



Destination Chicago

GET READY FOR THE JOINT MEETING

PART FOUR OF SIX

BEAT THE CLOCK

■ Act Now to Avoid the Lines for Registration in Chicago

Preregister for the Joint Meeting and avoid long lines at Registration (Hall A) in Chicago.

Register by Sept. 19 to have your badge and registration materials mailed to you before the meeting. Sept. 19 is also the last day to register by mail or to make a cancellation (see "Need to Cancel?" below).

From Sept. 20 to Oct. 17, you can still register online, but you will have to pick up your badge and other meeting materials onsite.

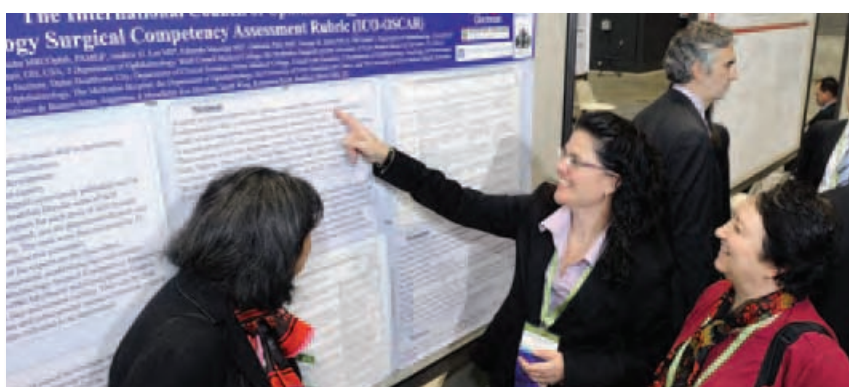
After Oct. 17, you must wait until you are onsite and stand in line at Registration. The Academy Plus course pass and most ticket prices increase onsite.

Register now. Go to www.aao.org/2012 and select "Registration."

■ Need Special Services?

The Academy wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is denied services, segregated, excluded, or otherwise treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids or services. If you need any of the auxiliary services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please e-mail meetings@aao.org.

Advance notification will help the Academy to ensure that your needs are met.



■ **10 REASONS TO REGISTER FOR THE JOINT MEETING (NOV. 10 to 13).** Your Joint Meeting registration includes access to 1) the exhibit hall, 2) Academy Café panel discussions, 3) Learning Lounge discussions, 4) original paper sessions, 5) print version of the Joint Meeting Final Program, 6) scientific posters and guided tours of those posters (above), 7) Spotlight Sessions, 8) symposia, 9) Technology Pavilion presentations, and 10) video program.

■ Need to Cancel? Sept. 19 Is the Deadline for Refunds

Your registration and any tickets you purchase are not transferable to another person. If you find that you are not able to attend the Joint Meeting, notify the Academy by e-mail (registration@aao.org) or fax (415-561-8575). Be sure to include your name and Academy identification number.

No refunds will be processed for cancellation requests that are received after Sept. 19. There is a per-person, per-meeting cancellation processing fee of \$75, or the total of your registration, course pass, and ticket fees, whichever is less.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

■ Register for a One- or a Two-Day Meeting

Subspecialty Day opens on Friday, Nov. 9, with two meetings—Refractive Surgery and Retina. It gets into full swing on Saturday with the addition of five more meetings—Cornea, Glaucoma, Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Uveitis.

Find out what's hot in other subspecialties. If you register for one of the Saturday-only meetings, you may attend any Subspecialty Day session that takes place on that day. If you register for a two-day meeting, you also

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can attend either of Friday's Subspecialty Day sessions.

Start planning your Subspecialty Day. Download the programs for the seven meetings. Go to www.aao.org/2012 and select "Subspecialty Day."

■ Subspecialty Day Previews: Part Two

This month, program directors from the Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Retina meetings preview this year's Subspecialty Day.



More pre-views online. See "Destination Chicago" in the August EyeNet, which is online at www.eyenet.org, for pre-

views of the Cornea, Glaucoma, Refractive Surgery, and Uveitis meetings.

■ OCULOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY 2012—Form, Function, Finesse.

Where: Vista Room S406a. **When:** Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. **Program directors:** Julian D. Perry, MD, and Robert G. Fante, MD, FACS.

"This year, we have collected a superb international faculty that includes subspecialist experts in all facets of oculofacial plastic surgery," said program director Robert G. Fante, MD, FACS. "The 'Masters' session includes brilliant, innovative, and seasoned ophthalmologists who will review how their practices have evolved over the past 20 years. Similarly, in the 'Aesthetics,' 'Orbit,' and 'Complications' sessions, there will be lively and information-packed reviews of the latest topics facing our specialty. The 'Clinical Controversies' session uses a debate format and invites audience participation in order to tease out the finest details and nuances in the management of three common clinical problems."

The keynote lecturer, Petros Perros, MD, is the current leader of EUGOGO (the European Group on Graves Orbitopathy), and he will lead a structured

case discussion with U.S. and Canadian ophthalmologists that will highlight the most perplexing management issues in thyroid eye disease.

"The format for the inaugural Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day in 2010 was very well received," said Dr. Fante. "We have built on that excellent foundation by continuing to use panels, audience participation, and in-depth exploration of contemporary issues in patient care. We anticipate that this meeting will enhance our understanding of the current challenges and future directions of oculofacial plastic surgery."

This meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

■ PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY 2012—Learning From Our Past, Looking to Our Future. **Where:** Grand Ballroom S100c. **When:** Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. **Program directors:** Stephen P. Christiansen, MD, and C. Gail Summers, MD.

Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day is an opportunity for attendees to "learn, be challenged, and be motivated to step outside of our box and consider new things," said program director Stephen P. Christiansen, MD. "Our program committee worked hard to make this an interactive program, bringing in a diverse group of experts to help attendees get more involved in the discussions." For example, in the case-based pediatric retina section, attendees will be invited to suggest appropriate next steps using the audience response system.

The sections will focus on a broad range of pediatric conditions, from strabismus, ROP, and glaucoma to orbit and craniofacial issues, and neuro-ophthalmology. A new section will focus on systemic considerations in caring for children and will include presentations on headaches, anesthetic neurotoxicity, behavioral issues in children with complex disease, and chromosomal rearrangements of ocular significance.

"There are two must-attend meet-

ings in our field: AAO's Pediatric Subspecialty Day and the AAPOS annual meeting," said Dr. Christiansen. "Ophthalmologists get the opportunity to be exposed to a lot of new, highly innovative information."

This meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.

■ RETINA 2012—The Winds of Change. **Where:** Arie Crown Theater. **When:** Friday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Program directors:** Joan W. Miller, MD, and Tarek S. Hassan, MD.

The topics and format created for the two days of Retina Subspecialty Day promise to be both "comprehensive and highly interactive," said program director Joan W. Miller, MD. Topics range from vitreoretinal surgery, pediatric retina, and inherited retinal disease to neovascular and non-neovascular age-related macular degeneration, diabetes, oncology, and even "The Business of Retina." In addition, attendees will not only be asked to participate by using the audience response system, but they will also vote their opinions on several topics, before and/or after debates on macular degeneration (Friday) and diabetic retinopathy (Saturday).

One key highlight occurs on Friday at the "Cool Surgical Video Panel," in which seven prominent retina specialists show their coolest surgical videos in rapid succession, with the audience voting on those they like best. The Retina meeting will end with videos showing complications that occur during vitreoretinal surgery.

"Without a doubt, this is one of the best retina meetings you can attend," said Dr. Miller. "We have huge participation by so many experts from all over the world. It promises to be a rich, informative, and refreshing experience."

This meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin.

PROGRAM

■ Academy Plus: One Course Pass for 350 Instruction Courses

Academy Plus is a course pass that offers unlimited access to all Academy and AAOE instruction courses.

Buy the pass when you register. If you purchase your Academy Plus when you register for the Joint Meeting, it costs \$175; purchase it onsite for \$225. For Members in Training, the cost is \$100, whether you purchase it in advance or onsite.

You still need a ticket for certain events. Specific classes and events are not included in the course pass. These include the AAOE Saturday program; the AAOE Coding SOS and Coding Camp sessions; Breakfast With the Experts; Skills Transfer labs; Subspecialty Day meetings; and ticketed special events. Be sure to check the event descriptions to see if an individual ticket is required.

For more information on Academy Plus, visit www.aao.org/pass.

■ AAO-APAO Joint Symposia

Don't miss the three joint symposia with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO):

- **Corneal Stem Cell: Advances in Clinical and Laboratory Research** (event code "Sym05"). International



authorities will present on the topics of stem cells, the diagnosis of stem

cell deficiency, and interventions in clinical practice. Techniques currently emerging from the laboratory will be highlighted.

When: Sunday, Nov. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in North Hall B.

- **Ethnic Variations in Glaucoma Prevalence, Detection, and Treatment Outcomes** ("Sym21"). Experts will discuss the role of race and ethnicity in glaucoma incidence, treatment, and screening practices.

When: Monday, Nov. 12, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in Grand Ballroom S100ab.

- **Management of Diabetic Retinopathy: East-West Perspectives**

("Sym39"). How does the impact of diabetic retinopathy, as well as its clinical management, differ between East and West? With that question in mind, panelists will review the condition's epidemiology, trends in its management, its impact on quality of daily life, and more.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., in Grand Ballroom S100ab.

Learn more. In next month's "Destination Chicago," APAO Deputy Secretary-General Clement C. Y. Tham, FRCS, will preview APAO's participation in this year's Joint Meeting.

■ Innovation in Ophthalmology: From Theory to Therapy

"Many of the most important innovations in ophthalmology have come from individual physician innovators," said Emmett T. Cunningham Jr., MD, PhD, MPH, who chairs the new Spotlight on Innovation session (event code "SpoI"). "This event covers that history and will provide important, practical tips for the aspiring clinician innovator."

Spotlight on Innovation features six 10-minute presentations delivered by: Daniel M. Schwartz, MD ("The Role



JACKSON MEMORIAL LECTURE. Don't miss Dr. Miller's lecture, "Age-Related Macular Degeneration Revisited—Piecing the Puzzle," during this year's Opening Session.

of Physician Innovators"), Mark S. Blumenkranz, MD ("Innovating From Academia"), Richard L. Lindstrom, MD ("Innovating From Private Practice"), Gilbert H. Kliman, MD ("Funding Innovation"), William Link, PhD ("Building a Team"), and Eugene de Juan Jr., MD ("Mistakes I've Made, but Wish I Hadn't"). These are followed by a panel discussion and Q&A.

When: Sunday, Nov. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in Grand Ballroom S100ab.

■ Jackson Memorial Lecturer To Talk About AMD

"In my upcoming lecture,

I will be discussing our current understanding of AMD," said Joan W. Miller, MD. "In recent years, we have witnessed important innovations in the treatment of neovascular AMD. Now, with advances in genetic and functional studies, we have a more complete understanding of the pathogenesis of AMD. We hope that this knowledge will allow us to design more elegant treatments directed at prevention and early intervention in order to avert any vision loss from AMD."

When: Sunday, Nov. 11, from 9:32 to 9:57 a.m., during the Opening Session (from 8:30 to 10 a.m.) in North Hall B.

AFTER HOURS

■ Relax With Colleagues

From alumni groups to subspecialty associations, more than 100 organizations arrange events to coincide with the Joint Meeting. For listings, go to www.aao.org/2012 and click on "Special Events" in the left-hand navigation bar, and "Alumni and Related Group Events."

The Academy and affiliated organizations (including the International Society of Refractive Surgery and the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives) also host social events:

Friday, Nov. 9

- **ISRS Awardee, Faculty and Member Reception.** *When?* 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Prairie Center at Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. *Who's invited?* ISRS members, Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day faculty, and their spouses. *Free.*

Find out more at www.isrs.org.

Saturday, Nov. 10

- **OphthPAC Reception.** *When?* 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel. *Who's invited?* 2012 OphthPAC members. *Free.*

Find out more about OphthPAC—including how to make a contribution—at www.opthpac.org.

Sunday, Nov. 11

• **Academy Foundation Orbital Gala.** *When?* 6 to 10 p.m. at the Field Museum. *Who's invited?* Academy members and their guests. Tickets required.

Find out more at www.fao.org.

• **AAOE Reception.** *When?* 6 to 7:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom A. *Who's invited?* Members of the AAOE. Free. Sponsored by CareCredit.

Find out more at www.aao.org/aaoe2012.

• **Global YO Reception.** *When?* 9 p.m. to midnight at Cuvée. *Who's invited?* Physicians who are in training or are in their first five years of practice. Pick up your free ticket in the YO Lounge.

Find out more at www.aao.org/yo.

Monday, Nov. 12

• **Senior Ophthalmologist Special Program and Reception.** *When?* 2:30 to 4 p.m. (special program) and 4 to 5 p.m. (reception) in Room S101ab. *Who's invited?* Joint Meeting attendees and their spouses. Free.

Find out more at www.aao.org/so.

■ **ACADEMY TOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S HOME AND STUDIO.** For a unique perspective on one of the giants of contemporary architecture, attend Tour S13 (Sunday, Nov. 11, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.) or Tour S22, which also includes a visit to the Unity Temple, one of the most significant projects of Mr. Wright's lengthy career (Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.).

Tours are open to you, your family members, and your guests. Visit www.aao.org/2012 to view other events in the Tour Program and to buy tickets.

NOTE: All Tour Program participants must first register for the Joint Meeting. (There is a special registration rate for spouses and guests.)



■ Chicago Pizza—Let the Debate Begin

Chicago and pizza go hand in hand, but which pizza pie reigns supreme? Go to www.aao.org/2012, click on

“Chicago 2012” in the left-hand navigation bar, and scroll down for a roundup of the best deep dish pizzas and a list of 25 great pizzas that don't rely on tradition.

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