Annual Report 2010

Promoting the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning
The Academy meeting in San Francisco once again provided attendees with information that was extremely valuable to both clinicians and academics. The sessions discussed recent research findings in a way that enabled clinicians to directly use them the very day they returned to practice. The Hirsch Symposium on genetics provided a fascinating insight into the relevance of this topic in everyday practice and how it will shape the practice of tomorrow. The Awards program was one of the strongest ever and the Academy meeting continues to be one of the “must go-to” meetings of the year.

-Lyndon Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
Chair, Research Committee
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Dear Colleagues,

2010 has been a historical year for the Academy!

Academy 2010 San Francisco was a huge success! With over 5,800 in attendance, including more than 900 students and residents, this was the most highly attended meeting in Academy history. Attendees had over 250 hours of continuing education to choose from and exciting social events to attend. More than 48,000 hours of continuing education was obtained by optometrists, vision scientists, residents, and students! The exhibit hall had over 300 booths for attendees to explore.

The high caliber education was the soul of the meeting. The education offered at the meeting is in line with our mission to “Promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning.” In addition to the unparalleled education, the warmth and camaraderie made this meeting a huge triumph for the Academy!

Thanks to Essilor’s generous matching program for the second year, considerable donations from attendees and the excitement around the Celebration Luncheon and Silent Auction, the American Optometric Foundation raised over $190,000.

All aspects of the meeting were outstanding. Attendees rated the education as excellent! The exhibit hall was filled with enthusiastic optometrists, vision scientists and optometric students meeting vendors with cutting-edge products and technologies. More than 70 affiliate groups had meetings during the Academy meeting. The banquet featured the induction of a record-breaking 212 new Fellows and 3 new Diplomates.
We were able to check off as accomplished all aspects of the strategic plan:

- Be the premier provider of post graduate education in optometry
- Define the Academy's role in optometric education
- 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.

Our journal, *Optometry and Vision Science (OVS)*, had a record breaking year in 2010 with almost 50% more manuscript submissions than in 2009. *OVS* still maintains its high ranking among all optometry, ophthalmology, and eye and vision journals internationally. In 2010, *OVS* was able to publish citable manuscripts online ahead of print soon after a paper is accepted and the authors have approved the manuscripts. The international audience for both readership and authorship is quite obvious; more than half of our corresponding authors are from outside the United States.

Thank you to our stellar Academy volunteers who developed different aspects of the meeting program and to our staff who work year round on the meeting details to make sure everything runs smoothly. We appreciate you making the meeting a success.

This annual report will highlight the work and accomplishments of the Academy in 2010. As we think about all the wonderful events in 2010, we should also look forward to Academy 2011 Boston. We hope to see you there.

Mark W. Eger, OD, FAAO  
President, 2009 & 2010

Lois Schoenbrun, CAE, FAAO  
Executive Director
Academy 2010 San Francisco – the Largest Academy Meeting of All Time!

Academy 2010 San Francisco beat all records for annual meetings of the American Academy of Optometry:

- Over 5,800 people in attendance attended nearly 300 hours of the top quality continuing education, amassing over 48,000 total hours.
- The Awards Program had a standing room only crowd of over 700.
- There were more Fellows inducted into the Academy than ever before: 212.
- At the meeting, more Candidacy for Fellowship applications were handed in than ever before at a meeting: 185.
- This year’s exhibit hall was bigger and more exciting than ever with more than 300 booths representing 150 companies displaying their latest products and technology.

Among the highlights of this year’s annual meeting, the Academy’s leadership courses were renamed in honor of Academy Past President Merton C. Flom who passed away this year. Roanne Flom, OD, FAAO, accepted a plaque in her father’s memory and encouraged all attendees to continue living his dream. The Merton C. Flom Leadership InSight Program continues to build upon Mert’s leadership legacy.

Another highlight of the meeting was indisputably the Awards Ceremony. The Academy community showed its respect towards the eminent award recipients by attending in droves! In front of a packed room, Prentice Awardee Earl Smith, III, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Fry Awardee Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO, gave lectures on the significance of their ground-breaking research in myopia and diabetic retinopathy, respectively. Another notable moment was when Kovin Naidoo, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO, delivered his Essilor International Award acceptance speech in which he mentioned his anti-apartheid activities and efforts on behalf of vision care internationally.

The Plenary Session, “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: Policy, Advocacy and Science in Women’s Health,” featured a dialogue between two active participants in the field of women’s health: Susan Wood, PhD, of George Washington University’s School of Public Health and Health Services and Barbara Brenner, JD, of Breast Cancer Action. The topics ranged from how tragedies in women’s health care led to the development of increased regulations and changes in the delivery of care to how to better facilitate open communication about new treatments and ongoing clinical research.

Once again, the Academy Sections stepped up to the
plate with symposia that highlighted the various areas of focus within optometry and vision science. The Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section presented “Management of Refractive Error in Children,” outlining the impact of the clinical findings of the Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial 2 (COMET2) and the Correction of Hyperopia in Children Study (CHICS) pilot.

This year’s joint Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology/American Academy of Optometry symposium, sponsored by the Vision Science Section, brought forth research and clinical observations about visual system development and developmental anomalies from several distinguished eye care physicians and university academics from both the Academy and ARVO membership.

The Primary Care Section teamed up with the Ocular Nutrition Society to focus on evidence-based information regarding the critical importance of ocular nutrition in a symposium that included information on vitamins and nutritional supplements, as well as how to communicate that information to patients.

The Disease Section not only offered the popular Wednesday evening panel-based symposium, but also honored the late Lawrence G. Gray with a symposium on neuro-ophthalmic disorders. Optometric speakers were joined by presenters from the North American Neuro-ophthalmology Society (NANOS) to present research related to the diagnosis and management of several neuro-ophthalmic conditions, including optic neuritis, papilledema and nystagmus.

“VISION 2020: Assessing the Past and Planning for the Future” was the topic of the Public Health & Environmental Optometry Section’s symposium, which featured highly respected international vision scientists whose work aims to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020. The Optometric Education Section sponsored a symposium, entitled “Scholarship: A Practical Guide to Enhance Faculty Success” that increased awareness of opportunities for faculty members to conduct research and to publish their findings.

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies invited a world-class panel of speakers on “Collagen Crosslinking and New Treatments for Keratoconus,” who discussed promising new treatments for the stabilization and treatment of keratoconus and corneal ectasia.

Another fascinating panel was convened by the Low Vision Section for their symposium entitled “Congenital Achromatopsias: Genetics, Psychophysical Testing and Clinical Intervention,” that included information on vision function, longitudinal changes in refraction, as well as the use of tinted contact lenses and other low vision treatment options.

I have been coming to this meeting for the last 34 years. I come to find updated information, new clinical techniques and the latest research. Although dominated by U.S. researchers, there are many people from overseas as well. I’m particularly interested in contact lenses and sports vision.

-Michel Guillon, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
London, England

On Friday night, the Australia Party returned with featured performers, the Lucas Cates Band, and the requisite Foster’s Beer, co-sponsored by the Brien Holden Vision Institute and the Academy. This was only one of many social events where attendees could relax after a long day of continuing education.

The President’s Roundtable Banquet concluded Academy 2010 San Francisco with the induction of the largest class of new Fellows ever, and with the passing of the gavel to new Academy President, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO. Despite the San Francisco rainy weather that evening, those in attendance were able to warm up and dry out in a celebratory mood!

In all ways, Academy 2010 San Francisco exceeded expectations and has set the bar of Academy meetings high!
**Congratulations to the Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) Class of 2010!**

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- Allan G. Ared
- Nicole Carnt
- Robert Brett Jenkinson
- Ankil Mathur
- Eric Basil Papas
- Ann Louise Webber

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- Ashley Elizabeth Firby
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- Vidhyapriya Sreenivasan
- Nathalie Trotier
- Tehseena Ullah

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- Tara M. Jayne

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- Rita Sum Wing Man
- Shuk Fong Wong

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- Marisa A. Perez
- Megan Riemann
- Ja’Nai Xzana Tellis
- Erica J. Walker
- Kasey Zann

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**Idaho**
- Katherine Baugham

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- Megan S. Allen
- Jennifer Brown
- Eric Conley
- Dax Alan Gay
- Dustin Andrew Krassin
- Faheemah Saeed
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- Allison Irene Summers
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**Vermont**
- Joseph O’Brien

**Virginia**
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- Imran A. Khan

**Washington**
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- Rachael S. Henrie
- Brian S. Duvall
- Manwai Charis Lau

**Wisconsin**
- Molly Sue Cardenal
- Lauren Michelle Brouwer
- Angela M. Chen
- Meng Meng Xu
- Yu Su
- Ting Ting Xi
- Mei Po Leung
- Richard Wu

**Wyoming**
- Richard Lee Wallingford

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*List continues with names of other Fellows not listed here.*
The Academy membership is becoming more diverse. In 1996, 11% of Fellows were women; now almost 42% of the entire membership is women.

### Academy Awards

**Charles F. Prentice Lecture**

Earl L. Smith III, OD, PhD, FAAO

A Case for Peripheral Optical Treatment Strategies for Myopia

**Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award**

Alex R. Bowers, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO

**William Feinbloom Award**

Joan A. Stelmack, OD, MPH, FAAO

**Carel C. Koch Memorial Award**

Thomas F. Freddo, OD, PhD, FAAO

**AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry**

Kovin S. Naidoo, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO

**Garland W. Clay Award**

Birgit Lackner, MD
Gerald Schmidinger, MD
Stefan Pieh, MD
Martin A. Funovics, MD
Christian Skorpik, MD

### American Optometric Foundation Awards

**Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture**

Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO

Expanding Optometry’s Role in Diabetes Management: Ophthalmic Assessment of Neuropathy

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

Richard E. Meetz, OD, MS, FAAO

### Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards

**Founder’s Award**

Nick Stoyan, NCLC

**Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award**

Joseph T. Barr, OD, MS, FAAO

Outliers in Contact Lens Exploration

### Membership Categories by Gender

- **Female**
- **Male**

The membership categories are divided into Fellows, Candidates, and Students. The percentage of women in each category is shown in the chart.

**Membership Type**

- **Fellows**
- **Candidates**
- **Students**

- **Percentage**
  - 0%
  - 10%
  - 20%
  - 30%
  - 40%
  - 50%
  - 60%
  - 70%
  - 80%

The chart illustrates the distribution of female and male membership across the different categories.
More than 900 students and residents attended Academy 2010 San Francisco. The Student & Resident Networking Luncheon, sponsored by VISTAKON®, was a well attended event. During the luncheon, students had the opportunity to explore the 27 different programs that were showcasing residency and other programs at the event. Residents Day was successful for the third year; it provides a venue for current residents to share their research and case reports.

Students and residents can attend any of the fantastic events and education at the meeting. A total of 162 students and residents were awarded a $750 travel fellowship to help with the cost of attending Academy 2010 San Francisco.

Frank W. Weymouth Student Travel Fellowship
*Ankit Mathur, PhD, FAAO

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship
*Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS

Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship
*Judith Renaud, OD, MSc

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*Ashley Lauren Cowart
*Elizabeth Dow
*Nataly Gammoh
*Solomon Gould
*Eileen Howard
Sara Jones
*Jenalyn Jotie

This year’s annual meeting again exceeded my expectations. The Moscone Center was a fabulous venue in the heart of the city. As always, there were great educational sessions and lots of camaraderie between colleagues. I can’t wait for Boston next year!

-Lindsay Sicks, OD
Past AOSA National Liaison and Candidate for Fellow

*Member of the American Academy of Optometry
I’ve come to San Francisco to interact with my colleagues, support my faculty members who are teaching classes and to give a presentation on aviation vision. I like coming to this Academy because it is much more educationally slanted than other events.

*Kevin Alexander, OD, PhD, FAAO
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Helen Viksnine, Director, Education & Member Relations
The exhibit hall at Academy 2010 San Francisco was off the charts! It was packed during the entire exhibit hall hours. Attendees could see cutting edge products while meeting up with friends and colleagues.

The exhibit hall is important to the success of a meeting. It provides the opportunity for attendees to explore the latest optometric instruments and services provided by our exhibitors. The exhibit hall also supports the Academy's financial health. Thank you to all the exhibitors for their generous support!

3D Digital Photo.Com
ABB Concise
Abbott Medical Optics
ABISEE
Acuity ProVisionScience Software, Inc
Advanced Vision Research
Adventure in Colors, Inc
Air Force Recruiting Services
Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
Alden Optical
All About Vision
Allergan
American Academy of Optometry
American Board of Optometry
American Express OPEN
American Optometric Association
American Optometric Foundation
APEX EDI
Art Optical Contact Lens, Inc.
Artic DX
Association for Research in Vision & Opth.
ATON Pharma
Bausch + Lomb
Bausch + Lomb Pharmaceuticals
Biosyntrx
Blanchard Contact Lens, Inc.
Blue View Vision
Boston Foundation for Sight
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Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc.
Carl Zeiss Vision, Inc
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CIBA VISION
CleanLab US
Compulink
CooperVision, Inc.
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Designs for Vision
DGH Technology, Inc.
Diagnosys LLC
Diopsys LLC
DoctorSoft Corporation
Ellex, Inc.
Elsevier (Saunders/Mosby)
Enhanced Vision
Envision Foundation
Erschenbach Optik of America
Essilor
Eye Designs
Eye Photo Systems Inc
Eye Science Labs
eyefinity / Officemate
Eyeimaginations
EyeMedVision Care
FCI Ophthalmics
First Insight Corp.
First Vision Media Group, Inc.
Fortify eye Vitamins
Freedom Scientific
Fused Contacts
Genzyme
Good Lite
Gunnar Optiks by Carl Zeiss Vision
Haag-Streit/Reliance USA
HAI Laboratories, Inc.
Healthy Feet
Heidelberg Engineering
Heine
Hoya Vision Care
Human Ware
Hydrogel Vision Corp.
ICARE USA
Intek Direct Marketing
Innova Systems
Inspire Pharmaceuticals
Integrity Digital Solutions
ISTA Pharmaceuticals
K-Mars Optical
Keeler Instruments
LaskiPlus
Leiter’s RX Compounding
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins WKH
Live Eyewear Inc.
Lombart Instrument
M&S Technologies
Marco
MedOp Inc.
Menicon
Metro Optics
National Vision Inc.
Nidek
NOVA Southeastern University
Ocular Nutrition Society
Oculus, Inc.
OcuSoft, Inc.
Ocutech
OD LEAN
OIS
Optometry Giving Sight
Optometry Times
Optos
Optovue
Paragon Vision Sciences
Pfizer
Plusoptix USA
Practice Consultants
Precision Vision
Primary Care Optometry News
Prodesign Denmark
Quantel Medical
Rapid Pathogen Screening
Reichert, Inc.
Renex Healthcare Strategies
Review of Optometry
Science Based Health
Signet Armorlite Inc.
Smile Reminder
SPECS4US
Stereo Optical Displays
SyneMed Inc.
Synergyeyes
Tear Lab Corporation
Tinsley Ophthalmic
Topcon Medical Systems, Inc.
Tru-Form Optics
TTI Medical
Unilens Corporation
University of California, Berkeley
Veatch Instruments
Vision Center for Excellence
Vision One Credit Union
Visionary Optics, LLC
VISTAKON
Voil
Vosh International
VRMagic
VSP
WEBSYSTEM2
Wells Fargo Practice Finance (formerly Matsco)
Western University of the Health Sciences
Wolters Kluwer Pharma Solutions
X-Cell Contacts
Younger Optics
ZeaVision
Zeimer USA
The art and science of vision care thrives at the Academy annual meeting! Vision scientists and clinical practitioners alike find discussion points, common ground and enhanced learning when collaborating across areas of interest and from diverse areas of practice. Academy 2010 San Francisco provided an ideal venue for sharing of ideas and discovery, gleaned from the year in optometry and vision science.

Starting with the highest achievements in the field, the awards lectures gave attendees glimpses into the discoveries of two of those being recognized at this year’s ceremony. The Charles F. Prentice Lecture Award recipient, Earl Smith III, OD, PhD, FAAO, presented an overview of his research in “A Case for Peripheral Optical Treatment Strategies for Myopia.” Dr. Smith shared the role that the Academy and its Foundation played in not only supporting his research, but also in providing a network of collaborators. Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO was the Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture awardee; his talk, “Expanding Optometry’s Role in Diabetes Management: Ophthalmic Assessment of Neuropathy,” described how Dr. Efron’s work has provided another diagnostic tool for screening diabetic retinopathy and a role for optometry in diabetes co-management with endocrinologists.

The Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium was another forum for great ideas in scientific discovery to be presented to Academy attendees. Three distinguished speakers discussed the latest advancements in the understanding of genetic eye disease in the symposium, entitled “Ocular Genetics: From Laboratory to Clinical Practice and Back Again.” They also emphasized the fundamental importance of the National Ophthalmic Disease Genotyping Network (eyeGENE) in helping clinical researchers develop potential therapies and treatments. The eyeGENE was created by the National Eye Institute to stimulate grassroots patient/clinical interest and involvement in

This is the highest caliber of academic lectures, presentations and posters. Personally, I have been out of the loop for six months since the birth of my twins, so I am looking forward to jumpstarting the academic juices, sitting in on the classes and presenting two posters.

-Mira Silbert Aumiller, OD, FAAO
Voorhees, New Jersey
RESEARCH

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• Student athletes continue to need better eye care and correction, said Stephen Beckerman in “Sports Vision Screening of AAU Junior Olympic Athletes.” More than 29% of athletes had not had an eye exam in more than three years, and 20% said they had never had an eye exam. None of the athletes reported wearing corrective eye-wear when they played sports.

• About 25% to 40% of children in the Western world, and nearly 80% of Chinese children, are myopic, said Nicola Anstice, PhD, in “Effect of Dual-Focus Soft Contact Lens Wear on Axial Myopia Progression in Children.” Using such a lens significantly slowed myopia progression by 50% in half of the children studied. Eye elongation was slowed as well.

• Poor vision, particularly poor stereopsis, is well known as a risk for increased falls in the elderly. Yet no study has looked at the prevalence of binocular vision (BV) disorders in the elderly, said Susan J. Leat, PhD, FAAO, FCOptom, in “The Prevalence of Binocular Vision Anomalies in the Elderly.” She found that as many as half of the elderly have BV impairment, and up to 38% have BV disorders.

• “More than 10 million Americans suffer contact lens related dryness,” yet as many as 23% of symptomatic patients show no signs, said Graeme Young, MPhil, PhD, FCOptom, DCLP, FAAO, in “Not All Dryness Symptoms in Soft Contact Lens Wearers Relate to Signs of Dryness.” Things that can masquerade as dryness include lens fit, front surface design, friction of lens material and the formulation of lens care products.

• We suspect that many optometrists do not use an approved method of tonometer tip disinfection,” said optometry students Jordan Jones and Jessica Carson in “Tonometer Tip Disinfection Methods and Nosocomial Infections.” Alcohol swabs, though effective, still fall short of CDC standards.

At the concluding Banquet, incoming President Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO, encouraged Academy attendees to join her in “bringing science back.” Keep your eyes peeled for new and exciting venues for discovery at the annual meeting and throughout the year!
The Academy was founded in 1922. Its mission to promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning includes:

- The best continuing education in optometry that provides practitioners with tools based on the latest discoveries in the field
- Disseminating current knowledge about cutting-edge products and technology
- Initiating and supporting research programs in optometry and related sciences
- Creating a forum for sharing results of discovery in optometry and vision science
- Encouraging reporting of exceptional and instructive conditions encountered in clinical 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’s main goals are to recruit high quality candidates for Fellowship and maintain membership of current Fellows; it is critical to the future of the Academy.

The world’s best optometrists are Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry. Why wouldn’t you want to be at the Academy to benefit from the latest vision research, the best continuing education, and great professional camaraderie?

-Melissa D Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Chair, Membership Committee

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

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FELLOWS

ACTIVE FELLOWS BY STATE AND COUNTRY (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010)

Alabama 60  New Hampshire 17  Argentina 1
Alaska 11  New Jersey 90  Australia 54
Arizona 81  New Mexico 24  Austria 4
Arkansas 10  New York 245  Bahamas 1
California 497  North Carolina 104  Belgium 1
Colorado 72  North Dakota 11  Canada 1
Connecticut 31  Ohio 158  China 1
Delaware 7  Oklahoma 61  Denmark 1
Florida 288  Oregon 63  England 1
Georgia 74  Pennsylvania 165  France 4
Hawaii 21  Puerto Rico 4  Germany 2
Idaho 17  Rhode Island 20  Guam 1
Illinois 157  South Carolina 18  Guyana 1
Indiana 95  South Dakota 11  Hong Kong 1
Iowa 29  Tennessee 65  Hungary 2
Kansas 34  Texas 215  India 1
Kentucky 20  US Military Base 1  Iran, Islamic Republic Of 1
Louisiana 12  Utah 20  Ireland 3
Maine 16  Vermont 6  Israel 3
Maryland 77  Virginia 76  Italy 3
Massachusetts 125  Washington 85  Jamaica 1
Michigan 87  Washington, DC 4  Japan 5
Minnesota 52  West Virginia 12  Korea, Republic Of 1
Mississippi 5  Wisconsin 43  Lebanon 1
Missouri 61  Wyoming 11  Malaysia 2
Montana 15  Overseas Military APO 24  Mexico 1
Nebraska 19  UNITED STATES 3550  Netherlands 15
Nevada 24  New Mexico 5  New Zealand 8

Other Countries 467

Grand Total 4017
The Academy has 21 chapters and ten student chapters. They serve to provide the continuous exchange of ideas in promoting the mission of the Academy in the regions they cover.

**Geographic: 21**
- International: Europe (Continental), Great Britain, Quebec (Canada), South Africa

**Student: 10**
- Illinois College of Optometry
- New England College of Optometry
- NOVA Southeastern College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Southern California College of Optometry
- State University of New York
- University of Alabama School of Optometry
- University of California Berkeley School of Optometry
- Ecole d’optométrie, Université de Montréal
- University of Waterloo School of Optometry

**California**
The California Chapter sponsored hotel rooms for SCCO and WUHCO students at Academy 2010 San Francisco. The chapter also sponsored registration fees for UCBSO students at the meeting. The OD project grants funded 4 student research projects from SCCO and UCBSO totaling $1500. The chapter sent three newsletters. They funded a page in the SCCO, UCBSO and WUHCO yearbooks and had a poster at Academy 2010 San Francisco encouraging Academy membership. The chapter had one teleconference where they discussed membership, newsletters and awarding of grants.

**Heart of America**
The Heart of America Chapter met at the Annual Heart of America Contact Lens Society meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in February 2010. Since then, they have polled their members about interest in this chapter. The results were quite informative. Many members were interested in more events such as continuing education whereas other members were unsure of the function or mission of the chapter. The chapter is currently developing a top notch morning of CE provided by local subspecialists in the Saint Louis area. The price will be heavily discounted for candidates and Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry.

**Florida**
The Florida Chapter had one educational meeting in 2010; it was held at the Mission Inn with 65 attendees.

**Illinois**
The Illinois Chapter held its Rosenbloom Rounds on January 27. This is an educational event where Fellows and residents are encouraged to present interesting cases for discussion. The Chapter raised enough funds to support three student travel fellowships to the annual meeting. In all, nine student travel fellowships were awarded combining the resources of the Dean of Academic Affairs at ICO, the ICO Student Chapter of the AAO and the Illinois State Chapter of the AAO. During a cocktail reception at Academy 2010 San Francisco, the chapter honored Mary Lou French, OD, FAAO, with a plaque for her many years of service to the state chapter as Secretary/Treasurer. They also held elections for officers. Chuck Kinnaird, OD, FAAO, will take over as President in January. Mary Flynn Roberts, OD, FAAO, will continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Nick Opitz, OD, FAAO, Treacy Adamo, OD, FAAO, Sam Saltzour, OD, FAAO, and James Hoekel, OD, FAAO, are Directors on the Executive Council.

**New Jersey**
In 2010, the New Jersey Chapter gave a sizable donation to SCO, SUNY and Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University to be used as an endowment scholarship for New Jersey residents attending their school. They also gave six $750 travel scholarships to students and residents from New Jersey attending Academy 2010 San Francisco. In March, May and November, they had dinner meetings open to all optometrists (free to NJ Academy members) with each meeting providing two credits of continuing education. In April, they hosted their annual conference in Myrtle Beach where they provided continuing education courses at a resort that also provided golf for those interested. In August, they had their Annual Summer Seminar at which six credit hours were provided; they had more than 150 attend this event.

**New York**
In 2010, the New York Chapter obtained enough resources to hold a record ten meetings, providing access to interact with a variety of exceptional speakers and enhancing attendees’ level of clinical expertise. Six SUNY Residents attended their meetings over the course of the year. They sponsored a travel fellowship for a SUNY post graduate student who conducted research in Low Vision and wanted to present her findings via poster at the Academy 2010 San Francisco. Past President and current Membership Chair, Andrea Thau, OD, FAAO, FCOCVD, was re-elected to the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees. Past President, Terry Scheid, OD, FAAO, presented a poster “Contact Lens Prescribing Considerations following Corneal Cross Linking” at the Global Specialty Lens Symposium. Past President and current Secretary, Evan Kaplan, OD, FAAO, conducted an orientation on the Academy to the fourth year optometry students at SUNY.

**North Carolina**
The North Carolina Chapter of the Academy has two primary missions: to promote quality education and to encourage fellowship in the Academy. Their most recent meeting was held on October 9, 2010 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The meeting, sponsored by Alcon, had 24 doctors and residents in attendance. This meeting showcased the Chapter’s newest Fellows of the Academy. Drs. Eddie Chu, OD, FAAO, Ali Khoshnevis, OD, FAAO, Suzanne Parker, OD, FAAO, and Neill Bulakowski, OD, FAAO presented intriguing anterior and posterior segment cases. In addition, Drs. Roger Cummings, OD, FAAO and Phil Roets, OD, FAAO, presented an update on microperimetry.

The North Carolina Chapter encourages Fellows or those interested in becoming a Fellow to attend its semiannual meetings in order to foster excellence in optometric education, practice and fellowship. For more information about the North Carolina Chapter, please contact Diana Mah, OD, FAAO, at diana.mah@va.gov.

**Quebec, Canada**
The Quebec Chapter had a meeting in May 2010. They had business meeting at Université de Montréal before a CE meeting organized by the College of Optometrists; 12 Fellows attended.
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. 212 Fellows were inducted in 2010. The class of 2010 included representatives from 13 countries and 44 states.
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. All of the sections have diplomate programs, including the Optometric Education section that started their diplomate program this year. Diplomate programs are for Fellows who want to achieve a more prestigious credential through advanced learning and rigorous testing.

Sections

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

At the 2009 annual meeting, the membership voted to institute Special Interest Groups (SIG) as another structure of mutual interests. In 2010, the Board created policies to facilitate SIG formation.

New Diplomates
Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies

Research
Danielle Marie Robertson

Clinical
Peter W. Bickel
Cindy W. Siu

291 Fellows, about 7 percent of the Academy membership, have attained this distinction of being a Diplomate. Among the benefits becoming a Diplomate of a Section are:

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

I’m here for the science, which is not a surprise since, full disclosure, I am the incoming chair of the scientific program committee. This is an opportunity to interact with colleagues, see their posters and research, learn about who is doing what and see how I can collaborate with them. You cannot minimize the social aspect of this conference.

- Michael Twa, OD, PhD, FAAO
Houston, Texas
Funding the Future of Optometry

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 and the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education. These are listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

NEW DRY EYE FUND

The Foundation received a $25,000 donation from Drs. Donald Korb & Joan Exford to establish a research and leadership fund in the area of dry eye. At the AOF luncheon, Don Korb praised Kelly Nichols’ recent work as the chair of the International Meibomian Gland Dysfunction Work Group for the Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society. He said her work made him proud to be an optometrist, as he announced this lead gift.

FIRST RECIPIENTS FOR NEW ENDOWED AWARDS RECOGNIZED

In 2009 the Foundation received two generous $240,000 commitments from Michael G. Harris and Essilor of America to establish two new Ezell Funds. First time recipients of these awards were announced at the AOF Celebration Luncheon. Congratulations to Shilpa Register, the Ohio State University, and Patrick Scott, Boston University School of Medicine.

SAN FRANCISCO – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation enjoyed our most successful meeting in San Francisco with registrants contributing over $190,000 to support research and education. Donations made through registration, $7,000 in all, started a very positive trend. The philanthropy continued at the AOF exhibit hall booth where over $95,000 from donors was augmented by a big-hearted $25,000 match from Essilor of America— their second year of matching support. Thirty-eight lecturers joined in the giving by redirecting their honoraria to the Foundation. This along with CE funds from the Academy Board provided an additional $27,500. The Foundation Celebration Luncheon was attended by 280 supporters and honorees who gave additional funds in excess of $25,000. John and Cathie Amos, Stan and Lisa Peacock and Sam Quintero were recognized as new Presidents Circle members, joining many others who have pledged their support. Finally, the wide array of eclectic items donated by optometric artisans and supporters raised $10,500 more. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to all who continue to invest in the future of optometry.

2010 Vincent Salierio Scholarships

Brittany Adams
Indiana University School of Optometry

Isabella Yu
University of California – Berkeley School of Optometry

2010 Antoinette Molinari Memorial Scholarship

Betty Wang
University of California – Berkeley School of Optometry

2010 AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowships

Cherie B. Nau
Illinois College of Optometry

Anthony W. Van Alstine
Indiana University at Bloomington School of Optometry

Amy Buchanan
Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry

Lyndsey Ferris
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Lee Johnson
New England College of Optometry

Christopher H. Tran
Northeastern State University - Oklahoma College of Optometry

Vadim Guy
Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry

Michelle Burgard
Pacific University College of Optometry

Michael J. Schumacher
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Andy Tak Cheng
Southern California College of Optometry

2010 Essilor Optical Technology $20,000 Grants

Indiana University School of Optometry
Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry
University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Matthew L. Willis  
Southern College of Optometry

Nikki Yee  
State University of New York College of Optometry

Andrew David Pucker  
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Laura Rayne  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Elizabeth M. Hunt  
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Lauren Rinando Nelson  
University of Houston College of Optometry

Tonia Lyn Batts  
University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry

Joel Bainbridge Berube  
University of Montreal School of Optometry

Graham Berg  
University of Waterloo School of Optometry

**2010 VISTAKON® Research Grants**

$25,000 Award  
Uncovering the Role of Mucins in Contact Lens Induced Corneal Infiltrates  
Loretta Szczotka-Flynn, OD, PhD, FAAO and Ilene Gipson, PhD  
Department of Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Schepens Eye Research Institute, Harvard Medical School

$10,000 Award  
Engineering of Novel Contact Lens Materials for Ciprofloxacin Drug Delivery  
Alex Hui, OD and David McCanna, BSc, MA, PhD  
Centre for Contact Lens Research, School of Optometry, University of Waterloo

**2009-2010 VISTAKON® Residency Awards**

Dr. Terrance Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award  
Erin C. Jenewein, OD, MS  
NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry

Vivian M. W. Wong, OD  
Southern California College of Optometry

Dr. George W. Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award  
Sara N. Gaib, OD  
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Shannon Zollinger, OD  
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Dr. Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award  
Natalie Corey, OD  
Indiana University School of Optometry

Anna M. Sleeper, OD  
New England College of Optometry

**2010-2011 William C. Ezell Fellowships**

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow  
Ava Bittner, OD, FAAO  
John Hopkins University School of Public Health

Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow  
Padmapriya Ramamoorthy, BS Optom, MS  
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Abbott Medical Optics Ezell Fellow  
Tatiana Ecoiffier, MS  
University of California – Berkeley, School of Optometry

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow  
Kristine Dalton, OD, MSc  
University of Aston, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow  
Vidhyapriya Sreenivasan, BS Optom, MSc  
University of Waterloo School of Optometry

Irvin M. Borish Ezell Fellow  
Juan Huang, MB  
University of Houston College of Optometry

Cornea, Contact Lens & Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow  
Nicole Carnt, Boptom  
University of New South Wales, Australia

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellow  
Maria Markoulli, MOpptom  
University of New South Wales, Australia

Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow  
Shilpa Register, OD, MS, FAAO  
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Mike Daley-Essilor Ezell Fellow  
Patrick Scott, OD, MS  
Boston University School of Medicine

Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow  
Nimesh Patel, OD, FAAO  
University of Houston College of Optometry

Vistakon Ezell Fellow  
Nicole Putnam, MS  
University of California – Berkeley, School of Optometry

Vistakon Ezell Fellow  
Johanna Tukler-Henriksson, BS  
University of Houston College of Optometry
The American Academy of Optometry and Affiliate

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS

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