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Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to report that 2013 was a record breaking year for the Academy! We have experienced a steadily growing membership, impressive annual meeting attendance, and another record number of manuscript submissions to *Optometry and Vision Science*.

Academy 2013 Seattle was our most successful meeting yet! With 6,006 in attendance, including 805 students, this was the largest meeting in Academy history. Attendees had nearly 300 hours of continuing education and 450 Scientific Program presentations to choose from and many exciting social events to attend. Doctors earned more than 30,000 hours of continuing education. Attendees explored over 150 booths in the sold-out exhibit hall.

We admitted 244 new Fellows into the Academy at the Fellowship Banquet, making this year's new Fellow class the largest in Academy history. In addition, five individuals were awarded Diplomate status by the Academy's Sections. We also received a record 205 new candidate applications at the annual meeting. To top it off, the Student Fellowship program admitted a record total of 343 new Student Fellows in 2013.

The American Optometric Foundation distributed $300,000 in scholarships, grants, and awards this year, received over $150,000 in donations and new commitments at the meeting, awarded 11 coveted Ezell Fellowships, and welcomed 9 new Presidents Circle members.

*Optometry and Vision Science* (OVS) had another excellent year with a 20% increase in manuscript submissions over 2012 while maintaining a high impact factor, an indicator of the number of citations. The journal also launched a newly designed cover and continues to promote OVS for the iPad, allowing subscribers to access the journal’s clinical research on the go.

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

This Annual Report highlights the Academy’s work and accomplishments in 2013. We look forward to sharing our continued success in 2014!

See you in Denver!
Coffee shops were buzzing, hotel lobbies were packed, and downtown restaurants were hopping the week of October 23-26, 2013, in beautiful Seattle! The Academy’s 92nd annual meeting attracted a record 6,006 attendees for four days of high-quality continuing education, networking and camaraderie, and clinically relevant research.

Academy 2013 Seattle was a record year all around for the Academy! To start, Academy 2013 Seattle boasted the Academy’s largest meeting attendance ever. In addition, 342 students achieved Student Fellowship during the meeting, a number close to double that of last year. In addition, the Academy inducted a record 244 new Fellows into the Academy, making it the largest Fellowship class in Academy history.

During this year’s Plenary Session on Stem Cells and Ocular Regenerative Therapies, Dr. Amander Clark introduced the basic principles of stem cell biology and cited promising results in a clinical trial using embryonic stem cells to treat Stargardt’s disease. Dr. Jeffrey Goldberg reviewed the science underlying stem cell therapy for degenerating RPE cells in Stargardt’s disease and dry AMD, and retinal ganglion cell loss in glaucoma. Dr. Victor Perez finished the session by addressing anterior segment limbal stem cell deficiency and stem cell therapies for diseases of the cornea and ocular surface.

The annual Awards Ceremony drew a sizeable crowd as distinguished vision scientists were recognized for their cutting-edge work in the field. The Charles F. Prentice Medal recipient, Dr. Gordon E. Legge, lectured on the concept of visual accessibility with special reference to low vision and shared his research related to designing visually accessible spaces and reading accessibility. The American Optometric Foundation’s Glenn A. Fry Award recipient, Dr. David B. Elliott, emphasized the relationship between vision impairment and falls among the elderly and shared how optometrists can play their part in preventing falls, particularly in relation to the type of spectacle lens and the refractive correction prescribed to elderly frail patients.

The annual Fellowship Banquet concluded the Annual Meeting as the new Fellows and 6 new Diplomates were recognized as they crossed the stage.
Congratulations to the Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)

Class of 2013!

Australia
James Andrew Armitage
Daniel Yu Cui
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Josephine Li
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Mark Roth

Canada
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Marian Elder
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Nicolas Fontaine
Alexandra Fraser
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Norris Lam
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Troy L. Fox
Lindsey Jendrasko

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Nicole A. Kershner
Samala M. Khan
Melanie Hang Nguyen
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Massachusetts
Melanie Akau
Daniel Bastian
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Alana Santaro

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Azadeh Razmandi

New Mexico
Scott Alexander Bartlett
Lauren Bobick
Amanda Quelly

New York
Jacqueline Armani
Alexandra Benavente-Perez
Scott Joel Bushinger
Jason E. Compton
Joy Hazen
Caryn Herman
Naida Jakirlic

6 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY
“Attaining Fellowship status in the Academy has been a goal for me since I was a student. The process, while not easy, was straightforward. My regional chair and his committee guided me through the written work with excellent thought-provoking questions. The interview was almost enjoyable! Completing this process has helped me organize my thoughts when discussing cases and given me a clearer insight into my life-long practice goals. I am truly grateful to all those involved in the planning and execution of Fellowship exams during the annual meeting in Seattle.”

Melissa Zarn, OD, FAAO

President Bernie Dolan congratulates new Fellow Melissa Zarn.

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Awards

ACADEMY AWARDS

Charles F. Prentice Lecture
Gordon E. Legge, PhD
Enhancing Visual Accessibility: A Challenge for Low Vision Research

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
Pete S. Kollbaum, OD, PhD, FAAO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry
George C. Woo, OD, PhD, FAAO

Carl C. Koch Memorial Award
Sandra S. Block, OD, Med, FAAO

Julius F. Neumuller Award in Optics
Krystal L. Schulle, OD

Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award
Murray Fingeret, OD, FAAO

Eminent Service Award
Louis J. Catania, OD, FAAO

Life Fellow Award
Anthony P. Cullen, OD, PhD, FAAO
Michael G. Harris, OD, JD, FAAO

Garland W. Clay Award
Padmaja Sankaridurg, BOptom, MIP, PhD; Leslie Donovan, BOptom; Saulius Varnas, PhD; Arthur Ho, PhD, FAAO; Xiang Chen, MS, PhD; Aldo Martinez, PhD, FAAO; Scott Fisher, BScPsych; Zhi Lin, MSc; Earl L. Smith, III, OD, PhD, FAAO; Jian Ge, MD, PhD; Brien A. Holden, PhD, DSc, FAAO

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION AWARDS

Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture
David B. Elliott, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO
Can Optometrists Help to Prevent Falls?

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Barbara Junghans, BOptom, PhD, FAAO

SECTION ON CORNEA, CONTACT LENSES & REFRACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Lyndon Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
But I Always Hated Chemistry...

Founder’s Award
Patrick J. Caroline, FAAO
Mark P. Andre, FAAO
Craig W. Norman

“I am deeply indebted to the Academy for the high honor of being awarded the Prentice Medal. As someone from outside the profession of optometry, I’m particularly grateful and humbled to be included on the list of eminent Prentice awardees, some of whom were in attendance at the award ceremony in Seattle. Regarding the award ceremony itself, it was a compelling coincidence that my award lecture and David Elliott’s Fry Award lecture both dealt with the real-world impact of visual impairment. It’s wonderful to see this area of vision science recognized.”

Gordon E. Legge, PhD

Awards Committee
Chris A. Johnson, Chair  Donald O. Mutti, Vice Chair
Anthony J. Adams  Brett G. Bence  Arol R. Augsburger  Jason Nichols  P. Sarita Soni  Michael D. Twa

Dr. David B. Elliott demonstrates an aspect of his research on preventing falls during the 2013 Awards Ceremony.
Record-Breaking

Student Participation in Seattle

Academy 2013 Seattle marked yet another milestone for the Academy’s goal to increase student involvement. A total of 805 students joined the 3,800 optometrists and vision scientists in attendance, marking a 20% increase in student attendance over last year’s meeting. Academy 2013 Seattle also claimed the largest class of Student Fellowship candidates in the three years since the program’s initiation, as exactly 400 students participated in the program and 346 successfully achieved Student Fellowship.

Student Membership in the Academy continued to grow exponentially in 2013, marking an overall 43% increase in student membership over 2012. Part of this growth can be attributed to the involvement of many schools and colleges of optometry in the Academy’s 100% class enrollment discount program. The program offers a reduced membership fee when an entire class of optometry students become student members at the same time. In 2013, 7 schools participated in the program:

- University of Houston
- University of California Berkeley
- University of Alabama Birmingham
- University of Missouri St. Louis
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
- Southern College of Optometry
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Also in 2013, the Academy authorized two new student chapters—the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry.

Student Membership Growth

![Student Membership Growth Chart]

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- Tiffany Lim
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- Darya Inozemtseva
- Diyana Ivanova
- Dharti Joshi

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- Carlo Castro
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- Mabel Cheung
- Christine Chien
- Allyson Chun
- Chandra Kawewat
- Yasmeen Lakhani
- Tanya Lau
- Janet Lee
- Jennifer Magbitang
- Varsha Mathur
- Joel Matoba
- Allison Moy
- David Nguyen
- Wendy Nguyen
- June Tse
- Kathleen Tse
- Jacqueline Vu
- Andrew Wilson
- Angela Wong
- Andrea Wong
- Lawrence Yu
- Tina Zheng

#### Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Scott Amoruso
- Kenny Chen
- Natasha Chokshi
- Jillian Janes

#### Midwestern University
- Daniel Deligio
- Lisa Holtman
- Jason Leonhardt
- Christine Shukis
- Teresa Slepicka

#### New England College of Optometry
- Elliott Brafman
- Mary Bui
- Catharine Cheon
- Stephanie Chiang
- Youngah Choi
- Stephanie D’Orazio
- Adam Grimm
- Anita Gulmire
- Nicole Horn
- Anna Lam
- Nicole Lee
- Jestyn Liew
- Caitlin Morrison
- Armina Raeisian
- Rajini Seeveratnam
- Daniel Shea
- Kelsey Thomson
- Darwin Tsang
- Mary Vivirito
- Alina Wheeler
- Stacy Zubkousky

#### Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
- Casey Dillard

#### NOVA Southeastern College of Optometry
- Mary Doan
- James Hammond
- Leann Jaroczynski
- Rachael Koschnick
- Anna-Kaye Logan
- Shelly Lomax
- Jessica Luu
- Daniel Miller
- Lillian Trinh
- Genny Yo
- Lita Wu

#### Pacific University
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- Alexandra Bavasi
- Danielle Campbell
- Kelsey Elrod
- Kim Forgione
- Laura Goemann
- Brooke Harkness
- Amber Huleva
- Eva Johnson
- Aleksandr Kozlov
- Rachel Kurohara
- Rebecca Lange
- Heidi Larner
- Alanna Louie
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- Shane McDonald
- Stephanie Melzer
- Heather Mironas
- Kasie Mix
- Sheila Morrison
- Andrea Morton
- Rachel Murphy
- Paul Nefedov
- Amy Niemela
- Amanda Olsen
- Lisa Pallagi
- An Pham
- Matthew Polster

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“The Academy’s Annual Meeting acts as a hub for the brightest doctors and students from all over the country to congregate and share prospective ideas. I believe it does a great job of complementing the academic curriculum provided by the Colleges of Optometry by providing students with invaluable insight formed from decades of perspective and experience outside of the classroom. Any student who does not attend the Annual Meeting is genuinely doing a great disservice to themselves.”

William To
Western University Class of 2016 and
2013 Academy Student Fellow
“The 2013 Academy meeting in Seattle was an incredibly rewarding experience. By undergoing the Student Fellowship process, I was able to experience many different aspects of the meeting; from remarkable lectures to great posters and even the Academy Business Meeting. The best thing about the meeting is knowing that you’re surrounded by bright and innovative minds from all over the world that share your same passion for optometry.”

Griselda Benavides
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico Class of 2015, and
2013 Academy Student Fellow
Travel Fellowships

Students and residents had the opportunity to attend any of the educational offerings and events at Academy 2013 Seattle. In addition, 141 students and residents received a $750 travel fellowship to help defray the cost of attending the meeting to present their paper or poster. Five students and residents also received a travel fellowship to attend the 2013 ARVO meeting in Seattle, WA.

Frank W. Weymouth Student Travel Fellowship
*Alex Hui, OD
*Tamara S. Oechslin, OD, MS

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship
*Daniela Lopes-Ferreira, OD, MSc
*Munish Sharma, OD

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*Munish Sharma, OD

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship
*Daniela Lopes-Ferreira, OD, MSc
*Munish Sharma, OD

Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship
*Rajpreet Kaur

Edward I. Goodlaw Student Travel Fellowship
*Tyler Tai Phan

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship
*Daniela Lopes-Ferreira, OD, MSc
*Munish Sharma, OD

Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship
*Rajpreet Kaur

Edward I. Goodlaw Student Travel Fellowship
*Tyler Tai Phan

Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship
*Daniela Lopes-Ferreira, OD, MSc
*Munish Sharma, OD

Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship
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*Betty Wang

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*James Deom

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*Amie Marsh
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*Kelsey Moody
*Jessica Murphy
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*Amy Jasani, OD
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*Member of the American Academy of Optometry

“Students have so many extra expenses during their 4th year between Boards and moving to various externship sites. The Academy meeting offers many benefits, and it is great that Essilor and other sponsors have found another way to support students who may not have extra funds to get to the meeting otherwise!”

Megan M. Hangartner
Class of 2014 University of Houston College of Optometry

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*Mitch Ibach, OD
*Andrea Lasby, OD
*Karen Lee, OD
*Jennifer Liao, OD
*Anne Lee, OD
*Charissa Young
*Phil Yuhas
*Diana Nguyen, OD
*Sharon Park, OD
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*Noha Seif, OD
*Andrea So, OD
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*Maria Walker, OD
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The exhibit hall at Academy 2013 Seattle was filled with excitement! The sold-out hall was packed with exhibitors offering the latest in technologies. The exhibit hall gives meeting attendees an opportunity to learn and test the newest products and learn about services provided by over 150 exhibiting companies, while also contributing to the financial health of the Academy. Thank you to all Academy 2013 Seattle sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support.

“‘The Academy offers the best CE, best networking, and the best equipment exhibit hall!’”

Jeffrey Schultz, OD, MS, FAAO

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Diopsys LLC
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Freedom Meditec
Freedom Scientific Inc.
Good Lite
Haag-Streit/Reliance USA
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HumanWare
Hydrogel Vision Corporation
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Innova Systems, Inc.
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Keeler Instruments
King Devick Test

Konan Medical USA
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Wolters Kluwer Health
LiquideEH
Lombart Instrument
Low Vision Readers LLC
LS&S Products Inc.
M&S Technologies
Macular Degeneration Partnership
Maculogix, Inc.
Marco
Menicon
Metro Optics
National Keratoconus Foundation
National Library of Medicine
National Vision Inc.
Nicox, Inc.
No Pills No Shots, LLC
NOVA Southeastern University
Ocular Nutrition Society
Oculus, Inc.
oculos, Inc.
Ocutech Inc.
ODwire.org
Ophthalmic Instruments & Consulting Optelec
Optometry Giving Sight
Optometry Times
OptoPrep
Optos
Optovue
OTOSIM Inc.
Paragon Vision Sciences
PentaVision LLC
Practice Director

Precision Vision
Presenta Nova Inc.
Primary Care Optometry News
Quantel Medical
Reichert, Inc.
Review of Optometry
Rhein EyeSolutions
Sensor Medical Technology
Smith Optics
Solutionreach
Stereo Optical
Sucampo Pharma Americas LLC
Synemed Inc.
Synergeyes
Tear Lab
TearScience
Technology Solutions Providers, Inc. (TPSi)
TonoWash
Topcon Medical Systems, Inc.
Tru-Form Optics
Unilens Corporation
Valley Contax, Inc.
Veatch Instruments
VISTAKON
Vmax Vision Inc
VOLK Optical
VRMagic
VSP Global/Vision Care
VSP Optics Group
Walmart Stores, Inc. / Sam’s Club
WebSystem3
Wells Fargo Practice Finance
X-Cel Contacts
Younger Optics
Zeavision, LLC

“I was made aware of current technology with which I had no hands-on experience. I really enjoyed visiting as many exhibits as possible.”

Jay Nelson, OD
Once again Optometry and Vision Science (OVS) has seen a very active advance in its activities in 2013:

- A record number of manuscript submissions (up 20% from a record breaking 2012, which itself was up 15% from its prior year)
- The journal has maintained a high impact factor in terms of citations
- The introduction of an OVS iPad App in October 2012 allows quick download of an entire issue of OVS for later viewing without internet connection. Use by the membership, that now has 50% of it owning an iPad tablet, has grown slowly and will be a target for 2014 promotion
- Two outstanding 2013 feature theme issues: Measuring the Patient’s Perspective (August) and Myopia (November)
- Transitioned to considerably enriched online clinical content: “Clinical Communications,” including video clips and free full color opportunities for authors and “Clinical Pearls” for our readers
- Established a Clinical Editor (Dr. Larry Alexander) and “Clinical Pearls” column monthly. Also established two Book Review Editors (Drs. Vivian Wong and Jeffrey Rabin)
- A strong international public media outlet for our authors’ publications. Monthly Editor-selected article for a medical writer (LWW) press release to 5,000 international media outlets
- Continued to offer an immediate open access Feature Article (Editors choice) each month
- Made free and open access the “Clinical Pearls” to any clinician in the world
- Highlighted the free “open access” availability for OVS Announces, Editorials, Guest editorials, In the News/New Products, Book Reviews (led by two new book review editors), and the Calendar of events
- The Academy negotiated and signed a 7-year OVS contract with the publisher Wolters Kluwer, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) that began January 1, 2013
- Called for papers for two exciting 2014 feature theme issues, “Age-Related Macular Degeneration” and “Wavefront Refraction and Correction”
- Established a new OVS Workshop at Academy 2013 Seattle for authors and reviewers (“OVS Workshop: Fundamentals for authors and Reviewers”)
- Completed the 9th successive year of a CE course at the Academy, “OVS Presents”
- Academy President formed search committee for an Associate Editor, and the AAO Board approved expansion of the OVS Board by two beginning in 2014

Optometry and Vision Science thanks all who contributed to its success in 2013. First and foremost in our appreciation are our authors; but it is important to recognize, as well, the tremendous contributions that reviewers and Topical Editors and the Managing Editor make; they invariably strengthen manuscripts and provide critical input on publication priorities.

Tony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO
Editor-in-Chief

As of October 2012, Optometry and Vision Science can now be accessed on the iPad. This dynamic OVS journal “app” optimizes the best in digital technology to enhance a print-like reading experience with article-sharing features, multimedia links, and more. For more information on how to download the app, visit the journal website at www.optvissci.com.
Research and Science at Academy 2013 Seattle

The Academy’s vision of Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice® was prominent at Academy 2013 Seattle with outstanding symposia, groundbreaking research paper and poster presentations, and abundant scientific interchange.

This year’s Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium, planned by the Academy’s Research Committee, was titled, “Clinical Applications of Advanced Ocular Imaging.” Dr. Austin Roorda, Professor of Vision Science and Optometry at University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry, presented “Translating Advanced Retinal Imaging into Clinical Application.” Dr. Jay Neitz, a color vision researcher and Professor of Ophthalmology at University of Washington School of Medicine, discussed “Retinal Imaging as a Window into Causes and Possible Treatment of Clinical Disorders of Cones and Color Vision.” Dr. Brandon Lujan, Medical Retina and Imaging Specialist at West Coast Retinal Medical Broup and at UC Berkeley, discussed “Spectral Domain OCT Imaging of Age-Related Macular Degeneration.”

For the third year, the Scientific Program Committee invited senior vision scientists to give keynote presentations on selected topics. These spotlighted events provide attendees with some perspective on their field of research and some insight into open questions. This year’s keynote presentations were delivered by Dr. Ian Bailey of the University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry: “What Can Be Seen When Using Visual Instruments,” and Dr. Earl Smith III of the University of Houston College of Optometry: “Visual Function and Regulation of Myopia Development.” Dr. Smith's presentation was part of a special half-day scientific session on myopia, ocular growth, and development. This new program format included papers, posters and additional time for discussions designed to encourage greater interaction and exchange.

The Research Committee also offered the “Ezell Fellows Present” symposium, where prior Ezell recipients presented their latest research. This year the overall topic was “Progress in Glaucoma Research,” and was presented by:

- Dr. Thomas Freddo, who discussed the latest research in how and where the resistance to aqueous humor outflow arises and resulting clinical trials of a promising glaucoma treatment that improves trabecular outflow;
- Dr. Brad Fortune, who explored recent studies that provide increasing evidence of axonopathy in experimental glaucoma models;
- Dr. Nimesh Patel, who discussed how the latest spectral-domain optical coherence tomography can provide important insight into the health of the optic nerve.

Noteworthy highlights from this year’s Scientific Program include:

- “Differences in Microbial Bioburden and Corneal Staining in Daily vs. Extended Silicone Hydrogel Lens Wear,” presented by Dr. Loretta Szczotka-Flynn, described how extended wear with silicone hydrogel lenses, when compared to daily wear, is associated with increased incidence of corneal infiltrative events, a greater frequency of lens bioburden, decreased lid bioburden, and a lower rate of moderate corneal staining.
• “The King-Devick Test for Sideline Concussion Screening in Collegiate Football,” whose author Dr. Danielle Leong explained that the King-Devick test proved accurate in helping to identify athletes with concussion during a concussion screening test of athletes’ vision and reading skill.

• “An Improved Methodology for Tracking Contact Lens Discomfort,” presented by Dr. Michael Read, described how a belt-clip device used by contact lens wearers to record lens awareness throughout the day has the potential to serve as a key tool in understanding contact lens discomfort.

• “Prevalence of Evaporative Dry Eye in Postmenopausal Women,” in which author Dr. Lisa Jones-Jordan concluded that a study of dry eye in 939 post-menopausal women found prevalence to be 62.5%. Meibomian gland dysfunction was deemed a common contributor.

• “Testing Letter Contrast Sensitivity on the iPad,” presented by Dr. Mark Bullimore, demonstrated that the iPad Letter Contrast Sensitivity Test showed similar repeatability and may be more convenient than traditional measures in both normally sighted and low-vision patients.

• “Ethnicity, Serum Cotinine and Macular Degeneration,” whose author Dr. Mark Swanson concluded that a retrospective review of 4,671 patients over the age of 40 supported the correlation between active nicotine exposure and AMD prevalence.

• “Academic Achievement and Ciliary Muscle Thickness,” whose author Dr. Melissa Bailey presented the results from a study suggesting that academic achievement on standardized test could be related to the thickness of the anterior ciliary muscle. Dr. Bailey’s team found that test scores were significantly and positively associated with ciliary thickness even after controlling for refractive error, gender, race and age.

• “Topical Corticosteroid Therapy Does Not Impact Corneal Susceptibility to Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Infection,” whose author Dr. Tan Truong presented the results of a research study in which researchers found that neither healthy nor injured murine corneas were more susceptible to Pseudomonas after short-term therapy.

• “In Vivo Changes to Lamina Cribrosa Pore and Optic Nerve Head Geometry in Non-Human Primates with Early Experimental Glaucoma,” presented by Ezell Fellow Dr. Kevin Ivers, concluded that an increase in mean anterior lamina cribrosa surface depth on SD-OCT was found to represent one of the first structural changes in early glaucoma.

• “Peripheral Neuropathy and Pre-Ocular Tear Film Dysfunction in Diabetes Mellitus,” whose author Dr. Stuti Misra confirmed that patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus exhibited significantly poorer tear film stability, secretion and lipid layer grades compared to a healthy control group.
The American Academy of Optometry – More than Just a Meeting

Our Academy is no longer the best kept secret in optometry! The goal of the Membership Committee for the last ten years has been to make sure that our organization is attracting the best and the brightest optometrists to Fellowship. The number of optometrists in the United States and other countries has been steadily increasing. If the Academy does not increase in membership, we will actually become more exclusive! Our membership numbers are steadily increasing, and we were excited to see the Admittance Committee welcome the largest class of new Fellows ever in Seattle, WA. We are looking forward to watching the Admittance Committee break that record again in Denver for the 2014 annual meeting!

The Membership Committee’s unofficial slogan is “Advancing All Optometry one optometrist at a time.” This shows prospective candidates that the process of becoming a Fellow is more than a test. Candidacy is a process that makes each person a better optometrist, and our organization becomes better with each Fellow who walks across the stage. If you know a new graduate or one of the optometrists who has regularly attended our meeting and not yet joined, please encourage them to apply!

Since 2008, the Membership Committee has doubled the number of Candidates for Fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry. The increase in applications is the direct result of multiple programs that have increased our organization’s visibility. The Board of Directors makes bi-annual visits to each school and college of optometry, to introduce future optometrists and the faculty and staff to the Academy and the many benefits of Fellowship. In addition, each spring at graduation time, the Faculty Liaison at each institution holds a recruitment event called the Conversion of Students to Candidates (CSC) Program. The purpose of the CSC program is to encourage graduating students to move into the candidacy process following graduation. The Academy encourages graduates to view the process of candidacy as something that will assist them in honing their patient care skills.

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

Melissa Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Membership Committee Chair
Geographic Distribution of Fellows

Active Fellows by State and Country (as of December 31, 2013)

Alabama ................. 64  Iowa ......................... 33  New Jersey ............... 94
Alaska .......................... 12  Kansas ......................... 31  New Mexico .............. 31  New York .................. 271
Arizona ..................... 105  Kentucky ......................... 24
Arkansas ...................... 10  Louisiana ....................... 11
California ................... 575  Maine ............................ 19
Colorado ..................... 81  Maryland ....................... 96
Connecticut .................. 33  Massachusetts ............ 162
Delaware ..................... 8  Michigan ....................... 103
Florida ....................... 303  Minnesota .................... 57
Georgia ....................... 72  Mississippi .................... 7
Guam ........................... 2  Missouri ....................... 69
Hawaii ....................... 28  Montana ....................... 14
Idaho .......................... 16  Nebraska ...................... 22
Illinois ....................... 188  Nevada ....................... 30
Indiana ....................... 97  New Hampshire ........... 25

US Military Base ........... 17  Utah ........................... 23
Vermont ...................... 8  Virginia ..................... 89
Washington .................. 93  Washington DC ............ 5
West Virginia ................ 14  Wisconsin .................. 42
Wyoming ..................... 10  UNITED STATES .......... 4068
OTHER COUNTRIES ...... 545
GRAND TOTAL ........... 4613
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. 244 Fellows inducted in 2013 included representatives from 8 countries and 37 U.S. states.
This year, the Academy added one new state chapter, the Arizona Chapter, and two new student chapters at the MCPHS University School of Optometry and the Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry.

**International Chapters**
- Great Britain
- Quebec
- South Africa

**United States Chapters**
- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Heart of America
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Minnesota
- New England
- New York
- North Carolina
- Northeastern Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia

**Student Chapters**
- Illinois College of Optometry
- Indiana University School of Optometry
- University of Montreal
- Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State
- Midwestern University
- New England College of Optometry
- Northeastern State University College of Optometry
- Nova Southeastern College of Optometry
- The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Pacific University College of Optometry
- Rosenberg School of Optometry
- Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry
- SUNY College of Optometry
- University of Alabama School of Optometry
- University of California, Berkeley, College of Optometry
- University of Missouri – St. Louis, College of Optometry
- University of Waterloo
- Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry

**Chapters Committee**
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- Susan Kovanich, Indiana
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- Tina R. Porzukowak, Arizona
- Joseph Reichert, Oklahoma
- Marietje Richter, South Africa
- Gay Tokumaru, Virginia

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- Eunice Myung Lee, Ketchum
- Andrew McLeod, MCPHS
- Raymond Maeda, Western
- Gregory Nixon, OSU
- Kaila Osmotherly, Arizona
- Latricia Pack, NSUCO
- Kathryn Richdale, SUNY
- Mary Flynn Roberts, ICO
- Julie Rodman, NOVA
- Mayra Rullan, IAUPR
- Tammy Than, UAB
- Richard Trevino, RSO
Chapter Updates

**Great Britain Chapter**
The Great Britain Chapter is planning to launch a competitive bursary aimed at UK students in their pre-registration period in 2014. The Chapter will have two bursaries and winners will be able to use the money to attend future American Academy of Optometry meetings. For more information contact Frank Eperjesi, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO at f.eperjesi@aston.ac.uk.

**Arizona Chapter**
The Arizona Chapter will host its inaugural meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Two hours of COPE-approved CE will be offered followed by a 1 hour business meeting. For more information contact Tina Porzukowiak, OD, FAAO at drtinap78@gmail.com.

**North Carolina Chapter**
The North Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry (NCAAO) has enjoyed a memorable 2013. In April, the Chapter’s annual spring meeting, featuring the Salisbury VA and Ft. Bragg residents, was renamed the “Roger Cummings Resident Symposium” in honor of the founder of the NCAAO who recently retired. In August, the Chapter held a summer meeting in downtown Charlotte featuring CE from Charlotte, VA staff optometrist, Elizabeth Cody, OD, FAAO, as well as private practitioners and former Salisbury VA residents, Rachael Wruble, OD, FAAO, and Meredith LeBlanc, OD. The Chapter’s final meeting for 2013, the Winter Ocular Disease Forum, was held in December in Winston-Salem featuring an oculoplastics lecture by Neal Goldman, MD, an ENT specialist, and Philip Roels, OD, FAAO, a staff optometrist at the Winston-Salem VA and previous Chapter president. The Chapter also congratulated and welcomed the newest Fellows in the American Academy of Optometry from the state of North Carolina. For more information contact Edward Chu, OD, FAAO at Edward.Chu@va.gov.

**New Jersey Chapter**
The New Jersey Chapter held its winter evening educational seminar on November 13th, 2013. More than 50 optometric physicians enjoyed a two hour lecture on “Oral Medications in Ocular Trauma” given by Dr. Jeffrey Nyman. Moreover, this momentous occasion celebrated Dr. Michael Mittelman’s recent presidential inauguration at Salus University. On behalf of Salus University, Dr. Mittelman also graciously received an annual scholarship donation from Dr. Clark Chang, President of the New Jersey Chapter (see photo).

Preparation for the New Jersey Chapter’s upcoming 12th Annual Educational Conference is also underway. The event will take place in Myrtle Beach, SC from April 23-27, 2014. 16 COPE CE hours will be delivered by esteemed speakers such as Dr. Marc Bloomstein, and the expert team of Drs. Melton and Thomas. The Chapter welcomes everyone interested in further information to contact the event chairperson, Dr. Dennis Lyons, via dhl2020@aol.com and/or (732)920-0110.

**New York Chapter**
The New York Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry proudly commemorated their 100th anniversary with a reception gala on Sunday, June 30th, 2013 at the Bryant Park Grill in New York City. Thirty active members of the New York chapter and their guests were in attendance for this memorable evening which included an 80th birthday celebration for our chapter President, Dr. Jerome Garber. Festivities included a cocktail hour on the open terrace and an elegant seated dinner accompanied by live comedic entertainment. Presently helmed by Dr. Garber and Dr. Lawrence Forgacs, the New York chapter meets monthly, scheduling a guest speaker to keep members apprised of the latest optometric practice advancements.
The Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are groups of Fellows who wish to gather and communicate about specific areas of interest within optometry and vision science. In 2013, two new SIGs were accepted by the Board of Directors:

- Academic Medical Center Optometrists (AMCO) SIG comes together in a spirit of collegiality to offer support for one another, serve as a resource for those within and outside the SIG and provide a bridge for common interests between all providers of health care for the greater good of the patients we serve.
- Retina SIG promotes excellence in the care of patients with posterior segment eye disease by developing evidence-based educational activities, fostering original research endeavors, and promoting inter-disciplinary collaboration.

In addition, one SIG was authorized by the Board of Directors to become a Section:

- Anterior Segment Section promotes collaboration between researchers and clinicians with an interest in anterior segment disorders of the eye.

The current SIGs:

- Academic Medical Center Optometrists (AMCO)
- Fellows Doing Research
- Glaucoma
- Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry
- Ocular Nutrition
- Retina
- Vision in Aging

The current Sections:

- Anterior Segment (AS)
- Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry (BVPPO)
- Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies (CCLRT)
- Low Vision (LV)
- Optometric Education (OE)
- Primary Care (PC)
- Public Health & Environmental Vision (PHEV)
- Vision Science (VS)

2013 Annual Meeting Symposia

One of the primary goals of the Sections and SIGs is to create programs for the Annual Meeting.

The Anterior Segment Section presented two symposia titled, “Highlights and Advancements in Ocular Drug Delivery Systems” and “Management of Complex Anterior Segment Conditions.”

The BVPPO Section presented “Management of Adult Strabismus: Controversies and Conundrums.”

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Symposium, “New Frontiers in Corneal Transplantation.” The symposium was sponsored by Bausch+Lomb.

The Glaucoma SIG presented, “Point-Counter Point: Evidence-Based Decisions in Glaucoma Management.”

The Low Vision Section presented, “Prosthetic Vision: Where We Are Now and Where We Are Going.”

The Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG presented the 2013 Lawrence G. Gray Memorial Symposium: Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders.

The Ocular Nutrition SIG presented, “Conclusions and Controversies: AREDS II and Future Directions to AMD Management.”

The Optometric Education Section presented, “Blended Learning in Clinical Optometric Procedures Education.”

The Primary Care Section presented, “Obesity and Eye Care.”

The Public Health & Environmental Vision Section presented, “Integration of Public Health and Primary Care to Improve a Population’s Health.”

The Vision in Aging SIG partnered with the Public Health & Environmental Vision Section to present, “Maintaining Independence through Technology.”

The Vision Science Section presented the “Advanced Optical Measurements of the Regina in Diabetes and Glaucoma.”
2013 New Diplomates

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies
Beth Kinoshita of Forest Grove, OR
Randall Sakamoto of Honolulu, HI
Moshe Schwartz of Owings Mills, MD

Low Vision Section
Sharon Bentley of Waum Ponds, Victoria, Australia
Steve Gill of Covington, LA

Primary Care Section
De Gaulle Chigbu of Philadelphia, PA

319 Fellows, approximately 7% of the Academy membership, have attained the distinction of being a Diplomate. Some of the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a Section are:

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

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Christopher Lievens, Program Chair
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Kevin Jackson, Diplomate Chair

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Lei Liu, Vice Chair
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Shaban Demirel, Diplomate Vice-Chair

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Mark Swanson, Vice Chair

“Pursuing the Diplomate status was a goal to challenge my contact lens and cornea knowledge. It truly was a challenging process. It forces one to pull together their knowledge, then refine and add to it. Having finished the process, one feels a special bond with all Diplomates. It is also an opportunity to participate in the direction of the Section and the profession.”

Randall Sakamoto, OD, PhD, FAAO

President Dr. Bernie Dolan (left) congratulates Dr. Randall Sakamoto on becoming a Diplomate in the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies.
The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm. While the annual meeting provides a forum for the 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, the AOF gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward.

The AOF is also the proud sponsor of the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award, the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, and the Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics. The 2013 awardees are listed elsewhere in this annual report.

With assets totaling $4.7 million and an endowment of more than $3.8 million, the AOF hopes to award more than $400,000 in Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants in 2014. This is your investment in the future leadership of optometry.

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The Bert C. and Lydia M. Corwin Fund is Created
Dr. Bert Corwin and Lydia Corwin established the Bert C. and Lydia M. Corwin Fund in 2013. The endowed fund will support an annual $1,000 scholarship in support of a contact lens research project to a PhD graduate student enrolled in an accredited school or college of optometry. Dr. Corwin is Past President of the American Academy of Optometry, the South Dakota Optometric Society, the South Dakota State Board of Optometry, and the American Optometric Foundation.

Evening of Art and Celebration of Vision
The AOF and CooperVision partnered together at Academy 2013 Seattle to host the Evening of Art and Celebration of Vision at the Chihuly Garden and Glass in Seattle, Washington. More than 250 people attended the fabulous and quite successful fundraising event. Attendees collectively pledged and donated nearly $75,000. Attendees enjoyed the beauty of the Chihuly Garden and Glass, while mingling with current and potential donors to the AOF. CooperVision and the AOF are proud of the event’s success and look forward to hosting an event next year at Academy 2014 Denver.

VSP Global and American Optometric Foundation Announce Scholarship Program Partnership
Over the last 10 years, VSP has provided more than one million dollars in scholarship support to hundreds of optometry students. Beginning in 2014, the AOF will administer the program. Scholarships will continue to be awarded to 40 students for a total of $160,000 annually, and these scholarships will now include a travel grant to attend the annual meeting of the Academy. The scholarships will be funded through the VSP Global company’s Eyes of Hope Global Charitable Fund.

The AOF also administered three other industry-sponsored awards to an additional 55 deserving students and residents in 2013. They are the VISTAKON Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care, the VISTAKON J. Pat Cummings Scholarship, and the VISTAKON Residency Awards. For a complete list of recipients visit our website at: www.aaopt.org/AOF/Programs. These and all other VISTAKON programs are supported in part by an educational grant from THE VISION CARE INSTITUTE, LLC, an affiliate of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., with funds provided by JJVCI.
Academy 2013 Seattle

The annual Academy meeting provides the AOF with a forum in which the AOF Board, staff, and award recipients can connect with our donors on a personal level. It is the focal point for the largest fundraising drive of the year. With your support, the AOF received more than $150,000 in gifts and pledges at Academy 2013 Seattle. Donations made through registration, the exhibit hall, lecture honoraria, continuing education, the Evening of Art and Celebration of Vision event, the silent auction and the annual Celebration Luncheon epitomize how well optometry works together to invest in its future.

AOF Awards

2013 VISTAKON® Research Grant
Maud Gorbet, PhD
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science, and
Mark Willcox, PhD, FBCLA, FAAO
University of New South Wales
The Effect of Contact Lens Material on the Phagocytic Activity of Leukocytes Present in the Overnight Tear Film

2013 Beta Sigma Kappa Research Fellowships
Brett King, OD, FAAO
Indiana University, School of Optometry
Measurement of Retinal Blood Flow Prior to and after Instillation of Topical Anti-Ocular Hypertensive Medications using an Adaptive Optics Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope
Christina E. Morettin, OD
Illinois College of Optometry
Visual Structure and Function in Contact Sport Athletes

2013 VISTAKON® Innovation in Education Grants
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