BEAT THE CLOCK

Register by Aug. 15 to Save on Fees
Online registration is now open for Academy and AAOE members as well as for nonmembers. AAO 2018 registration will remain open through the meeting (Oct. 27-30) and is free for Academy and AAOE members. (Separate registration is required for Subspecialty Day, which takes place Friday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Oct. 27, and Saturday’s AAOE half-day coding sessions.) Not a member? Learn about member benefits at aao.org/member.

Prices increase on Aug. 16. There will be a second increase in fees on Sept. 29.

Mailing deadlines. To have badge and meeting materials mailed to you before AAO 2018, international attendees must register by Sept. 4, and U.S. attendees must register by Sept. 28.

Complete your order. When you register, purchase the Academy Plus course pass, as well as tickets for events, such as Skills Transfer labs and Breakfast With the Experts roundtables.

Visit aao.org/registration.

EVENTS

Organizing a Meeting?
Would your alumni or ophthalmic society like to meet during AAO 2018?

Hotel meeting space requests for Oct. 25-30 are now being accepted. Assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Request space early; fees increase after Aug. 15.

For details, including hotel options, meeting times, and processing fees, visit aao.org/meetingspace.

Join the Cool Academy Cats
The Academy Foundation invites you to this year’s Orbital Gala on Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Chicago Cultural Center, home of the world’s largest Tiffany stained-glass dome.

This 15th annual fundraiser will be the social event of AAO 2018, complete with dinner, cocktails, and music. The theme is the 1960s, so be sure to let your psychedelic prints fly, show off your favorite love beads, and take your groovy moves to the dance floor. Proceeds will support the Academy’s educational, quality of care, and service programs.

To purchase tickets, visit aao.org/foundation.

ORBITAL GALA. You are invited to this year’s 1960s-themed event by gala chairs Ruth D. Williams, MD, and Stephen C. Gieser, MD, (at right; pictured with Kathryn A. Colby, MD, PhD, and Peter B. Veldman, MD) and by Ron W. Pelton, MD, PhD, and Wendy Pelton, gala cochairs.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What’s Hot
This month, program directors from the Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Uveitis meetings preview some of this year’s highlights.

OCULOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY 2018—Oculoplastics Real World: Real Cases, Real Lessons, True Learning Program directors: Wendy W. Lee, MD, and Richard C. Allen, MD, PhD.
When: Saturday, Oct. 27.

“We have listened to our previous attendees’ suggestions and believe that this year’s Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day will offer something completely different from previous years! A new focus on case-based presentations is designed to engage the audience, stimulate discussion, and provide an educational experience that will be unmatched. Our diverse group of international and U.S. experts will
lead discussions about the latest developments in nonincisional and incisional cosmetic procedures. In addition, we will have functional sessions on orbital disease, eyelid reconstruction, trauma, and lacrimal conditions.

“We believe that audience participation helps drive discussion, and we will provide the technology to facilitate this at the meeting, including the ability to text questions to the panel. This year’s program dedicates a significant amount of time to interaction and discussion, with both the expert panel and the audience.

“Once again, we are fortunate to partner with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS) in the planning of the Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day. The program is designed to be valuable for both the comprehensive ophthalmologist and oculofacial plastic surgeon, whether you are still in training or approaching retirement!”

The Oculofacial Plastic Surgery meeting is organized in conjunction with ASOPRS.

PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY 2018
—Winds of Change in the Windy City
Program directors: Jonathan M. Holmes, MD, and Scott A. Larson, MD.
When: Saturday, Oct. 27.

“This year, our theme is weather (or ‘winds of change’) in the Windy City! The program incorporates the best formats of previous years and a lot of new ideas to keep the audience engaged, entertained, and educated. The ever-popular case-based strabismus session will pit 2 experienced strabismus surgeons against each other for 4 cases. They will advocate for 1 of 2 alternative approaches and provide practical tips and pearls for each approach. Attendees will leave with new ways to approach common surgical problems.

“We will also unveil the results of the trial comparing the ‘immediate prescribing of glasses’ to ‘prescribing glasses only if needed’ in children with moderate hyperopia. Should we routinely prescribe glasses to such children, in the absence of clinical signs and symptoms?

“Even knowing study results isn’t enough! The practical application of clinical trial results can also be controversial. We will listen to different experts debate as they apply clinical trial evidence to common clinical scenarios in amblyopia, intermittent exotropia, and retinopathy of prematurity; 1 expert will advocate for applying the evidence and the other expert will throw the evidence ‘under the bus.’ You decide how to apply the evidence to your patients!

“Other exciting sessions include ‘Ice Breaker—What Our Adult Specialty Colleagues Can Teach Us,’ ‘Here Comes the Sun: Myopia Prevention,’ ‘London Fog: What Am I Doing Differently in Pediatric Anterior Segment,’ and ‘Electrical Storm—Imaging in Pediatric Ophthalmology.’ Every attendee will leave with many new pearls that they can apply directly to their practice. We are going to learn a lot and have fun doing so!”

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

UVEITIS 2018—Uveal Blues in Chicago
Program directors: Albert T. Vitale, MD, and H. Nida Sen, MD.
When: Saturday, Oct. 27.

“The 2018 Uveitis Subspecialty Day builds on its very well-received new format from 2016, which is a complementary hybrid of familiar topic-driven presentations and new case-based approaches. With the theme of ‘Uveal Blues,’ the program starts by focusing on fundamentals, or the ‘basic blues.’ This initial session is intended to provide general ophthalmologists and retina specialists with a structured and logical approach to the diagnosis and treatment of intraocular inflammation as well as an appreciation of the magnitude and burden of disease. We’ll place a particular emphasis on the generation of the differential diagnosis, appropriate laboratory and ancillary testing, and the formulation of a treatment plan. Highlights of this session include presentations on epidemiology and diagnostic approaches to uveitis and practical treatment paradigms for both local and systemic therapy.

“With this foundation, the program will then center on case-based presentations that illustrate and amplify the principles established in the ‘basic blues’—and hopefully raise more than a few diagnostic and therapeutic dilemmas. Organized according to the anatomic location of inflammation, cases will run the gamut of the major infectious and noninfectious uveitic entities, both sight-threatening and benign, from the common and the obvious to the rare masquerader. Using this case-based approach, a panel of experts will simulate real-life clinical decision-making and underscore the nuances involved in uveitic patient care for the general ophthalmologist, the retina specialist, and the uveitis expert alike.

“The surgical management of complications requires special attention as well, and this will be addressed separately. We will discuss the fundamentals when approaching patients with uveitic cataract and glaucoma and then move on to the application of vitreoretinal surgical techniques for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. The final section of the program will give the audience a glimpse into the exciting and rapidly evolving future of our subspecialty, as we release the first-time results of some recently completed clinical trials. Everybody loves the blues!”

The Uveitis meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Uveitis Society.
While in Chicago for the AAO Annual Meeting, plan to attend the 4th Annual Retina Film Festival. The Retina Film Festival is an interactive event driven by surgical case videos, presented by our esteemed faculty and guest presenters. **Come experience the latest Alcon technologies such as Advanced ULTRAVIT® Beveled High-Speed probes, VEKTOR® Articulating Illuminated Laser Probes and the NGENUITY® 3D Visualization System.** These technologies are designed to help surgeons deliver a higher level of precision and efficiency during vitreoretinal surgery. Registration is required to attend.

Transportation to the event will be provided. **SEATING IS LIMITED!**

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT HTTPS://BIT.LY/ALCONRFF2018**

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