

Destination VEGAS

GET READY FOR THE JOINT MEETING

PART ONE OF FIVE

WELCOME

Five Days in Vegas: Here's How to Plan Your Joint Meeting

Your time is precious, so why read *EyeNet's* newest section, Destination Vegas?

Because from now until the Joint Meeting, a quick scan through these pages will give you a heads-up on:

- key dates and upcoming deadlines (“Beat the Clock”)
- what’s new in the Scientific Sessions (“Program”)
- opportunities to mix with colleagues (“Social Events”)
- a guide to official accommodation (“Hotels”)
- best restaurants, plus tips for nearby travel (“Viva Las Vegas,” starting next month)
- Exhibit Hall resources (“Hall Highlights,” starting in September)

Used in conjunction with the Academy’s Web site (www.aao.org/annual_meeting) and *Advance Program* (which you should receive in the mail this month), Destination Vegas will help you make the most of this year’s Joint Meeting.

Please let EyeNet know what news, tips and resources would help you make the most of this year’s Joint Meeting. E-mail your suggestions to cmcdonagh@aao.org.



DESTINATION VEGAS. For five days in November, Las Vegas will be Ophthalmology Central. Join your colleagues in Nevada’s “City of Lights” for this year’s Subspecialty Day (from Nov. 10 to 11) and Joint Meeting (from Nov. 11 to 14).

BEAT THE CLOCK

June 28—Save Your Seat; Reserve Your Hotel Room

Don’t miss out on your first choice of courses and hotel. Mark your calendar for June 28, when registration, course ticket sales and housing reservations open for Academy and AAOE members. (Nonmembers must wait until July 12.)

For a guide to hotels, see page 70.

Make Your Travel Plans Early

For air travel and car rentals, contact the official travel service, Association Travel Con-

cepts, online at www.atcmeetings.com/aao or by phone at 800-458-9383 or 858-362-2719.

If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, the Academy has negotiated discounts with three companies:

- United Airlines (800-521-4041; for a domestic flight, give discount code #556ER)
- Avis (800-331-1600; #J100502)
- Budget Rent a Car (800-772-3773; #U064319).

All “800” phone numbers are toll-free from within the United States and Canada. For links to the Web sites of United Airlines, Avis and Budget Rent a Car, visit www.aao.org/annual_meeting and select “Hotels and Travel.”



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Visa Information

Many international attendees will require a visitor visa to enter the United States.

Advance planning is critical as the review process may take up to six months. A letter of invitation to the meeting may assist in securing a visitor visa.

To get a personalized letter of invitation or read current information on traveling to the United States, visit www.aao.org/annual_meeting and select “Visitor Visas.” You also can request a letter of invitation by phoning 415-447-0320.

PROGRAM

2006 Subspecialty Day

For the latest advances that can be applied immediately in your practice, join your colleagues for this year’s Subspecialty Day (Friday, Nov.



Attend a Skills Transfer Course. Enjoy some hands-on training in a variety of surgical and diagnostic techniques.

10, and Saturday, Nov. 11). Choose from three comprehensive meetings:

- **Retina 2006: Emerging New Concepts** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Refractive Surgery 2006: The Times They Are A-Changin'** (Friday and Saturday)
- **Glaucoma 2006: Beating the Odds** (Saturday)

Float between meetings.

Register for the Retina or Refractive Surgery meetings and float between both meetings on Friday and all three on Saturday. Register for the Glaucoma meeting and float between all three meetings on Saturday only.

Exhibit Hall access. Your Subspecialty Day badge allows you to visit the Joint Meeting Exhibit Hall on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. From Sunday onward, you will need a Joint Meeting badge to access the Exhibit Hall.

Scientific Program: 669 Great Reasons to Visit Las Vegas

This year's Scientific Program includes 180 Breakfast with the Experts roundtables, 257 standard Instruction Courses, 92 Skills Transfer Courses, 73 AAOE Courses,

35 APAO Courses and 32 Symposia.

For full abstracts and scientific program information, go online at www.aaopt.org/annual_meeting.

Three Joint Sessions With the APOA

Three new joint sessions—all free—will feature speakers from both the United States and countries represented by the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology:

- **Angle-Closure Glaucoma: Latest Developments and the Challenges Ahead.** Angle-closure glaucoma is a major cause of blindness, especially in Asian countries. In the past decade, there have been many exciting developments, from epidemiology data and new imaging methods to good alternative treatments. This joint symposium brings together experts from the east and west to discuss current perspectives on the condition. (Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.)
- **Myopia: Epidemiology and Prevention of Progression.** Enjoy a concise overview of the latest available data on myopia, including its etiologies and evidence-based treatment for preventing myopic progression. (Monday, Nov.

13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.)

- **East Meets West: Controversies and Challenges in Managing Various Ophthalmic Conditions.** Although the various diseases of the different parts of the eye and visual system occur in all populations, it is becoming increasingly clear that the spectrum, the presentation and the management approaches can be quite varied in different parts of the world. This variety may be due to racial and ethnic differences, prevailing socioeconomic conditions and other factors. (Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.)

Phakic IOLs—Lessons Learned From All Around the World

Around the World in 60 Minutes is a new addition to the Scientific Program. Each year, this free symposium will focus on different techniques from around the world.

This year's topic will be phakic IOLs (Sunday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 3 p.m.).

Enjoy Four Free Spotlight Sessions

This year's Spotlight Sessions shine a light on four key topics:

- **Spotlight on Endophthalmitis and TASS** (Sunday, Nov. 12, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.)
- **Spotlight on Pseudophakic IOLs 2006: Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?** (Monday, Nov. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
- **Spotlight on Cornea: New Innovations in Corneal Surgery** (Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 8:30 to 10:05 a.m.)
- **Spotlight on the Management of Presbyopia** (Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.)

Popular Perennials

Four old favorites will feature all-new data:

- **Ultimate Grand Rounds.** Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD, will once again moderate lively debates on an entertaining variety of topics. (Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10:40 a.m. to noon.)
- **Cataract Surgery: Living on the Edge.** Now in its fifth year, this symposium will feature short videos of novel techniques and devices from around the world. Each video is followed by a panel discussion moderated by Robert H. Osher, MD (Sunday, Nov. 12, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.)
- **Late Breakers.** Attend this symposium to learn about recently announced developments across a range of subspecialties. (Monday, Nov. 13, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.)
- **Best of Anterior Segment Meetings 2006.** Enjoy 10 of the best papers that were presented earlier in the year at non-Academy meetings. This symposium will cover four subspecialties: cataract, refractive, cornea/external disease and glaucoma. (Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.)

The Economic Impact of Eye Disease

This year's Jackson Memorial Lecture—"Eye Care: Dollars and Sense"—will be given by Hugh R. Taylor, MD, during the Opening Session (Sunday, Nov. 12).

About the lecture. Policy-makers frequently overlook both the prevalence of vision loss and its economic cost to the community. Furthermore, that financial impact is set to surge upward as the Baby Boomers enter their 60s. Fortunately, there are highly cost effective mea-



Attend Sunday's Opening Session for Dr. Taylor's Jackson Memorial Lecture.

tures that can be used to prevent and treat vision loss.

About the lecturer. Born and educated in Australia, Dr. Taylor has an impressive track record in reducing visual impairment. Most famously, his pioneering research into treatment for onchocerciasis has saved millions of West Africans from vision loss.

AAOE General Session: Baby Boomers and Your Practice's Future

Over the last 10 years, an increasing demand for services coupled with a stable supply of ophthalmologists has led to a manpower shortage. Over the next 30 years, ophthalmologists will need to be even more innovative so they can deal with more patients, new technology and economic pressures. Will your practice have the capacity to meet the growing demands of an aging population? Will your current physician structure be sufficient? What alternatives to staffing might you need to consider? A long lead time for getting an appointment and a long line of patients in the waiting room are not necessarily the benchmarks you should strive for.

For tips on preparing your practice for the future, attend the AAOE's **General Session** on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10:15 a.m. to noon. The panel will include Paul P. Lee, MD, JD, David W. Parke II, MD, Ann Hulett, COE, CMPE, and other practice administrators. Related courses include Special Course #SPE43, Strategic Planning for Practice Executives (Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), Instruction Course #448, Conquering Patient Flow Problems (Monday, Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m.) and Instruction Course #595, Ophthalmologists: Think You Can't Retire? Think Again! A course for eye surgeons and their administrators (Monday, Nov. 13, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.).

Get Your Ethics CME

This year, the Academy's ethics program will offer:

- four Breakfast With the Experts roundtables, which sell out very quickly.
- and two Instruction Courses, which will focus on expert witness testimony and case studies from the ethics case archives. These are offered in conjunction with OMIC.



Dr. Lee will be among the panelists during AAOE's General Session.

For more information, check your Advance Program, which should arrive in the mail this month, or contact Mara Pearse Burke at ethics@aaoo.org.

Program Venues

The 2006 Joint Meeting and Subspecialty Day will take place at three venues on The Strip in Las Vegas:

- **Sands Expo and Convention Center**—will host the registration and course ticket sales area, the exhibit hall, the Breakfast With the Experts area, and both the Glaucoma and the Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day meetings (201 East Sands Ave.; www.sandsexpo.com).
- **The Venetian**, which adjoins Sands Expo—will host the Instruction Courses and Skills Transfer Courses (3355 Las Vegas Blvd. South; www.venetian.com).
- **Wynn Las Vegas**, which is across from The Venetian—will host the Retina Subspecialty Day meeting and its registration (3131 Las Vegas Blvd. South; www.wynnlasvegas.com).

More details will be available in the Advance Program and at www.aaoo.org/annual-meeting.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Dine and Dance With Your Colleagues

This year, ISRS/AAO and the Academy Foundation are both hosting gala dinners. Seats are limited, so it is recommended that you buy your tickets in advance.

- **Friday, Nov. 10**—the ISRS/AAO Gala Dinner. Join your refractive surgery colleagues for a night of fine music and dining. Some of the subspe-

cialty's most prestigious awards will be presented, including the Barraquer, Founders', Lifetime Achievement, Troutman, Kritzing Memorial, Casebeer, Lans and Miradas awards. For more information, visit www.aaoo.org/isrs.

- **Sunday, Nov. 12**—the **Academy Foundation's Orbital Gala**. Now in its third year, this annual event features live music, fine dining and, this year, special guest NASA astronaut Jerry M. Linenger, MD. Funds raised by the gala are used to support the Academy Foundation's education and public service mission. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.faaoo.org.

Take Part in the Noontime Concert

Calling all singers and instrumentalists: If you would like to perform in a chamber music format, then you are invited to perform in this year's Noontime Concert, which will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

As of press time, rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday morning or afternoon and for Monday evening.

If you want to take part, please contact Artistic Director Scott E. Brodie, MD, as soon as possible. E-mail him at scott.brodie@mssm.edu.

Sunday's Fun Run

The Eye Bank Association of America and Bausch & Lomb will once again host Run for Vision, a five-kilometer benefit run/walk.

It takes place on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 a.m. Registration opens next month.

For more information, or to register, visit www.restore sight.org.

HOTELS: THE OFFICIAL HOUSING SERVICE STARTS TAKING BOOKINGS ON JUNE 28

Map#	Hotel	Single	Double	Suites	Restaurant/ Lounge	Room Service	Fitness Facility on site & fees*	Deposit
1	Aladdin Resort & Casino	\$165	\$165		*	*	*\$25/day	\$200
2	Bally's Las Vegas	\$149	\$149		*	*	*\$20+/day	\$200
3	Caesars Palace	\$199	\$199		*	*	*\$25/day	\$250
4	Excalibur	\$99-weekday \$175-weekend	\$99-weekday \$175-weekend		*	*	*\$20/day	\$200
5	Flamingo Las Vegas	\$126	\$126		*	*	*\$20/day \$50/3days	\$140
6	Harrah's	\$129-weekday \$169-weekend	\$129-weekday \$169-weekend		*	*	*\$20/day	\$200
7	Hilton Grand Vacations - at the Flamingo**	\$149-Studio \$179-One Bdrm	\$149-Studio \$179-One Bdrm		lounge only no drinks	from deli only	no	\$140
8	Hilton Grand Vacations - on the Las Vegas Strip**	\$129-Studio \$159-One Bdrm	\$129-Studio \$159-One Bdrm		from deli only	from deli only	*no fee for use	\$14
9	Luxor Las Vegas	\$119-weekday \$205-weekend	\$119-weekday \$205-weekend		*	*	*\$20/day	\$250
10	MGM Grand	\$179-weekday \$219-weekend	\$179-weekday \$219-weekend		*	*	*\$25/day	\$250
11	Mirage	\$219	\$219	\$400	*	*	*\$20/day	\$250
12	Monte Carlo Resort & Casino	\$99-weekday \$179-weekend	\$99-weekday \$179-weekend		*	*	*\$19/day- \$22 full access	\$200
13	New York-New York	\$125-weekday \$199-weekend	\$125-weekday \$199-weekend		*	*	*\$20/day	\$200
14	Paris Las Vegas	\$184	\$184		*	*	*\$25/day	\$200
15	Treasure Island	\$129-weekday \$199-weekend	\$129-weekday \$199-weekend		*	*	*\$20/day	\$200
16	Tuscany Suites & Casino	\$89-weekday \$139-weekend	\$89-weekday \$139-weekend		*	*	*free for guests	\$140
17	Venetian	\$228	\$228	\$278-\$850	*	*	*\$35 for use of facility at Canyon Ranch	\$250
18	Westin Casuarina Las Vegas	\$159	\$159		*	*	*free for guests	\$200
19	Wynn Las Vegas	\$255	\$265	\$500-\$700	*	*	*\$25/day	\$300

Weekday = Sunday through Thursday nights
Weekend = Friday and Saturday nights

*Fitness center fees are subject to change
**Non-gaming hotel property

Room rates do not include occupancy tax, currently 9%.

Reserve Your Room

Contact the official housing company, Expovision, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time. Phone 866-774-0487 (toll-free in North America) or 703-770-3908; or e-mail aao06housing@expovision.com.

Key Dates

Mark your calendar for these dates:

- Wednesday, June 28: Registration, ticket sales and housing reservations open to Academy and AAOE members.
- Wednesday, July 12: Reg-

istration, ticket sales and housing reservations open to nonmembers.

- Wednesday, Aug. 9: Last day to register and qualify for Early Bird discounted fees.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13: Last day to register by fax or mail; last day to register and

receive badge and materials in the mail before the Joint Meeting; and last day to cancel with a \$50 processing fee.

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: Last day to register online—badge and materials should be picked up onsite in Sands, Hall G.

