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LETTER FROM THE AAO




Greetings! The 2010 Joint Meeting with the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO) is less than a month away. If you have not registered already, note that the deadline to register in advance has passed. If you are planning to come - and we hope you do! - plan on registering upon arrival at McCormick Place in Chicago.

This month's *News and Notices* is devoted to guiding you through all of the resources available to you as you prepare for the meeting. There are a few special resources this year, including the [Bistro AAO](#), the Meeting E-Guide and the [Joint Meeting community group](#).

If you have any questions, e-mail us at international@aaopt.org and we will do our best to help you navigate your time in Chicago. I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Ronald E. Smith, MD
Secretary, Global Alliances

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MEETING E-GUIDE

Joint Meeting information now available on your mobile phone

Meeting E-Guide – New Look, New Features

[Download the 2010 Meeting E-Guide](#) for your mobile

device now or at AAO Connect (Hall A, Booth 973) during the meeting.



Features:

- Meeting directory and information
- Program information (locations, times, speakers)
- Hotel and shuttle bus information
- Exhibitor information
- Technology Pavilion schedule
- Meeting E-Services

The E-Guide supports:

iPhone, iPad, Android, BlackBerry, Palm OS, Windows Mobile and WebOS devices

[Download the E-Guide](#)

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Your Place at the Joint Meeting

The International Center is your place to receive further assistance regarding the Joint Meeting and your stay in Chicago. Visit the International Center to learn more about AAO programs, check your e-mail, meet or leave messages for your colleagues, or just relax.

Pick up your free gift!

To claim your gift, visit the Membership or Information booth in the [Academy Resource Center \(Booth 2344\)](#), obtain a voucher and then bring it to the International Center (Booth 2480).

Pick up your voucher and gift early. Supplies are limited.

Location: Booth 2480, Hall A

[View map](#)

Hours:

Saturday, 16 Oct. - 08:30 to 17:00

Sunday, 17 Oct. - 08:30 to 17:00

Monday, 18 Oct. - 08:30 to 17:00

Tuesday, 19 Oct. - 08:30 to 15:00



Staff members who are fluent Spanish and Portuguese will be available. Admittance is by attendee badge. Light refreshments will be available.

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PROGRAM RESOURCES

Plan Your Meeting Schedule

Scientific Program and Subspecialty Day

[Joint Meeting Program Search](#)

Search the Joint Meeting program by author, topic, special interest and more; includes complete abstracts.

Search Educational Events

Academy Café Sessions at the Joint Meeting

The Academy Café sessions are some of the most popular and are completely free to meeting attendees. The Café features lively conversation on a variety of topics. Keep your cell phone, PDA or laptop with you to send questions to the moderator during the session. To find sessions, [visit the online program](#) and search by event type "Academy Café."

[Subspecialty Day Program Search](#)

Search the subspecialty day program by author, topic, special interest and more; includes complete abstracts.

Subspecialty Day Schedules*

[Cornea](#) | [Glaucoma](#) | [Oculofacial](#) | [Pediatric](#) | [Refractive](#) | [Retina](#) | [Uveitis](#)

*The schedule links above will direct you to PDF files between 100 and 140K.

On the Exhibition Floor

[Virtual Exhibition](#)

View each company's digital booth, location, product information and company information. Once logged in, personalize your plan and map your course of selected vendors.

[2010 Technology Theater \(Booth 569\)](#)

Visit the technology theater for informative presentations from industry leaders that highlight current topics affecting your practice. Follow the link above for a schedule of presentations.

[Academy Resource Center \(Booth 2344\)](#)

Renew your membership, learn about new AAO products or view demonstrations of the online community and the ONE Network.



CONFER WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

Join the Joint Meeting group in the online community

Did you know? The online community features a group set up especially to address questions and provide you an opportunity to discuss the upcoming meeting with your colleagues.

[Join the group](#)

Recent Group Activity



[Video: Welcome to Chicago!](#)

Watch this special welcome for international members attending the Joint Meeting with MEACO.

Other videos include:

- [What's New in Chicago](#)
- [Affordable Chicago](#)

"Top 5" in Chicago

Share the five courses or sessions you are looking forward to the most, the five speakers or subjects you always seek out in the program, the five not-to-be-missed sights in Chicago, or five of your favorite restaurants.

[Join the discussion](#)

Message from the Secretary for Annual Meeting

"This year's Joint Meeting is sure to be an outstanding event. We hope you plan to attend so not to miss out on this excellent program. Now with the AAO Community we have the opportunity to get connected with colleagues and friends before and during the meeting. One of the biggest challenges that members have is how to navigate the meeting."

[Read the complete message from Dr. Edward Holland](#)

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CHICAGO HIGHLIGHTS

Practical Travel and Tourism Resources

City Highlights

[Chicago City Highlights](#)

Information on Chicago's scenery, tours, famous attractions and delicious cuisine.



[Choose Chicago](#)

Enjoy Chicago's abundance of exciting nightlife, provocative attractions and tantalizing cuisine. Create a custom Chicago experience with [My Chicago Trip](#). Enter your basic trip data and personal interests, and [My Chicago Trip](#) will deliver a list of recommended places to visit, based on your interests.

Chicago Extras

[Practical Amenities](#)

Weather, electricity standards, etiquette, venue and exchange rate information.



[Insiders' Guide to Chicago](#)

Welcome to a fabulous, fun, sophisticated town. Chicagoans love their city, and for good reasons.

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Besides scientific courses and the exhibition, the Joint Meeting offers you a large variety of opportunities to network, socialize and even connect with your colleagues.

[Special Sessions and Events](#)

Information on industry-supported satellite symposia, special receptions, galas and more.

Plus: [Guide to the industry-supported satellite symposia](#).



[Academy Foundation Orbital Gala](#)

Join the festivities at the Orbital Gala on Sunday, Oct. 17 at Chicago's historic Palmer House Hilton. Enjoy dinner, dancing and a silent auction while supporting the foundation's educational and public service mission.



[Spouse and Guest Program](#)

The spouse and guest program is a social program open to all spouses, family members and guests accompanying Joint Meeting registrants. Tours are offered daily during the meeting.

[International Society of Refractive Surgery \(ISRS\) Schedule of Clinical Sessions](#)

ISRS, a partner of the AAO, will be hosting a variety of refractive and cataract sessions and symposia during the Joint Meeting and Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day.

Additional Resources

[Virtual Highlights Brochure](#)

Highlights of the MEACO sessions, Academy Café, AAOE Program (practice management) and the Exhibit Hall, as well as recommendations for local trips.

[First-Time Attendee's Guide to the Joint Meeting from the YO Info newsletter](#)

The meeting can be tough to navigate especially as a novice. If this Joint Meeting will be your first, then use this guide to learn about essential events and sessions to attend.

[Bistro AAO](#)

Avoid rushing to lunch meetings outside the convention center—save time, relax and get a healthier meal for just \$20 at Bistro AAO.

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