

Destination AAO 2014

GET READY FOR CHICAGO: PART 3

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■ Register Now—Many Fees Increase After Aug. 6

Since June 25, Academy and AAOE members have been able to register for AAO 2014 (Oct. 18-21) and Subspecialty Day (Oct. 17-18). Starting July 9, registration for nonmembers is open. When you register, be sure to purchase the Academy Plus course pass and any tickets that you need.

After Aug. 6, there will be an increase in many fees, including for Subspecialty Day registration, the Academy Plus course pass, and non-member AAO 2014 registration. Register by Aug. 6, and you will save money, and your badge and materials will be mailed to you.

AAO 2014 registration includes access to the following:

- Exhibition
- Academy Café panels
- Learning Lounge discussions
- Opening Session
- Original paper sessions
- Scientific posters and poster tours
- Spotlight Sessions
- Symposia
- Technology Pavilion presentations
- Videos on Demand

Purchase the Academy Plus course pass to attend any Academy or AAOE instruction course. Details can be found at www.aao.org/pass.

Purchase individual tickets for Skills Transfer labs, Subspecialty Day meetings, Breakfasts With the Experts, and specific AAOE sessions.



■ **DON'T MISS THESE SESSIONS.** AAO 2014 offers programs in various formats to meet your educational objectives. Highlights include the following:

Opening Session. Be sure to attend the Opening Session on Sunday, Oct. 19, to kick off AAO 2014. The Laureate Recognition awardee is Jerry A. Shields, MD, and the Jackson Memorial Lecture will be given by Hans Grossniklaus, MD, MBA.

Joint SOE sessions. How does the practice of ophthalmology differ between the United States and Europe? Find out during three joint "View Across the Pond" sessions about cataract and IOL, cornea, and retina. Additional joint sessions include *Ethics & Professionalism: Why Should I Care?* and *Conference for Ophthalmic Educators: Improving Teaching Effectiveness*.

Breakfast With the Experts roundtables. Enjoy a buffet-style breakfast while experts lead informal discussions on the latest trends—there are more than 102 roundtables to choose from. The breakfasts take place Sunday, Oct. 19, through Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Seating is limited, so buy your tickets when you register. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25, or onsite for \$35.

Register now at www.aao.org/registration.

■ Reserve a Room

As of July 9, nonmembers can reserve hotel rooms online at www.aao.org/hotels. Or call Expovision, the Acad-

emy's official housing company, at 866-774-0487 (toll-free from the U.S. and Canada) or 1-703-770-3908 (international).

For more hotel and travel information, including international group housing, visit www.aao.org/hotels.

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■ Start Putting Together Your Schedule

Full course listings and abstracts are now available online at www.aao.org/programsearch. You can look up information about courses by presenter, keyword, or event number. You also can search the program by topic (e.g., “Cataract”), event type (e.g., “Symposia”), or special interest (e.g., “Endorsed by the Young Ophthalmologist Committee”).

■ Named Lectures

Most AAO 2014 named lectures are presented during a symposium related to the lecture topic. They are free of

charge and open to all attendees. Find a listing of named lectures at www.aao.org/2014, under Meeting Program.

This year, don't miss The Bruce E. Spivey, MD, Lecture in Risk Management and Patient Safety, given by Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FRSC, FACS. Dr. Sachdeva is the founding director of the Division of Education at the American College of Surgeons, which develops and implements innovative educational programs for surgeons, surgery residents, medical students, and surgical teams. Dr. Sachdeva will lecture on education and training programs that enhance patient safety and

minimize risk of adverse outcomes. The lecture will be followed by the OMIC Forum.

Also, you may want to arrive early at the American Medical Association symposium, as the Parker Heath Lecture will be given by Sen. Rand Paul, MD (R-Ky.).

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

■ Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from the Cornea, Glaucoma, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Retina meetings preview some of this year's highlights.



See next

month's *EyeNet* for previews of the Ocular Oncology and Pathology, Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Refractive Surgery, and Uveitis meetings.

■ Cornea 2014: Restocking the Toolbox: Concepts and Techniques for the Toughest Jobs

Program directors: William Barry Lee, MD, Elmer Y. Tu, MD, and Stephen C. Kaufman, MD, PhD.

When: Saturday, Oct. 18 (8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.).

“This year's Cornea Subspecialty Day builds upon the tremendous success of last year's program. It will include case-based learning interwoven with specific and detailed presentations on many of the advanced but practical tools for ocular surface disease, anterior segment inflammatory diseases, and corneal surgery. Attendees will take from this an in-depth under-

standing of new medical treatments and surgical techniques that they can begin applying when they return to their offices,” said Dr. Tu.

Dr. Lee said, “The first morning session, Smoothing Out the Rough Surfaces in Ocular Surface Disease, will discuss new concepts and treatment techniques for challenging ocular surface conditions. Afterward, there will be a review session on new treatment paradigms for autoimmune and inflammatory conditions commonly encountered in the office. The last session of the morning is Spotlight on Cornea Controversies, addressing anterior segment topics that are continually debated in the literature and at scientific meetings.

“The afternoon begins with Combination Cornea—My Top 5 Tips, followed by a session on surgical treatment of corneal disease to include endothelial keratoplasty, anterior lamellar keratoplasty, and updates in artificial corneal transplantation and limbal stem cell replacement surgery. The final session of the day is a must-see, as our world-renowned panel will discuss some of their most challenging

and interesting cases of the year,” said Dr. Lee.

“We are excited to offer a group of national and international experts who will present the latest treatments and information about common cornea, cataract, and refractive surgery topics,” said Dr. Kaufman. “This is a great day for cornea specialists and comprehensive ophthalmologists alike.”

The Cornea meeting is organized in conjunction with the Cornea Society.



■ **GET THE LAY OF THE LAND.** The Academy has informational tours for every type of traveler.

- Chicago Distillery Tour
- Amazing Grace
- Welcome to Chicago
- Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio Tour
- Architectural River Cruise
- Tiffany Treasures
- Second City Comedy
- Chicago—My Kind of Town
- Corks & Canvas
- Jazz, Blues & Beyond
- Poker, Politics, and Prohibition

For more information, visit www.aao.org/2014 and select “Tour Program.”

■ Glaucoma 2014: Integrating New Technologies and Approaches Into Your Daily Practice

Program directors: David S. Friedman, MD, MPH, PhD, and James D. Brandt, MD.

When: Saturday, Oct. 18 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). The 2014 Glaucoma Subspecialty Day will emphasize case-based learning to help clinicians manage both routine and complex glaucoma. “Pseudoexfoliation is far more damaging than other forms of open-angle glaucoma, and this year we provide an update on how to manage patients with this condition in the clinic and the operating room,” said Dr. Friedman.

Glaucoma surgery is rapidly changing, and this is addressed in Challenging Surgical Cases. “We will learn about the latest techniques for lowering eye pressure as well as hear updates on pivotal clinical research studies using these approaches.” Another highlight is Confound It! “Since ophthalmologists struggle with how to determine if patients with other eye diseases are getting worse, we decided to dedicate a session to the management of people with glaucoma and other eye diseases,” said Dr. Friedman.

“What are your patients learning out there on the Web? How are they being educated? This year’s Glaucoma Subspecialty Day will provide insights into what is out there (the good and the bad) and how you can help your patients to live more independent lives,” said Dr. Friedman.

The Glaucoma meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society.

■ Pediatric Ophthalmology 2014: A Magnificent Mile of Innovations

Program directors: Jane C. Edmond, MD, and Daniel E. Neely, MD.

When: Saturday, Oct. 18 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.).

“Shopping the Magnificent Mile is certainly one of Chicago’s hottest scenes. The 2014 Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day will be an equally sensational (and educational) experience! The day kicks off with case presentations on the most vexing strabismus problems for the pediatric ophthalmologist: reoperations, with management strategies,” said Dr. Edmond.

Dr. Neely said, “We are excited to offer a large amount of instructional

video content this year. Two of the sessions will feature exclusive video clips that are certain to engage and educate the audience. One of these sessions will focus on strabismus surgery. Videos will demonstrate innovative surgical techniques from many prominent surgeons, one of which will be a joint presentation on minimally invasive strabismus surgery by Jon Peiter Saunte, MD, and Daniel S. Mojon, MD. Other strabismus surgery videos will cover fascinating cases and techniques that have been submitted by highly experienced members of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS). The second video session will represent a variety of entertaining subjects from the broad spectrum of pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus and is a must-see!”

Dr. Edmond said, “A unique offering this year is a session featuring common difficult problems in pediatric anterior segment and cornea delivered by experts in those disciplines and concentrating on diagnosis and best practices for management. Innovations in amblyopia will be highlighted, including new medical and noninvasive strategies the pediatric ophthalmologist must know. Another novel addition is the OMIC closed legal cases session (OMIC members who attend will receive a discount on their yearly premium). Problems in Pediatric Neuro-Ophthalmology is a favorite annual session, and this year it will include more common diagnostic and therapeutic challenges. Sprinkled throughout the day will be audience response questions with fun musical accompaniment. In summary—this year’s Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day cannot be missed!”

The Pediatric Ophthalmology meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

■ Retina 2014: Reaching New Heights

Program directors: Peter K. Kaiser, MD, and Pravin U. Dugel, MD.

When: Friday, Oct. 17 (8 a.m.-5:15 p.m.), and Saturday, Oct. 18 (8 a.m.-

5:30 p.m.).

“The 2014 Retina Subspecialty Day features a group of the top national and international faculty. Moreover, we have added and expanded several parts of the program to enhance the educational experience and give attendees tools that they can use in their practice immediately. First, we have dramatically expanded the popular debates with current controversial topics in surgery and management of AMD, diabetic retinopathy, and macular edema. Second, the popular First-Time Results of Clinical Trials session will provide insights on some significant studies. Third, we have enhanced panel discussions to discuss cases in uveitis, gene therapy, AMD, RVO, pediatric retina, and diabetes. Fourth, we will cover the most promising clinical trials in a rapid-fire method to provide the information you want without the fluff. Finally, we have invited attendees to submit cool surgical videos and surgical complication videos, which will be discussed by surgical experts,” said Dr. Kaiser.

Dr. Dugel added, “We hope this program will make this one of the best Retina Subspecialty Day meetings. We invite you to join us in Chicago for the largest and most comprehensive retina meeting of the year.”

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

What You Get

When you register for Subspecialty Day, you receive the following:

- Subspecialty options—one-day meeting registrants can float between the meetings taking place that day, and two-day registrants are free to attend any Subspecialty Day presentation on Friday or Saturday.
- Access to the exhibition on Saturday.
- Detailed course syllabi.
- Continental breakfast, coffee breaks, and lunch.