Gregory Vickers
West Virginia
Michelle L. Anderson
Overseas Military AE, APO
Debra J. McNamara
Tom A. Zurakowski

The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. In 1996, 11 percent of the Fellows were female; now women represent 27 percent.

2007 Award Recipients

Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award
Presented by the American Optometric Foundation
Christine Wildsoet, DipOptom, BSPharm, PhD, FAAO

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education Presented by the American Optometric Foundation
Karen Walker-Brandreth, OD, FAAO

SECTION ON CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES AWARDS

Founders’ Award
Perry Rosenthal, MD
VISTAKON®, division of Johnson & Johnson, for the 20th anniversary of Acuvue® as the first disposable contact lens

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Oliver D. Schein, MD, MPH
The Epidemiology of Contact Lens-Related Microbial Keratitis: A 25 Year Perspective
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 in practice.

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

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Chapters

The Academy has 28 chapters, including seven 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. The Academy is proud to welcome two new chapters formed this year: the South African Chapter and the State University of New York Student Chapter. The following reports were presented at the Chapters Lunch in Tampa.

Highlights of activities conducted by some of the chapters during 2007:

California Chapter
The mission of the California Chapter is to promote education, research and interaction among the researchers and clinicians. Each year, the California Chapter allocates a significant proportion of its funds from membership dues and corporate donations to support student research projects. Meredith Whiteside, President of the California Chapter, reports that the new officers are: President Meredith Whiteside, Immediate Past President Wesley Ota, Treasurer George Lee, Secretary Ray Chu, Membership Director Catherine Egusa, Newsletter Editor Tania Mantua, Member at Large Barnie Lin, and Member at Large Carmen Barnhardt. Chapter activities include: Sponsorship of hotel rooms for 22 SCCO and UCBSO students, 8 OD project grants, newsletter featuring: president’s message, treasurer’s report, funded student projects and biographies, membership drive: 121 members out of 460 possible paying $25 for dues membership, poster at AAO annual meeting to encourage membership in CAAO and two teleconference meetings held to discuss membership, newsletters and awarding of grants.

Florida Chapter
The Florida Chapter held its 41st annual educational meeting, May 4-5, 2007. There were 83 optometrists in attendance to hear lectures by Brian Den Beste, Alice Sterling, and Jimmy Bartlett. The meeting was held at the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort, Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida. The Chapter’s education program was generously sponsored by Advanced Medical Optics, CIBAVision, Essilor, X-CEL Contacts, and Signet Armorlite.

The Chapter funded two students to attend Academy 2007 Tampa and also funded Elizabeth Sanders of NOVA Southeastern University to present a contact lens paper.

The officers for 2007-2008 are:
President: Art Young
Vice-President: Mike Cady
Sec/Treasurer: Dave Chambers
Director: Jeff Timko
Director: Susan Whaley

Hawaii Chapter
The officers are: President Dennis M. Kuwabara, Vice-President Ron Ling, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Ishimoto. The membership of the Chapter continues to represent all of the eligible Fellows within the state. The annual Summer CE was not held this year. The Chapter has one member in the Cornea & Contact Lens Section Diplomate track at this time but no Candidates for Fellowship. Ongoing efforts are being made to encourage more state ODs to apply for Fellowship.
Illinois Chapter
The new officers are: President Dominick I. Optiz, President-Elect Peter A. Russo, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Flynn Roberts, Executive Council Member Alfred Rosenbloom, Jr., and Executive Council Member Charles Kinnaird. The chapter dues are $40 per year and they go to help sponsor travel grants for students and residents. Additionally they help to fund bi-annual Rosenbloom Rounds. The first was held on March 21st at the Loyola Medical Center in Marywood with cases presented by Drs. Casey Hogan, Ramona Baumfalk, and Ron Carr. Eschenbach helped to host the food for this meeting. The second Rosenbloom Rounds were held on Wednesday, October 18th at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind/Visually Impaired. The presenters were Drs. Al Rosenbloom (low vision), Ingyrd Lorenzana (Pediatrics) and Eric Bass (Ocular Disease). The Illinois Chapter is currently in the process of obtaining non-profit status for the chapter.

New Jersey Chapter
The new officers are President Ken Manning, Vice President/Secretary Kristen Fry and Treasurer Dennis Lyons. Activities include quarterly meetings with dinner and continuing education credits, which are free to all paid members. Monies were raised by having a spring golf outing with CE and a summer seminar with CE. The monies raised help students with travel scholarships and fund an endowment at PCO.

North Carolina Chapter
The new officers are: President Robert Morris, VP John Yoakum, Secretary Diana Mah, Treasurer Jeff Joy, Past and Founding President Roger Cummings. Activities since the Denver meeting included one continuing education dinner meeting in May 2007, sponsored by B&L Pharmaceuticals with a local retinal specialist speaking, as well as the optometry residents from the Salisbury VA presenting some of their interesting cases from their residency year. They continue to work toward formalizing the structure of the chapter with bylaws, a budget and hope to become recognized as a non-profit organization soon. In addition, they hope to plan 3-4 meetings per year. They are considering moving their meeting around the state in the future as current meetings have only been in the Central Piedmont portion of North Carolina based out of Salisbury with one meeting in Charlotte thus far. The chapter is also considering a golf event sometime in the future.

South Africa Chapter
Professor Bill Harris of the new South African Chapter represented Chapter President Paul Naudé who was unable to attend the annual meeting, and announced that they are a new chapter and in the process of developing their chapter. In Dr. Naudé’s report he stated the inaugural meeting that was held at the Velmore Estate, Pretoria on August 25, 2007 was poorly attended with only three fellows in attendance: M. Richter, H. Sachowitz and P. Naudé. Apologies and proxies had been received from all local fellows bar one. Dr. Naudé accepted the presidency for the following year. Until there was a need for such, no further office bearers were elected. The constitution of
the Academy was accepted as applicable to the Chapter. No additional bylaws were instituted. The initial primary objective of the Chapter is to encourage local optometrists to pursue Fellowship in the Academy. To this end presentations were done at the SA Optometric Association’s Mini-Congress at Velmore Estate, as well as, Umhlanga, Durban in September. An email was sent out to local optometrists explaining the Academy and included the Academy’s application PDF file obtained off the web. Several optometrists expressed an interest in pursuing Fellowship. A repeat mailing will be sent out in a month’s time. It is anticipated that a Chapter-organized meeting will be held in 2009. The Chapter as yet has no funds and no budget has yet been proposed. This will be done as the need arises.

Fun was had by all at the Australia Party!

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. 150 new Fellows were inducted in 2007. The Class of 2007 included representatives from 8 countries and 36 states.

### Geographic Distribution
- United States: 88%
- United Kingdom: 2%
- Canada: 4%
- Australia: 2%
- Other: 4%

### Member Categories
- Fellows: 79%
- Candidates for Fellowship: 7%
- Students: 14%

### Fellows Professional Setting
- Vision Scientist: 4%
- Educator: 15%
- Federal Service Government: 11%
- Multidisciplinary: 11%
- Other: 6%
- Private Practice: 46%
- Retired: 0%

### Fellows Who See Patients
- Yes: 86%
- No: 14%
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

New Diplomates

Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry Section
Kenneth Ciuffreda

Cornea and Contact Lenses
Tony Chahine
Charlotte Joslin
Renée Reeder
Gregg Russell
Joe Stamm
Manoj Venkiteshwar

Primary Care Section Honorary Diplomate
Douglas W. Hopkins

Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section
Kevin Jackson

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.

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

About 315 Fellows, less than 10 percent of the Academy membership, have attained this distinction as a Diplomate. Among the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a section are:

- 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
The American Optometric Foundation -
Funding the Future of Optometry

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm. The AOF exists to support 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 promotes the publication of new research, it is the AOF that directly supports research. By funding the future of optometry through its scholarship and awards programs, AOF gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward.

2007 Ezell Fellows
The William C. Ezell Fellowships were established to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science. 2007 was a special year in that it was the first awarding of the Borish-Ezell Fellowship. This endowed fellowship is funded from long-term gifts from Dr. Irvin M. Borish and a one-time $130,000 gift from Essilor.

Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) – Ezell Fellow
Subha Venkataraman, BSOptom, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

American Academy of Optometry – Academy Ezell Fellow
Jason Ng, OD, FAAO
University of California – Berkeley, CA

American Academy of Optometry – Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses – Ezell Fellow
Jessica Mathew, OD
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

American Optometric Foundation – Presidents Circle Ezell Fellow
Heather Anderson, OD
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellow
Michael (Joe) Phillips, BS
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellow
Kathryn Richdale, MS, OD, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Borish – Ezell Fellow
Tracy Nguyen, OD, FAAO
Indiana University School of Optometry

CIBA Vision – Ezell Fellow
Sruthi Srinivasan, BS, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

CIBA Vision – Ezell Fellow
Wendy Harrison, MS, OD
University of California – Berkeley, CA

George Mertz – Ezell Fellow
Lakshman Subbaraman, BSOptom, MSc, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

VISTAKON® - Ezell Fellow
Zan Pan, MS, MD
State University of New York, State College of Optometry, NY

VISTAKON® - Ezell Fellow
Rachel Redfern, OD
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

2007 Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award
Christine Wildsoet, BSc, PhD, FAAO
University of California – Berkeley, CA

2007 Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Karen Walker-Brandreth, OD, FAAO
University of California – Berkeley, CA

2007 VISTAKON Research Grants
$25,000 Grant:
Nancy Keir, OD
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

$10,000 Grant:
P. Ewen King-Smith, PhD, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

2007 VISTAKON” Residency Awards
2007 George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award
Matthew Lampa, OD, FAAO
Pacific University, College of Optometry
Roxanna Potter, OD
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

2007 Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award
Annie Chang, OD
Southern California School of Optometry
Andrew McLeod, BS
Boston University, School of Medicine

2007 Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award
Lisa Edwards, OD
Southern California School of Optometry
Catherine Johnson, OD
New England College of Optometry
New Programs

2007 Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows

The first class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows—a student from every school and college of optometry in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico—was honored at Academy 2007 Tampa. These outstanding individuals represent the future of our profession and each received a $5,000 fellowship and a travel award to attend the meeting in Tampa, and will be sponsored to attend Academy 2008 in Anaheim where they will help welcome the next class of Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows.

Amanda Bahr
University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Optometry

Jennifer Qian Duan
SUNY State College of Optometry

Leanna M. Dudley
Pacific University College of Optometry

Andrew Emch
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Elizabeth M. Garland, BS
The New England College of Optometry

Noumia Clouthier-Gill
Université de Montréal Ecole d’Optométrie

Helen Kim
University of California – Berkeley School of Optometry

Ashley Zak Kimble
NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry

Tawny Kaeochinda
Southern California College of Optometry

Enhui Ko
Indiana University School of Optometry

Juan Manjivar
College of Optometry, University of Houston, TX

Carmela Miranda
University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Canada

Kimberley Oncavage
Southern College of Optometry

Nana Yaw Owusu
Illinois School of Optometry

Sean Pitale
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry

Jody Eileen Simmons
University of Alabama – Birmingham School of Optometry

Michael A. Tommolino
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Christopher Wolfe
Northeastern State University College of Optometry

Richard Zimbalist, BS
Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Vision Service Plan (VSP) Seed Grant

The VSP seed grant, a $42,000 award to support research in evidence-based eye care, was introduced. VSP Chairman Dan Mannen, OD, FAAO, announced the program at the VSP-sponsored plenary session.

Hopkins Award

The creation of the Douglas Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award, has met with tremendous support. Honoring Academy Fellow and colleague, Doug Hopkins, $50,000 has already been pledged, including $40,000 from Doug’s widow, Roberta. Roberta was recognized at the AOF Celebration Luncheon in Tampa and also accepted Doug’s Diplomate Award in Primary Care on his behalf.

Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses Ezell Fellowship

As often happens the Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses has led the way by raising $200,000 to complete the endowment of the Section’s Ezell Fund. Other groups are now following this excellent example of coordinated giving and leadership.
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#### Expenses

**Program Expenses:**

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**Fundraising Expenses**

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**Management and General Expenses**

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**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

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| -            | -                    | -                     | -      | -           | 326,844      | -                    | -                     | 326,844 |
| -            | -                    | -                     | -      | -           | 112,940      | -                    | -                     | 112,940 |
| -            | -                    | -                     | -      | -           | 29,534       | -                    | -                     | 29,534 |
| 337,983      | -                    | 337,983               | -      | 456,172     | -            | -                    | 456,172               | -     |
| 337,983      | -                    | 337,983               | (358,180) | 13,503     | -            | -                    | 13,503                | -     |
| 337,983      | -                    | 337,983               | (358,180) | 3,017,697  | -            | -                    | 3,017,697             | -     |
| 79,510       | -                    | 79,510                | -      | 79,510      | -            | -                    | 79,510                | -     |
| 40,500       | -                    | 40,500                | -      | 357,827     | -            | -                    | 357,827               | -     |
| -            | -                    | -                     | -      | 46,254      | -            | -                    | 46,254                | -     |
| 40,500       | -                    | 40,500                | -      | 404,081     | -            | -                    | 404,081               | -     |
| 457,993      | -                    | 457,993               | (358,180) | 3,501,288  | -            | -                    | 3,501,288             | -     |
| 170,775      | 326,709              | 240,000               | 738,159 | -           | 717,428      | 316,110              | 241,648               | 1,275,186 |
| 623,717      | 902,308              | 180,511               | 1,706,536 | -        | 2,695,373    | 1,604,114             | 394,948               | 4,694,435 |
| $794,492     | $1,229,017           | $421,186              | $2,444,695 | -        | $3,412,801   | $1,920,224             | $636,596               | $5,969,621 |
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San Francisco, California

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October 12-15, 2011
Academy 2011 Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

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