



Destination New Orleans

GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

PART ONE OF SIX

WELCOME

■ Five Days in New Orleans

Learn about the latest treatments while renewing old friendships and forging new ones—join your colleagues for the 2013 Subspecialty Day (Nov. 15-16), Annual Meeting (Nov. 16-19), and AAOE Program (Nov. 16-19).

How to get ready. Over the coming months, *EyeNet's* newest department—Destination New Orleans—will flag important deadlines, provide guidance on navigating the scientific program, and, starting next month, share some insider tips on this year's must-attend events.

BEAT THE CLOCK

■ Starting June 26—Register, Buy Tickets, Reserve Housing

June 26 is the first day that Academy and AAOE members can register for the Annual Meeting and Subspecialty Day, buy event tickets as well as the Academy Plus course pass, and book a hotel room (see page 63). Nonmembers must wait until July 10.

Register by Aug. 7 to save money. If you are registering for a Subspecialty Day meeting or one of Saturday's coding meetings (AAOE Coding Camp and AAOE Conquering ICD-10-CM for Ophthalmology), are buying an Academy Plus course pass, or are registering for the Annual Meeting as a nonmember, your fees will increase



■ **ORBITAL GALA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!** *Your mission: Rendezvous at the National World War II Museum on Sunday, Nov. 17, for a historic night of flight, philanthropy, and authentic New Orleans fun.*

Celebrate with friends and colleagues in the museum's new showcase—the U.S. Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center—under a stunning display of iconic planes, including the B-17E Flying Fortress, "My Gal Sal." Enjoy cocktails, a silent auction, dinner, dancing, and special entertainment while raising funds to support the Academy's programs.

Join the Foundation in toasting the Orbital Gala's 10th anniversary. Tickets are on sale now at www.faa.org.

after the Aug. 7 deadline.

It is quickest to register online. Register at www.aao.org/registration.

■ Before June 26, Make Sure You Are Able to Log On

Double-check that you know your username and password. You are urged to do this before June 26, which will be the busiest day of the year for the Academy's website and phone lines.

Verify that you can log on. Go to www.aao.org/2013 and select "Login."

Forgot your username or password? Don't create a new account. From the login screen, click on either "Login Help" or "Forgot Username or Password," or phone 866-561-8558.

■ Visiting From Outside the United States?

If you need a visa, you should apply for

it now. For scientific conferences, visa applications should be made no later than 90 days prior to travel.

For more information, and to download a letter of invitation to help you with your application for a visitor visa, visit www.aao.org/visa.

PROGRAM

■ Pick and Choose From Seven Meetings at Subspecialty Day

Subspecialty Day takes place on Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16. It includes five Saturday-only meetings and a pair of two-day meetings.

- **Cornea 2013: Through the Looking Glass—Where We Are, Where We're Headed**, held in conjunction with the Cornea Society—Saturday.
- **Glaucoma 2013: The Future Is Now! #Glaucoma2013**, held in conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society—Saturday.
- **Neuro-Ophthalmology 2013: What to Make of This? Recognizing the Distinctive Neuro-Ophthalmic Symptom, Sign, or Test**, held in conjunction with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society—Saturday.
- **Oculofacial Plastic Surgery 2013: Blues, Blephs, and Blowouts**, held in conjunction with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery—Saturday.
- **Pediatric Ophthalmology 2013: Preparing for the Next Generation**, held in conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and the American Academy of Pediatrics—Saturday.
- **Refractive Surgery 2013: Perfecting Vision**, sponsored by the International Society of Refractive Surgery—Friday and Saturday.
- **Retina 2013: Let the Good Times Roll**, held in conjunction with the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin—Friday and Saturday.

Explore all seven meetings. Register for a one-day meeting and you can attend any of the meetings that take

■ Notify the Academy If You Need Special Assistance

The Academy wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded or denied services, segregated, or otherwise treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of

place on that day. Register for a two-day meeting and you will have access to all seven meetings.

If any Subspecialty Day meeting reaches capacity, priority is given to those registered for that particular meeting; others will be admitted on a first-come, space-available basis.

■ Buy an Academy Plus Course Pass for Flexible Scheduling

Access all Academy and AAOE instruction courses with one pass. With Academy Plus, you don't need to plan ahead—you have the freedom to try as many courses as you want. Seating capacities are limited, so arrive early at your top-choice courses.

How do you buy the Academy Plus course pass? Buy it when you register for the Annual Meeting. It costs \$175 if bought by Aug. 7, \$225 if bought by Oct. 23, and \$275 if bought onsite.

You still need tickets for certain events. While there are no individual tickets for Academy and AAOE instruction courses, you will need to buy tickets for the following:

- AAOE Saturday Program
- AAOE Coding Camp
- AAOE Conquering ICD-10-CM for Ophthalmology
- Breakfast With the Experts
- Skills Transfer labs
- Subspecialty Day meetings
- Ticketed special events

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

■ Go Online to Preview This Year's Scientific Program

In early June, you can start accessing information about courses, including abstracts, via the Online Program at www.aao.org/2013.

You can look up information by presenter, topic, keyword, or event

auxiliary aids or services.

If you need any of the auxiliary services identified in the Americans With Disabilities Act, e-mail the Academy at meetings@aao.org.



■ **MEET THE EXHIBITORS.** *The world's largest ophthalmic exhibition provides a time-saving way to find out what's available, to get a hands-on demo of cutting-edge technologies, and to compare competing products and services.*

Want to know who will be exhibiting? Look for the Virtual Exhibition, which will be online in late August.

number. You also can search the program by topic (e.g., "Cataract"), event type (e.g., "Symposia"), or special interest (e.g., "Endorsed by Young Ophthalmologist Committee").

Look for the stars! Be sure to check out the courses in the program marked with a star (★)—they have received an overall course grade in the top 10 percent of their subject area, based on the 2012 Joint Meeting attendee evaluation data.

■ Are You Organizing a Satellite Event?

The Academy is still accepting requests for hotel meeting space for alumni, exhibitor, and related group events. Book by Sept. 17 in order to: 1) get the early rate and 2) ensure your event is included in the Alumni and Related Group Event listings.

For more information, visit www.aao.org/meeting_space.

Official Annual Meeting Hotels

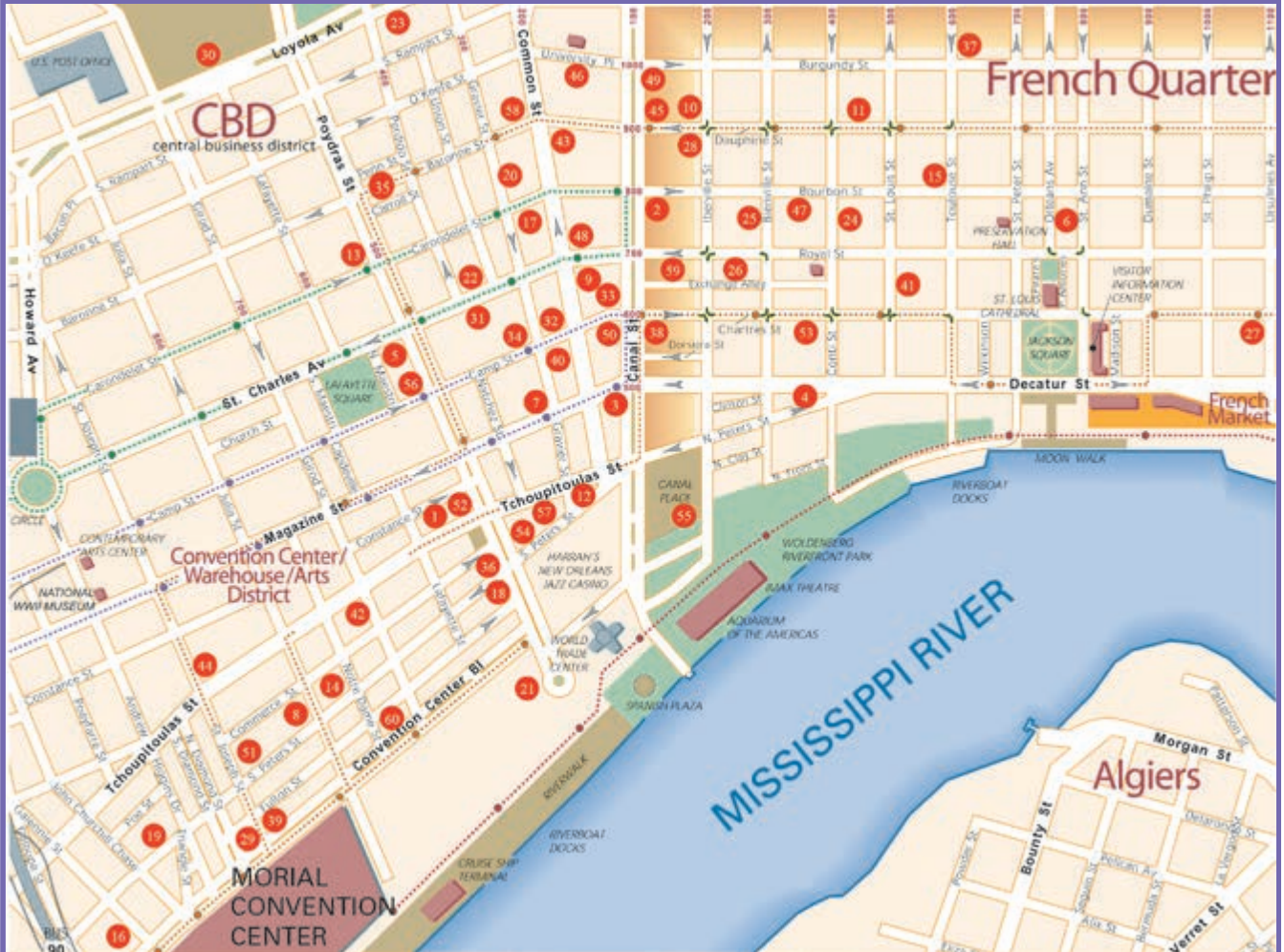
Join your colleagues in New Orleans, a truly unique city. All official Academy hotels are in close proximity to the convention center, many world-famous restaurants, and historic neighborhoods, such as the French Quarter.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL. Housing opens on June 26 for Academy and AAOE members; on July 10 for nonmembers.

BOOK A ROOM ONLINE. Visit www.aae.org/hotels to make your

hotel reservations, plus to find out about hotel amenities and availability.

GETTING FROM YOUR HOTEL TO THE CONVENTION CENTER. Shuttle bus service will be available from all official Annual Meeting hotels to the Morial Convention Center during meeting hours from Saturday, Nov. 16, to Tuesday, Nov. 19. There will be limited shuttle service on Friday, Nov. 15.



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| 1. Ambassador Hotel | French Quarter | 29. Hyatt Place Convention Center | 45. Ritz-Carlton New Orleans |
| 2. Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel | 16. Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center | 30. Hyatt Regency New Orleans | 46. Roosevelt New Orleans, Waldorf Astoria |
| 3. Best Western PLUS St. Christopher Hotel | 17. Hampton Inn Downtown | 31. InterContinental New Orleans | 47. Royal Sonesta Hotel |
| 4. Bienville House Hotel | 18. Harrah's New Orleans | 32. International House | 48. Royal St. Charles |
| 5. Blake Hotel New Orleans | 19. Hilton Garden Inn Convention Center | 33. JW Marriott New Orleans | 49. Saint Hotel New Orleans |
| 6. Bourbon Orleans Hotel | 20. Hilton Garden Inn French Quarter/CBD | 34. La Quinta Inn & Suites Downtown | 50. Sheraton New Orleans |
| 7. Country Inn & Suites New Orleans | 21. Hilton New Orleans Riverside | 35. Le Pavillon Hotel | 51. SpringHill Suites Convention Center |
| 8. Courtyard New Orleans Convention Center | 22. Hilton New Orleans St. Charles Ave. | 36. Loews New Orleans Hotel | 52. Staybridge Suites |
| 9. Courtyard Downtown/French Quarter | 23. Holiday Inn Downtown Superdome | 37. Maison Dupuy Hotel | 53. W New Orleans French Quarter |
| 10. Courtyard New Orleans Iberville | 24. Hotel Le Marais | 38. New Orleans Marriott | 54. W New Orleans Hotel |
| 11. Dauphine Orleans Hotel | 25. Hotel Mazarin | 39. New Orleans Marriott Convention Center | 55. Westin New Orleans Canal Place |
| 12. Doubletree Hotel New Orleans | 26. Hotel Monteleone | 40. Omni Royal Crescent Hotel | 56. Whitney Wyndham Hotel |
| 13. Drury Inn & Suites | 27. Hotel Provinciale | 41. Omni Royal Orleans Hotel | 57. Windsor Court Hotel |
| 14. Embassy Suites Convention Center | 28. Hyatt French Quarter | 42. Renaissance New Orleans Arts Hotel | 58. Wyndham Garden Baronne Plaza |
| 15. Four Points by Sheraton | | 43. Renaissance Pere Marquette | 59. Wyndham New Orleans French Quarter |
| | | 44. Residence Inn Convention Center | 60. Wyndham Riverfront |