

Destination AAO 2016

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AAO 2016: Only 2 Months Away

In Chicago, engage with colleagues from around the world, learn new skills, and hear about the latest and most innovative treatments. AAO 2016, in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology, will be held at McCormick Place Oct. 15-18, preceded by Subspecialty Day on Oct. 14-15. Register now for the best prices for registration and ticketed events, and book hotel and Skills Transfer labs soon before they sell out.

Register Now

The online registration system is now open and will remain open through the meeting. AAO 2016 registration is free for Academy and AAOE members (separate registration is required for Subspecialty Day and AAOE's Saturday Coding Sessions). Not a member? Become one today at www.aao.org/member-services/join.

Register by Aug. 10 and save. Early registration ends Aug. 10. The cost of the Academy Plus course pass, ticketed events, and some registration categories increases on Aug. 11, with a second increase on Sept. 26.

Get your badge before the meeting. To have badge and meeting materials



mailed to you before the meeting, international

attendees must register by Aug. 26, and U.S. attendees must register by Sept. 23.

Complete your order. When you register, remember to purchase the Academy Plus course pass and tickets for events not covered by that pass, such as Skills Transfer labs and Break-fast With the Experts roundtables.

Visit www.aao.org/registration.

Reserve a Hotel Room

Registration for housing is now open.

Book online. Visit www.aao.org/hotels for reservations, information on group reservations, an interactive map, and information on hotel amenities and availability.

Book by phone. Agents at Expovision, the Academy's official housing company, can assist you Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Call 866-774-0487 (toll-free from the United States and Canada) or 703-770-3908 (from elsewhere), or email aaohotels@expovision.com.

INNOVATE IN CHICAGO. Visit www.aao.org/annual-meeting/chicago for a short video on AAO 2016.

Preview the Exhibition

Explore AAO 2016 exhibitors before the meeting. Use the Virtual Exhibition to search for exhibitors by company name, booth number, product categories, medical subspecialty, common equipment terms, and basic ophthalmic conditions. Review an exhibiting company's profile, including business contacts and product categories, as well as a map showing its location in the exhibit hall.

Create a My Expo account. By logging in, you can use My Expo to tag exhibitors of interest and create a list for your visit to the exhibition.

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

EVENTS

Save the Dates: EyeNet Corporate Lunches

Be sure to leave room in your schedule this year for EyeNet's free corporate educational lunches. Located onsite at



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McCormick Place, the lunch symposia are held 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, Sunday, Oct. 16, and Monday, Oct. 17. Arrive at 12:15 to grab your lunch and seat. These non-CME lunches are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official programs of AAO 2016 or Subspecialty Day.

New this year. No preregistration required. Free lunches are served on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to arrive on time to secure your meal and seat.

- **Saturday, Oct. 15.** Diabetic Eye Disease: Clinical Challenges and Practical Tips for Multidisciplinary Disease Management, supported by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. *Speakers: Mandeep Brar, MD (endocrinologist), W. Lloyd Clark, MD, and John W. Kitchens, MD.*

- **Sunday, Oct. 16.** A Novel Therapy for DME Patients Requiring Persistent Treatment, supported by Alimera Sciences. *Speakers: Nathan M. Radcliffe, MD, and Christopher D. Riemann, MD.*

- **Monday, Oct. 17.** Cataract Surgery: Life is Beautiful When the Pupil Behaves, supported by Omeros. *Speakers: Johnny L. Gayton, MD, Richard L. Lindstrom, MD, Robert H. Osher, MD, Keith A. Walter, MD, Robert J. Weinstock, MD, and Elizabeth Yeu, MD.*

For up-to-date program information, visit www.aao.org/eyenet/corporate-lunches.

Orbital Gala Auction Open to U.S. Members

Want to go on safari in Kenya, stay at a beachfront estate in Puerto Rico, or get a great deal on ophthalmic equipment?



MAKE AN IMPACT ON OPHTHALMOLOGY. Bid on exotic auction items, such as a safari in Kenya, to help support educational and public service programs in ophthalmology.



PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE. Seating is limited at the breakfast roundtables, so buy your tickets when you register.

Bid on these and other treasures during the Foundation's Orbital Gala auction at the world-famous Field Museum on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Can't make it to the gala? You're still welcome to bid on a select group of items via the mobile bidding app. Get great deals on an Ecuadorian rain forest adventure, tickets to see your favorite pro sport teams, designer fashion accessories, fine wine, and more.

Preview auction items and buy gala tickets at www.aao.org/foundation.

PROGRAM

Skills Transfer Labs

Learn new surgical techniques and hone your existing skills. The Skills Transfer labs include intensive training sessions, a hands-on learning environment, and outstanding instructors. No other meeting offers as many opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty in all subspecialty areas and at all levels of complexity. Note that a ticket is required for Skills Transfer labs but that the didactic lectures are included in the Academy Plus course pass. Attendance at each lab's accompanying didactic lecture is strongly recommended but not required. Members in training automatically receive a 50% discount on all Skills Transfer labs, except where noted.

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

Breakfast With the Experts Roundtables: Buy Tickets

Enjoy a buffet-style breakfast while experts lead informal, small-group discussions on the latest trends—there are more than 75 roundtables to choose from. The breakfasts take place Sunday, Oct. 16, through Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30 or onsite for \$40.

Purchase tickets when you register for AAO 2016 at www.aao.org/registration.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from the Glaucoma, Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Refractive Surgery, and Retina meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

- **Glaucoma 2016: Innovations in Glaucoma Care—Evolution and Revolution** *Program directors: Joel S. Schuman, MD, and Jody R. Piltz-Seymour, MD. When: Saturday, Oct. 15 (8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.)*

"Surgical techniques in glaucoma are rapidly evolving, and it is vitally important to understand the processes behind the development of these procedures—what has worked over the years, and what has not," said Dr. Piltz-Seymour. 'Past, Present and Future of Surgical Techniques,' moderated by Drs. Andrew Crichton and Jay Katz, explores the evolution of surgical procedures from the perspective of leading experts involved in their

development. Drs. Robert Noecker, Peter Netland, Marlene Moster, and Ike Ahmed discuss the evolution of filtration surgery, glaucoma drainage tube surgery, cyclophotocoagulation, and the newer minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries, respectively. They provide a framework for understanding the successes and failures of our current procedures and a glimpse into where the future of glaucoma surgery may be heading. Dr. Randy Craven completes that session with a discussion of those procedures that have been laid to rest in The Graveyard of Innovation. The Subspecialty Day organizers feel that in this age of innovation, it is crucial to remember and learn from the lessons of the past to minimize future pitfalls in the continuing road to innovation.”

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

• **Oculofacial Plastic Surgery 2016: Beauty and the Beast—From Aesthetics to Advanced Orbital Disease**

Program directors: Andrew R. Harrison, MD, and Vikram D. Durairaj, MD.

When: Saturday, Oct. 15 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

“The objective of our program is to provide attendees with a contemporary, sophisticated, state-of-the-art review of functional and aesthetic oculofacial plastic surgery,” Dr. Durairaj said. “We have invited experts in the field to discuss the latest updates and practice patterns. The sessions are divided into didactic lectures and interactive case presentations.

“The program is divided into 2 sessions: Aesthetic Oculofacial Plastic Surgery and Reconstructive/Functional Oculofacial Plastic Surgery. The aesthetic session is subdivided into nonsurgical facial rejuvenation and aesthetic oculofacial surgery. Attendees will learn the evolving techniques and technology of neurotoxins, fillers, and lasers. Case presentations and complications will also be discussed.

“The reconstructive/functional session is divided into an orbit section and trauma section. Management of complex adult and pediatric orbital disease will be highlighted with an emphasis on surgical technique. All

ophthalmologists should be informed about the management of orbital trauma. Subspecialty management of eyelid lacerations, orbital fractures, and complex trauma will be reviewed. We are very excited about this year’s program and trust that the attendees will leave with a refreshed perspective on the management of both aesthetic and functional cases.”

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

• **Refractive Surgery 2016: Pursuit of Perfection**

Program directors: Bonnie A. Henderson, MD, and Renato Ambrosio Jr., MD.

When: Friday, Oct. 14 (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

“The consolidated 1-day refractive surgery program emphasizes both intraocular and corneal refractive surgery. New this year is a broader focus on both fundamentals and complications management. The program includes updates on new technology, new surgical techniques, and new methods of management of unexpected outcomes,” said Dr. Henderson. “There is a joint symposium with the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, as well as a presentation of the best publications from the *Journal of Refractive Surgery*. The Break With the Experts returns with informal roundtable discussions of a wide range of refractive topics led by world-renowned colleagues. The ever-popular video section will highlight the management of difficult situations and offer tips to improve refractive outcomes. The International Society of Refractive Surgeons (ISRS) members-only lunch session was well received last year and will be offered again at AAO 2016, so don’t miss out—sign up to become an ISRS member at www.ao.org/isrs before the meeting!”

The Refractive Surgery meeting is the annual meeting of ISRS.

• **Retina 2016: Winds of Innovations**

Program directors: Jennifer I. Lim, MD, and Carl D. Regillo, MD, FACS.



CHECK OUT SUBSPECIALTY DAY 2016. Attend thought-provoking presentations, and learn about the latest research and techniques.

When: Friday, Oct. 14 (8:00 a.m.-5:31 p.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 15 (8:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m.)

“The program this year presents innovative treatments and techniques as well as established current information applicable to clinical everyday practice,” said Dr. Lim. “Building on positive feedback from past Subspecialty Day programs, it also includes the well-received formats of debates, first-time clinical results, videos, and panel discussions with audience participation. Newly recognized retinal conditions such as the Zika virus lesions in infants with congenital infections and the rare but devastating hemorrhagic occlusive retinal vasculitis associated with vancomycin (in infusions used by some cataract surgeons) will be presented. The attendees will also witness the debut of innovative and cutting-edge surgical instruments, surgical platforms, and imaging techniques. The meeting promises to be an exciting one, with first-time presentations of clinical trial results in the areas of age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal degeneration. The myriad new treatment approaches to combat the common retinal vascular conditions affecting our patients will also be presented. The future of retina remains bright and ‘The Winds of Innovations’ is sure to inspire attendees to participate in these innovative developments.”

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