

Destination AAO 2015

GET READY FOR LAS VEGAS : PART 2 OF 6

BEAT THE CLOCK

■ Register for the Meeting Before Aug. 5

The online registration system is now open for Academy and AAOE members, and it opens July 8 for nonmembers. Registration is free for Academy and AAOE members. Not a member? Become one today at www.aao.org/member-services.

Register by Aug. 5 and save. Aug. 5 is the early registration fee deadline—some fees and ticket prices increase after this date. When you register, remember to also purchase the Academy Plus course pass and any tickets that you need.

For more information and to register, visit www.aao.org/registration.



■ Visiting From Outside the United States? Get a Visa Now

If you need a visa, apply for it now. For scientific conferences, visa applications should be made no later than 90 days prior to travel. If you don't need a visa, you will need to obtain an ESTA document before you travel.

For more information and travel tips, and to download a letter of invitation to accompany your application for a visa, visit www.aao.org/visa.

■ 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 70 roundtables to choose from. The breakfasts take place Sunday, Nov. 15, through Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Seating is limited, so buy your tickets when you register. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30 or onsite for \$40.

■ NEW! Register for EyeNet Corporate Lunches

EyeNet debuts its industry-sponsored corporate lunches this year onsite at the Venetian. These programs are non-CME and are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2015 or Subspecialty Day.

Register to reserve your seat at the free events below. Each lunch symposium lasts from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

- Diabetic Eye Disease: Diagnosis and Management Strategies for Patients. Saturday, Nov. 14. Supported by *Regeneron*.
- The Oculus Pentacam for Cataract Surgery and IOL Calculations. Sunday, Nov. 15. Supported by *Oculus*.
- DNA Testing for Keratorefractive Surgery Safety, Monday, Nov. 16. Supported by *Avellino*.

For more information and to register, visit www.aao.org/eyenet/corporate-lunches.

■ **START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT.** Find a list of the breakfasts at www.aao.org/programsearch.

PROGRAM

■ Scientific Program Available Online

Full course listings and abstracts are now available online. There are many search options: You can look up information by presenter, topic, keyword, or event number. You can also search the program by topic (e.g., "Cataract"), event type (e.g., "Symposia"), or special interest (e.g., "Endorsed by Young Ophthalmologist Committee"). Log in to begin building your personal calendar for AAO 2015.

For more information and to view offerings, visit www.aao.org/programsearch.

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Discover: Special Programs

Maria M. Aaron, MD, Associate Secretary for Special Projects, discusses how the Special Projects Committee is planning programs for AAO 2015.

Q. What is the Special Projects Committee, and what is its role in annual meeting planning?

A. Our committee was established in 2006 to lighten the load of the Annual Meeting Program Committee, which had begun developing new program formats outside of the instruction courses and scientific program. These new programs were needed to accommodate the growing number of younger attendees who learn best with an interactive approach in smaller and less formal settings. The Special Projects Committee was tasked with managing the development of new offerings, such as the Learning Lounge and Academy Café—programs that often add an entertainment element to the education.

The Special Projects Committee also creates programs to serve the attendees' evolving educational needs. We develop the Spotlight sessions, as well as new programs that cross subspecialties, fall outside of a particular subspecialty, or serve a distinctive purpose such as identifying practice gaps, discussing hot topics, or providing a global perspective.

Q. What programs are being developed for this year?

A. The popular Spotlight sessions are currently in development. This

year, we added an hour-long session on Ebola and its ocular manifestations, led by Steven Yeh, MD, who recently returned from Liberia, where he diagnosed and treated many patients with panuveitis secondary to Ebola. We will also have a Spotlight on Anterior Segment Emergencies, led by Preston H. Blomquist, MD, and a Spotlight on Ocular Infections, led by Kendall E. Donaldson, MD, and Anat Galor, MD, as well as the annual Monday Cataract Spotlight, led this year by David F. Chang, MD, and Mitchell P. Weikert, MD.

The Academy Cafés will again feature the following topics: cataract, cornea, glaucoma, oculoplastics, retina, and uveitis. New in 2015, there will be a special café targeted to the young ophthalmologist.

The Great Debate: Retina, led by Peter K. Kaiser, MD, continues to be entertaining and educational; and new this year is the Great Debate: Pediatric Ophthalmology, led by Nandini G. Gandhi, MD.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2015 Learning Lounge showcases cataract, with some well-known speakers. Topics include Posterior Corneal Surface in Cataract Surgery by John A. Hovanesian, MD, Topography Pearls for the



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erator chooses 2 or 3 important articles from the subspecialty journals to discuss as a group, and At the Movies, where you can chat with the physicians who produced this year's videos.

Finally, the Committee is working on the Best of Anterior Segment Specialty Meetings 2015, Best of Posterior Segment Specialty Meetings 2015, the Hot Topics symposium, and the Grand Rounds symposium.

Q. What is your approach to developing content?

A. The committee is composed of bright, creative young ophthalmologists, each from a different subspecialty. We brainstorm ideas and then work with the Annual Meeting Secretariat to develop programs in response to the changing member needs and desires.

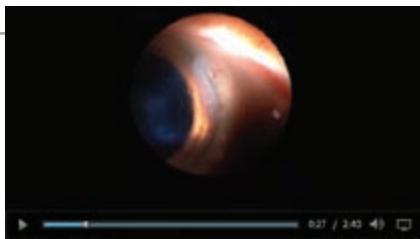
Named Lectures

Consider attending a named lecture. These informative presentations are easy to fit into your schedule. Highlights include the following:

- The Dr. Allan Jensen and Claire Jensen Lecture in Professionalism and Ethics, given by Carl Elliott, MD, PhD, titled "The Dark Side of Medicine" takes place 12:50-1:20 p.m. in Venetian Ballroom AB on Monday, Nov. 16)
- The Jones/Smolin lecture, given by Todd P. Margolis, MD, PhD, titled "Changing Times in the Diagnosis and Management of Ocular Infectious Diseases" takes place 9:50-10:15 a.m. in Venetian Ballroom AB on Tuesday, Nov. 17)

Cataract Surgeon by William B. Trattler, MD, and Multifocal IOL Exchange by David F. Chang, MD.

On the following days in the Learning Lounge, there will be a host of topics from each specialty, as well as Journal Clubs (new this year), where the mod-



NEW! FAN FAVORITE VIDEO AWARDS.

The inaugural Fan Favorite Video Awards gives attendees a chance to watch and then vote on their favorite video within each video program topic area (e.g., cataract, glaucoma, global ophthalmology). Use the Videos on Demand kiosks or the Mobile Meeting Guide (available for download starting Sept. 30) to vote any time between Saturday, Nov. 14, and noon Monday, Nov. 16. Awards will be given at a ceremony in the Learning Lounge in the exhibit hall on Monday, Nov. 16.

Official AAO 2015 Hotels

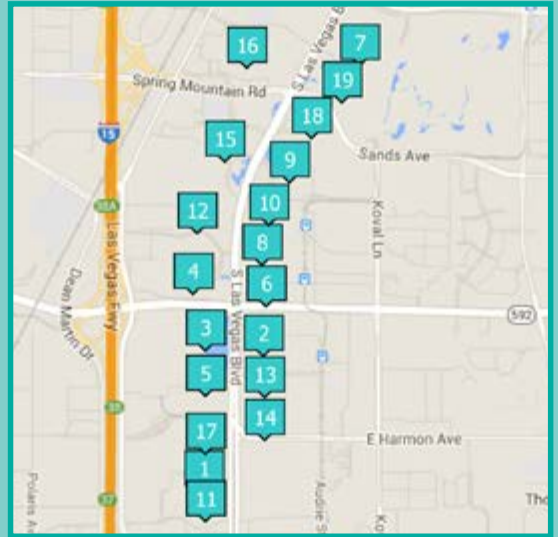
JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN LAS VEGAS. There are 19 official Academy hotels for Subspecialty Day (Nov. 13-14) and AAO 2015 (Nov. 14-17).

WHEN TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL. Registration for housing opened on June 24 for Academy and AAOE members; on July 8 it opens for nonmembers.

BOOK A ROOM ONLINE. Visit www.aa.org/hotels to find a link for hotel reservations and to learn about hotel amenities and availability.

BOOK A ROOM BY PHONE. Agents at Expovision, the Academy's official housing company, can assist you from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. EDT. Phone 866-774-0487 (toll-free from the United States and Canada) or 703-770-3908 (from elsewhere).

*Rates are subject to change without notice and are only guaranteed at the time of booking. Tax is currently 12%; subject to change. Hotel room rates include \$6-\$8 fee to partially defray shuttle costs. *All Guest Rooms are 100% Smoke-Free. **100% Smoke-Free Non-Gaming Hotel.*



Map #	Hotel	Room Type	Resort Fee	Pre/Post Rates	Thu, Nov 12	Fri, Nov 13	Sat, Nov 14	Sun, Nov 15	Mon, Nov 16	Suites Starting at	Non-Smoking	Approx. Distance
1	Aria		\$15	\$138	\$138	\$210	\$210	\$184	\$138	\$300	No	2 miles
2	Bally's	Indigo	\$18	\$68	\$68	\$128	\$128	\$68	\$68		No	.8 miles
		Jubilee		\$98	\$98	\$158	\$158	\$98	\$98			
3	Bellagio		\$15	\$161	\$161	\$243	\$243	\$219	\$172	\$329	No	1.4 miles
4	Caesar's	Roman	\$25	\$128	\$128	\$198	\$198	\$128	\$128		No	1.3 miles
		Forum		\$148	\$148	\$218	\$218	\$148	\$148			
		Palace		\$158	\$158	\$228	\$228	\$158	\$158			
		Augustus		\$178	\$178	\$248	\$248	\$178	\$178			
		Octavius		\$198	\$198	\$268	\$268	\$198	\$198			
5	Cosmopolitan	Terrace Studio or City Room	Optional - \$30	\$199	\$199	\$229	\$229	\$199	\$199	\$349	Yes*	1.7 miles
6	Cromwell		Optional - \$29	\$199	\$199	\$275	\$275	\$199	\$199		No	1.1 miles
7	Encore		Optional - \$29	\$179	\$179	\$229	\$229	\$179	\$179	\$700	No	1 mile
8	Flamingo	FAB	\$18	\$58	\$58	\$128	\$128	\$58	\$58	\$325	No	1.2 miles
		GO		\$73	\$73	\$143	\$143	\$73	\$73			
9	Harrah's		\$18	\$58	\$58	\$118	\$118	\$58	\$58		No	.6 miles
10	The LINQ		\$15	\$58	\$58	\$118	\$118	\$58	\$58		No	1.3 miles
11	Mandarin Oriental		\$15	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$439	Yes	1.7 miles
12	Mirage		\$15	\$133	\$133	\$219	\$219	\$191	\$133	\$251	No	.9 miles
13	Paris		\$20	\$98	\$98	\$178	\$178	\$98	\$98	\$380	No	1.4 miles
14	Planet Hollywood		\$20	\$92	\$92	\$182	\$182	\$92	\$92		No	1.7 miles
15	Treasure Island		Optional - \$29	\$102	\$102	\$132	\$132	\$102	\$102	\$142	No	.8 miles
16	Trump		Optional - \$29	\$129	\$129	\$169	\$169	\$129	\$129	\$159	Yes**	.9 miles
17	Vdara		\$15	\$126	\$126	\$197	\$197	\$172	\$126		Yes*	2 miles
18	Venetian/Palazzo		\$15	\$189	\$189	\$249	\$249	\$189	\$189	\$309	No	N/A
19	Wynn		Optional - \$29	\$179	\$179	\$229	\$229	\$179	\$179	\$600	No	.7 miles