Navigate into new educational terrain at Academy 2014 Denver, the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry, November 12-15, 2014. Early settlers in the Denver area sought gold and riches; Academy meeting attendees will be seeking knowledge, skills and cutting edge scientific discovery in the goldmines of education, exhibits, and hallway discussions! This year’s meeting will take place at the Colorado Convention Center. Meeting registration and hotel reservations open May 28!

Don’t miss adding the Plenary lunch session to your registration! Wednesday, November 12, 12 noon – 2 PM, “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: The Science of Cannabinoids: Medical Perils and Benefits” promises to offer registrants an intriguing, research-based symposium that highlights our evolving recognition of the medicinal value and risks of cannabinoids.

Allan J. Flach, MD, PharmD, is a Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of California in San Francisco. Dr. Flach was a member of the California Research Advisory Panel for two decades prior to the FDA approval of Marinol (delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol) for medical use. He will emphasize current research and potential benefits of cannabinoids for treatment of ocular disease, including the historical reference for glaucoma therapy.

Staci Gruber, PhD, is the Director of the Cognitive and Clinical Neuroimaging Core at McLean Hospital’s Brain Imaging Center and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Gruber’s clinical and research focus is the application of neurocognitive models and multimodal brain imaging to better characterize neurobiological risk factors for substance abuse and psychopathology with TCH, particularly disruptions of the frontal network.

Prakash Nagarkatti, PhD, is currently the Vice President for Research at the University of South Carolina. He oversees the $238 million research enterprise at USC, which is recognized as the only university in the state of SC to receive Carnegie Foundation’s highest research ranking. Dr. Nagarkatti has published extensively in high impact journals on marijuana cannabinoids and their role and efficacy in the treatment of inflammatory diseases and cancer.

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Thursday morning, choose between Hot Topics in various areas of eye and vision research and the Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium. Enjoy a continental breakfast as you learn more about presbyopia!

Named in honor of Dr. Monroe J. Hirsch, each year the Academy’s Research Committee creates a program that is aimed at keeping “an avenue of communication open” between what is happening in scientific discovery and how that can be translated into clinical patient care. Previous topics have included neural plasticity, new technologies in the treatment of eye disease, and genomics. The topic for the 2014 Hirsch symposium is presbyopia: “Mechanisms of Presbyopia Correction – Beyond Benjamin Franklin.” Speakers conducting basic, optical and clinical research to speak about advances in understanding the underlying mechanism and cutting-edge treatments for presbyopia include Stephen McLeod, MD, Paul Kaufman, MD, and Susana Marcos, PhD.

This Ezell Fellows Present Symposium, “A Sampler of Current Low Vision Research,” will showcase three investigators at different stages of their careers, who each trained as optometrists and then pursued doctoral research training, during which they received and were encouraged by Ezell fellowship support. Speakers Robert Massof, PhD, FAAO, Susana Chung, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Bradley Dougherty, OD, PhD, FAAO, will tell us about their special areas of expertise in low vision rehabilitation research. We will learn about meaningful measures of low vision interventions, about plasticity of the visual system with central retinal lesions, and about factors that contribute to road safety in bioptic drivers. Join us to hear about these three important areas of low vision research.

It’s not too late for YOU to share your scientific discoveries with attendees at Academy 2014 Denver! The submission window for scientific program abstracts is open May 1-31. For guidelines to submit, please visit the Academy website.

**Hotels for Academy 2014 Denver**

**Hyatt Regency Denver (Headquarters Hotel)**
650 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202
Single and Double: $209/night; Triple: $234/night; Quad: $259/night
*Highlights:* This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver within easy walking distance of the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers a spa, health club and business center. Many events and meetings will be held here during Academy 2014 Denver.

**Grand Hyatt Denver**
1750 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202
Single and Double: $203/night; Triple: $223/night; Quad: $253/night
*Highlights:* This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver within walking distance of the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers an outdoor jogging track and tennis court, fitness center and business center.

**Denver Marriott City Center**
1701 California Street, Denver, CO 80202
Single and Double: $203/night; Triple: $223/night; Quad: $243/night
*Highlights:* This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver within walking distance of the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers a full-service business center and fitness center. Rooms have been reserved here for the Armed Forces Optometric Society.

**Hotel Teatro**
1100 14th Street, Denver, CO 80202
Single/Double/Triple/Quad: $199/night
*Highlights:* This boutique hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver a short walk to the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers complimentary wireless internet and transportation to and from Denver International Airport for a fee.

*Note: there is a limited number of rooms with two beds.*

**Embassy Suites Denver Downtown**
1420 Stout Street, Denver, CO 80202
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*Highlights:* This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver within walking distance of the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers complimentary breakfast, a fitness facility and a massage studio.

**Crowne Plaza Denver (Government & Student Hotel)**
1450 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO 80202
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*Highlights:* This hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver within walking distance of the convention center, shopping and dining options. This hotel offers complimentary wireless internet, a business center, fitness center and transportation to and from Denver International Airport for a fee.

*Note that this is a government per diem rate hotel, and as such the rate can change as of October 1, 2014. The rate listed above is based on per diem rates approved through September 30, 2014. Meeting attendees must show Government ID or current Student ID at check-in to receive the special government per diem rate. Please note that while the Academy works to secure as many government rate rooms as possible, there are only a limited number available at this rate.*
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The New Normal

Andrew B. Mick, OD, FAAO, Vice-Chair, Scientific Program Committee

In addition to familiar scientific program content, at last year’s annual meeting in Seattle, the Academy made several format changes to facilitate attendance and interaction. For the first time “Hot Topic” paper sessions were designed around specific clinical themes, like motor vehicle collision rates with bioptic devices and clinical comparisons of three different scleral lens designs. These sessions were held unopposed in the largest available rooms normally reserved for lectures and workshops. Newly devised hybrid paper-poster sessions attempted to bring together similarly focused researchers and clinicians in the same venue with content introduced and framed by expert keynote speakers. A unique evening poster session at the conclusion of a busy day allowed the opportunity to browse submissions and ask questions while enjoying a complimentary glass of wine.

A year ago in this issue, I encouraged all optometrists at the annual meeting in Seattle to attend at least one scientific paper and poster session on a topic area that focused on the type of patients they see in their practice. Further I suggested that the interactions with our Academy research colleagues would lead to a better understanding of the diseases we treat daily and possibly send a scientist down a new difference-making research path.

By all measures, attendees took the encouragement to heart, as unprecedented attendance was seen for the Hot Topic paper presentations. The room was packed during the social evening poster session and authors were inundated with questions. Vigorous discussions evolved within the highly attended hybrid paper-poster sessions. In short, the Scientific Programs Committee and Academy Board were excited by the level of interaction and encouraged by the feedback received regarding these format changes. Those optometrists who are planning to return to next year’s meeting in Denver can expect the same innovative approach to the Scientific Program format to go along with the high-quality science that has always been a cornerstone of the American Academy of Optometry.

What is the Scientific Program?
The Academy’s Scientific Program offers scientists, educators, and clinicians the opportunity to exchange the latest information in optometry and vision science in two formats: research paper presentations and scientific or clinical posters. Thanks to the vision and hard work of the Academy leadership you can get continuing education credit, even in 15-minute increments, by attending both paper and poster sessions.

How can I be a part of the Scientific Program?
The quality of Scientific Program remains dependent on the hard work of optometrists and vision scientists who come to share their work. You can be a part of it by submitting an abstract to the Scientific Program Committee for the Denver meeting during the submission window from May 1 – May 31. Go to http://www.aaopt.org/meetings/academy2014/scientificprogram to learn more about submission categories, get tips on preparing your submission, and read submission guidelines.

Board of Directors Nominations

Attention all Fellows! This year is an election year for the Academy Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is working to develop the slate of candidates for the next election, which will be held at Academy 2014 Denver. They are seeking your help with names of potential candidates who are Fellows of the Academy and have the experience and demonstrated leadership abilities to be considered for the Academy Board.

If you know of someone who is willing and able to serve the Academy in this leadership capacity, please submit his or her name by April 15th to Jana Kurtz by email at JanaK@aaoptom.org or by mail at 2909 Fairgreen Street, Orlando, FL 32803.

The Nominating Committee will review the names submitted and will contact individuals to determine their interest in serving on the Board. The deadline for completed applications is May 15th, 2014.

Your assistance in this matter is of vital importance to the Academy as it moves forward in providing leadership to the profession in the areas of education and research.
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Under the leadership of Mert Flom, OD, PhD, twenty-eight optometrists, representing different segments of the profession, met from 1991 to 1994 to consider the rapid changes taking place in optometry. The focus of their discussions was to identify ways to deal with these changes proactively and effectively. Subsequently, the group recommended forming a leadership program. Dr Flom was not only an outstanding vision scientist, clinician and educator; he was also a visionary with a passion for leadership. With his passing in February 2010, the profession and the Academy lost a giant in optometry. In memory of him and his inspiration to us all, the Academy was proud to name the program in his honor. This year marks the 21st year that Leadership InSight™ courses will be offered at our Annual Meeting.

2014 Merton C. Flom Leadership InSight™ Courses

FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP – PART I:
What is Leadership?

Instructors:
Rick Weisbarth OD, FAAO
David Kirschen, OD, PhD, FAAO
Muriel Schornack, OD, FAAO
Ray Pasko, BS, MBA
Lindsay Sicks, OD, FAAO
Harue Marsden, OD, MS, FAAO
Julie Schornack, OD, MEd, FAAO

Wednesday, November 12th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
$50 fee (Students $10)

Regardless of position, everyone can benefit from learning about leadership and how to bring about change through leadership. Part I of this course will focus on the topics such as definitions of leadership, the differences between leadership and management, traits and characteristics of leadership, and using leadership to influence organizational culture. Part I of this course also discusses individual strengths and different leadership styles.

Enrollment is limited to 50 people.

FUNDAMENTALS OF LEADERSHIP – PART II:
Putting Leadership into Action

Instructors:
Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO
Sally Dillehay, OD, EdD, FAAO
Imran Khan, OD, MPH, FAAO
Linda Casser, OD, FAAO

Thursday, November 13th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
$50 fee (Students $10)

Building upon the foundation of Part I of this course, Part II will examine the real world aspects of leadership and how to put leadership into action. This course will focus on Kotter’s model of leadership and how to use it to establish a vision, align people to that vision, and motivate them to stay with the vision. The course will also include a discussion of how communication can be used to support leadership efforts.

Note: Part I of this course is strongly recommended prior to taking Part II. If you have taken the Fundamentals of Leadership Course previously, Part II will also be a valuable refresher on how to actively practice leadership in everyday situations.

Enrollment is limited to 50 people.
INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP COURSE:
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Would YOU Want to Work for YOU™? Inspire Loyalty, Drive Employee Performance, and Become the Leader You Want to Be

Instructor:
Brenda Bence, MBA, CSP, ICF-Certified Executive Coach

Thursday, November 13th
1:30 to 4:30 pm
$75 fee (Students $20)

If you wouldn't want to work for you, why should anyone else? That’s the question that Certified Speaking Professional Brenda Bence asks in this engaging and interactive program. Based on her practice as a Certified Senior Executive Coach, Brenda will reveal the most damaging behaviors she regularly sees in the workplace – the same behaviors that consistently hold otherwise successful leaders back from achieving greater success. They involve mastery of the people side of the equation.

Through this hands-on and practical workshop, you will walk away with simple yet powerful tips, tools, and techniques that you can apply immediately as an optometry professional to get better results and achieve greater productivity from the people you lead. You will get clear on how to motivate excellent performance in others and create a brand for yourself that helps you be the inspiring leader that you, too, would be honored to follow.

Enrollment is limited to 50 people.

We hope to see you at this year’s Leadership InSight™ courses.

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The Academy’s Annual Meeting provides the highest quality continuing education for attendees that is designed for their specialty and interests, focused on best practices and the most current in vision science research.

To achieve their objectives, our attendees seek practical solutions from organizations and companies who exhibit the latest products and innovations. As an attendee, we invite you to spend some quality time exploring the Exhibit Hall. Join us for the opening Welcome Reception on Wednesday, and for lunch on both Thursday and Friday. As a potential exhibitor we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to exhibit at the premier meeting in optometry vision sciences, November 12 -14, 2014 in Denver, Colorado.

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Maintenance of Fellowship - FAQs

The Maintenance of Fellowship (MOF) bylaws amendment was passed at the Academy’s 2009 annual meeting in Orlando. This amendment states that any Fellows inducted at or after Academy 2010 Boston must meet the MOF requirements every 10 years in order to maintain Fellowship in the Academy. This initiative was designed to ensure that all Fellows remain dedicated to professional growth and to supporting the Academy. Read on for answers to MOF frequently asked questions.

What are the requirements?

Each Fellow is required to obtain 15 points during each 10 year period after Fellowship is earned. Points can be earned in a variety of ways including attending the Academy’s annual meeting (3 points), attending CE at the Academy’s meeting (1 point/2 hours of CE), or authoring an article in one of the peer reviewed journals approved by the Academy (up to 4 points). A full explanation of the points can be found on the MOF homepage.

How can I view my MOF progress?

- You can view a detailed record of your progress on the Academy’s website at www.aaopt.org
- Log-in by clicking the link in the upper left-hand corner
- Enter your Academy username and password combination
- Select “My MOF” from the left-hand profile menu

This application allows you to view current point totals and to upload authorship information for points. All Academy related points such as meeting attendance, CE attendance and poster/paper presentations will be automatically uploaded to the system.

Why should I participate if it is not required of me?

It shows a commitment on your part to stay current and active in the Academy structure. Many Fellows will earn the necessary points for MOF just by continuing their annual meeting attendance where they obtain CE course credit. The MOF program provides additional encouragement and recognition for those who support Academy functions and strive for a lifetime of learning.

For more information about MOF, please view the MOF webpage at http://www.aaopt.org/fellows/mof.
Section and SIG Symposia


It has been just over a decade since it was definitively shown that a photoreceptor exists in the inner retina of mammals. There are roughly 3000 of these cells, termed ‘intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells’ (ipRGCs), in a human retina, which is considerably fewer than the 125 million rod and cone photoreceptors present. ipRGCs express the photopigment melanopsin and are known to play a key role in the synchronization of daily (circadian) rhythms of behavior to the external day/night cycle and in the regulation of pupil size. But why do we need another photoreceptor? The answer lies in the important roles that ipRGCs play in a broad array of ocular functions that are distinct from conscious pattern vision and which have important clinical implications.

Speakers include Laura Frishman PhD, FAAO; Ignacio Provencio, PhD; David Copenhagen, PhD; Paul Gamlin; PhD; and Andrew Hartwick, OD, PhD, FAAO.

Academic Medical Center Optometrists SIG Symposium: Issues at Academic Medical Centers

What do academic medical center optometrists most want to learn about? Experts present the latest in compensation derivations, and how to teach optics to ophthalmology residents.

Speakers include Tom Becker, Vice President, Integrated Healthcare Strategies; and David Guyton, MD.

Anterior Segment Section Symposium: MGD: The Science under the Glands

This course reviews updated information related to MGD and its effect on patients’ dry eye symptoms and performance. Updated research from a consortium of individuals has given us new and insightful knowledge about this disease state. Experts from various aspects of eye care gather together during this presentation to review the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment strategies behind dry eyes’ worst enemy.

Speakers include Donald Korb, OD, FAAO; Barry Eiden, OD, FAAO; and Walt Whitley, OD, MBA, FAAO.

Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section Symposium: Affordable Care Act

This symposium covers the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and specifically the requirement in the ACA for comprehensive eye examinations for all children and the impact it will have on optometry as a whole and pediatric optometrists in particular.

Speakers include Bonnie Strickland, PhD; Eva Marie Stahl, PhD; and Joe Touschner, MPP.

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Symposium: Keratoconus - Lasers, Lenses & Boomerangs!

This symposium will feature a ride through the rough and tumble world of the keratoconus patient – from definitive diagnosis and management, through complex contact lens fitting of rigid and soft lens designs, to the newest corneal procedures including corneal crosslinking (CXL) procedures. And finally, we will look at some quandaries about the disease itself – is the tissue slipping or splitting, and does keratoconus recur, and if so, how?

Speakers include Jan Bergmanson, OD, PhD, FAAO; Susan Gromacki, OD, MS, FAAO; Patrick Caroline, FAAO; and William Tullo, OD, FAAO.

Glaucoma SIG Symposium: The Implementation of Optical Coherence Technology (OCT) in Managing Glaucoma

Learn about the implementation of Optical Coherence Technology (OCT) in managing glaucoma. Panelists will address one of the three following topics with clinical cases and support from peer-reviewed literature in glaucoma: basic principles and variants of OCT technology, image interpretation of OCT, and clinical function of OCT.

Speakers include Jane Ann Grogg, OD, FAAO; John Samples, MD; and Michael Sullivan-Mee, OD, FAAO.

Low Vision Section Symposium: There’s Nothing Dry About Dry AMD: New Perspectives on an Old Problem

Astonishing new observations about the anatomy and physiology of age-related macular degeneration have critical implications for management of the millions of affected individuals. These new observations are of particular importance for management of non-exudative age-related macular degeneration, the prevalence of which increases sharply among the oldest adults. This symposium will review the results of improved imaging techniques and new understandings of photoreceptor functioning at various light levels, with discussion of implications for assessment of new pharmaceutical treatments and for clinical practice, from early detection through end stage management.

Speakers include Christine A. Curcio, PhD; Richard F. Spaide, MD; Greg R. Jackson, PhD; and Dawn K. DeCarlo, OD, MS, FAAO.
Neuro-Ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG Symposium: 2014 Lawrence Gray Symposium in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disorders

Learn about the latest developments regarding idiopathic intracranial hypertension, the expanding spectrum of optic neuritis, including the clinical diagnosis and management of Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO), and the role of vision in walking and neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer’s Disease and Parkinson’s Disease. These novel and varied presentations will not only help keep you updated on some new advances in neuro-ophthalmic disorders, but will also give you useful information to apply to your clinical practice.

Speakers include Leonard Messner, OD, FAAO; Jeffrey Bennett, MD; and Victoria Pelak, MD.

Ocular Nutrition SIG Symposium: Sugar - More than Meets the Eye

50 years of dietary guidelines have emphasized “low fat” and “low cholesterol” eating. Manufacturers have obliged by creating foods with increasing sugar and wheat/gluten content, while promoting exercise and widespread use of statins to lower cholesterol. Yet Americans have become heavier and less healthy at an alarming rate. Our panelists do a fast-paced “root cause evaluation” of the science of sugar with respect to: 1) Diabetes / Cardiovascular disease, 2) Alzheimer’s disease and 3) Cancer.

Speakers include Dennis Ruskin, OD, FAAO; Paul Chous, MA, OD, FAAO; Kim Reed, OD, FAAO; and Stuart Richer, OD, PhD, FAAO.

Optometric Education Section Symposium: Point/Counter Point: Does Presentation Style Make a Difference in Outcomes? (Do Different Learning Styles Exist?)

Recently, educators have been using innovative techniques to make their teaching student-centric. The term “learning styles” refers to the concept that individuals differ in regard to what mode of instruction or study is most effective for them. Proponents of learning-style assessment contend that optimal instruction requires diagnosing individuals’ learning style and tailoring instruction accordingly.

Speakers include Jill Clutter, PhD; and Hal Pashler, PhD.

Primary Care Section Symposium: Primary Care of the Posterior Segment

This 2 hour symposium is a rapid-fire exchange of up-to-date information regarding the management of posterior segment ocular disease. The topics are as follows: vitreo-retinal disease, retinal vascular occlusion update, AMD pathology and prevention, evidence-based management of posterior segment disease, posterior segment imaging, plaquenil screening guidelines, diabetic retinopathy, and a retina surgery co-management update.

Speakers include Christopher Lievens, OD, MS, FAAO; Megan Hunter, OD, FAAO; Rex Ballinger, OD, FAAO; Blair Lonsberry, MS, OD, FAAO; and Mohammed Rafieetary, OD, FAAO.

Public Health & Environmental Vision Section Symposium: Is there a Place for Prevention, Public Health, Public Assistance, and Providers in Optometric Practice in an Era of ACA?

Do prevention activities and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) save the public money? How does public health make health care more efficient? Can ACA improve care? How? Is the Affordable Care Act a success or failure? How do we evaluate changes to our health care system in an unbiased way? How do we implement the mandated changes in a way that makes everyone happy and still take care of patients? How does ACA affect private practice and practitioners? Are there any ancillary services included? Where does care of the underserved fit in? How much does all of this cost?

Speakers include Debbie Hettler, OD, MPH, FAAO; Larry Wolk, MD; Adam Atherly, PhD; Michele Lueck; Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH; and Bob Doyle.

Retina SIG Symposium: Innovations in Retinal Care

This course will feature specialists in the realm of retinal care (a retinal specialist, an internist with a specialty in genetics, and a PhD) discussing some of the new research in the area of retinal disease. Topics covered include dark adaptometry and its role in AMD; the genetics of AMD; and novel treatments in AMD and other retinal disease, such as JETRETM.

Speakers include Steven Ferrucci, OD, FAAO; Greg Jackson, PhD; Brent Zanke, MD; and Michael Tolentino, MD.

Vision in Aging SIG Symposium: Vision in Aging Grand Rounds: Multidisciplinary Health Care and Insights

Older adults are the fastest growing segment of our society. Caring for the older patient requires a multi-disciplinary approach of clinical expertise to address the multiple comorbidities, social issues, stability of function and health as well as maintenance of independence. This is a symposium with a difference. Two typical, but complex, cases will be presented, and a geriatrician, pharmacist, nutritionist and optometrist will describe their management of each case and their insights on the issues raised.

Speakers include Susan Leat OD, FCOptom, FAAO; Kendra Sheppard, MD, MSPH, CMD; Carlos Rojas-Fernandez, BSc, PharmD; Laura Newton, MEd, RD, LD; Mark Siewanson, OD, FAAO, MSPH; and John Kaminski, OD FAAO.
Fellows Celebrate Anniversary Milestones

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Student Fellowship Program at Academy 2014 Denver

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Looking for a way to become involved in the Academy? Participate in the Student Fellowship program at Academy 2014 Denver! Now in its fourth year, the Student Fellowship program encourages students to experience the entire Academy meeting. It’s a great opportunity for students to engage in cutting-edge knowledge and technology through lectures, workshops, posters and much more!

The entire process of obtaining Student Fellowship takes place during the annual meeting and involves attending a list of required sessions such as the Academy Business Meeting, one Section or SIG Symposium, paper and poster sessions, etc. Upon successful completion, Student Fellows receive a Student Fellow lapel pin, a certificate of achievement, and complimentary student registration to the next Academy meeting.

More information will be sent out about the program in the coming months. You can read more about the Student Fellowship program and requirements at http://www.aaopt.org/students/fellowship.

Student Travel Fellowships for Academy 2014 Denver

The Academy wants to help defray travel costs for students and residents attending Academy 2014 Denver as accepted paper/poster presenters. Academy meetings are not only a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about cutting edge research and technologies from optometry’s best, but also a chance to network with peers and stalwarts in optometry!

The Academy will provide a number of $750 travel fellowships to students and residents to attend this year’s meeting. Only applicants with an accepted abstract to the annual meeting will be considered for a student travel fellowship, so be sure to submit your abstract between May 1 and May 31 on the Academy’s website. Travel fellowships are awarded based on accomplishments and potential in optometric research and education. Other criteria used by the reviewers include the applicant’s one page statement, the faculty evaluation, and the quality of the abstract. Each student may only be the recipient of one travel fellowship per meeting.

Please check the Academy’s website at www.aaopt.org for more information!
Scenes from Academy 2013 Seattle

Students attend the 2013 Student Fellowship orientation breakfast as part of the Student Fellowship program.

The Faculty-Student Liaison Committee met during Academy 2013 Seattle to discuss ideas to encourage student involvement and Academy 2014 Denver.

The 2013 Student Travel Fellowship awardees at the Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium.
Chapter News

Arizona Chapter

The Arizona Chapter held its inaugural CE event and business meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry in Glendale, AZ. The COPE-accredited CE event, “Grand Rounds: Front to Back,” was hosted by Dr. Donald Jarnagin, Dean of the Arizona College of Optometry at Midwestern University, and engaged the audience on a variety of topics. Dr. Tina Porzukowiak moderated the robust program; the speakers were Dr. Christina Sorenson, Dr. Danielle Weiler, Dr. Wendy Harrison, Dr. Larry Richardson, and Dr. Gregory Wolfe.

Following the CE program, the Chapter held its first business meeting. For more information on the Arizona Chapter contact Dr. Tina Porzukowiak at drtinap78@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Sad News From the Academy

William Russell Baldwin, OD, PhD, FAAO
1926-2014

A Distinguished Leader in Optometric Education, in World Optometry, and an Academy Fellow for 60 years

Dr. William Russell Baldwin died at the age of 87 of congestive heart failure Feb. 14, 2014. He became a Fellow of our Academy in 1954 and served as chair of several Academy Committees.

After enlisting in the U.S. Navy to serve his country in World War II, Dr. Baldwin completed his education and then spent a distinguished career in optometric education serving as the Dean of Optometry at Pacific University from 1963 - 1969, President of the New England College of Optometry in Boston from 1969-1979, and Dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry from 1979-1990.

A leader in optometry, he established schools in Nigeria, Israel, Poland, and Sri Lanka, received several awards and recognitions including the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Indiana University, the National Optometry Hall of Fame, and an Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation. Dr. Baldwin was chosen to be the first optometrist to serve on the USS Hope and served on the board of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and as its President from 1974-1976. Dr. Baldwin served on the board of the American Optometric Foundation 2001-2002.

Samuel Goetz, OD, FAAO,
1928-2013

Holocaust Survivor, Humanitarian, and Academy Fellow for 45 Years

Dr. Samuel Goetz died at the age of 85 of pancreatic cancer in his Los Angeles home on Oct. 24, 2013. He became an Academy Fellow in 1968.

As a prominent spokesman for Holocaust survivors, he founded the UCLA Chair on Holocaust Studies and organized the first preservation project that recorded on videotape the testimonies of Holocaust survivors. He received numerous awards for his outstanding work for humanitarian causes.

He wrote a memoir, “I Never Saw My Face” (2011), which offers a deeply personal and affecting lens on the Holocaust.

His ophthalmologist son, Joseph Goetz, recalled that when he was growing up his father “was always quite open about sharing what happened during the Holocaust. It was not until the 1970s that the survivor’s desire to preserve the era’s brutal history became his urgent cause.”

Sam Goetz is survived by his wife, Gerti, children Joseph and Eugenia (Genie), and nine grandchildren.
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Search for “American Academy of Optometry” in the Groups section.

www.youtube.com/AmerAcadofOptometry
Watch videos about all of the exciting upcoming events at Academy 2013 Seattle!
It’s that time of the year again! We are excited to announce that the AOF annual report for 2013 is complete. Look for your copy of the report to arrive during the month of March. Review the prosperous year that the AOF had, and enjoy the photos and stories that make the AOF a leader in support of top educators, students, and researchers representing the future of optometry.

Annual Report Highlights the AOF’s Successful Year of 2013

Silent Auction 2014 – Academy 2014 Denver

The AOF’s Silent Auction raises funds for the future of optometry. Thanks to those who donated items and donors who placed their bids, last year’s event was one of the AOF’s most successful. We are thrilled about this year’s opportunity to provide our attendees with an exciting way to contribute. For the AOF’s wish list of silent auction items, please contact Foundation Coordinator Tracy Kitts at TracyK@aaoptom.org. Items with a minimum value of $100 are preferred, but all are welcome.
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. Supports J. Pat Cummings Scholarship Recipients

The 2013 J. Pat Cummings Scholarship recognizes outstanding second, or third-year student clinicians who best exemplify the ideal eye care standards of practice, achievement in both academic performance and extra-curricular activities, along with other professional pursuits such as involvement with patients through internships, community service, and other volunteer activities. Participants were chosen by their institutions last October and each received a $1,000 scholarship and commemorative plaque.

For over 20 years, these awards and other Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. programs are supported in part by an educational grant from THE VISION CARE INSTITUTE®, LLC, an affiliate of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. This program, formerly the “ACUVUE® Eye Health Advisor Student Citizenship Award,” was renamed in 2009 to honor the late J. Pat Cummings.

2013 Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. J. Pat Cummings recipients and institutions attending:

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The Henry B. Peters Lecture Fund reached its $25,000 goal in December 2013 to become a fully funded endowment. This means that the first Henry B. Peters Memorial Lecture will be presented at Academy 2014 Denver. The lecture will feature a prominent speaker in public health or environmental vision who will address contemporary issues. The AOF thanks all who have pledged or donated to the Henry B. Peters Lecture Fund. Even though we have reached the $25,000 goal, we want to increase this endowment to preserve its future and eventually increase the amount of the lecture award. You can support the Henry B. Peters Lecture Fund by visiting www.aaopt.org/AOF/Donate/Peters.

The AOF Welcomes New President’s Circle Member

The AOF welcomed several new members to its President’s Circle during Academy 2013 Seattle. The AOF President’s Circle members are an elite group of supporters, who take a leadership role in the future of the optometry. Through their remarkable giving, President’s Circle members are transforming the AOF and helping it grow into one of optometry’s most respected foundations, while upholding its mission of developing and providing financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care. The greatest benefit of President’s Circle membership is the pride you experience knowing that your dedication to optometry will make a difference in the lives of students, clinicians, and researchers.

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We encourage you to visit our website, www.aaopt.org/aof to learn more about our organization and stay appraised of the many programs that we administer.

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