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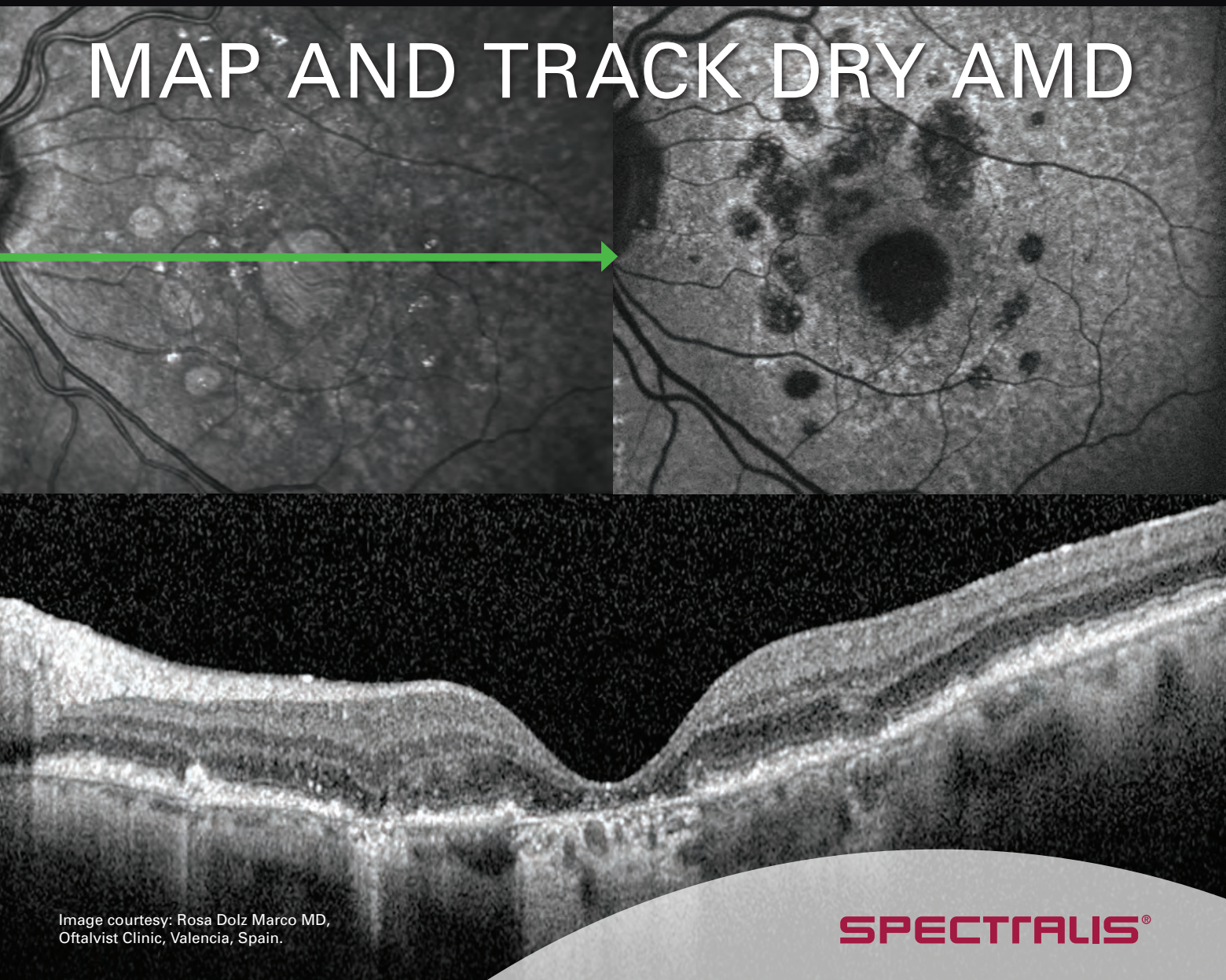


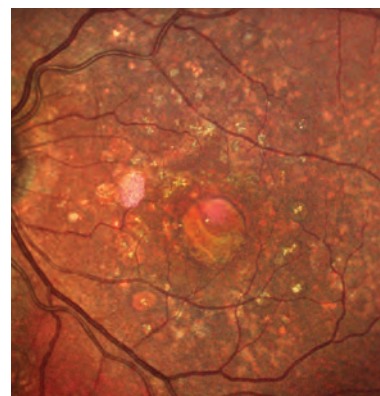
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SUSTAINABILITY

8 Ways the Moscone Center Is Reducing Conference Waste

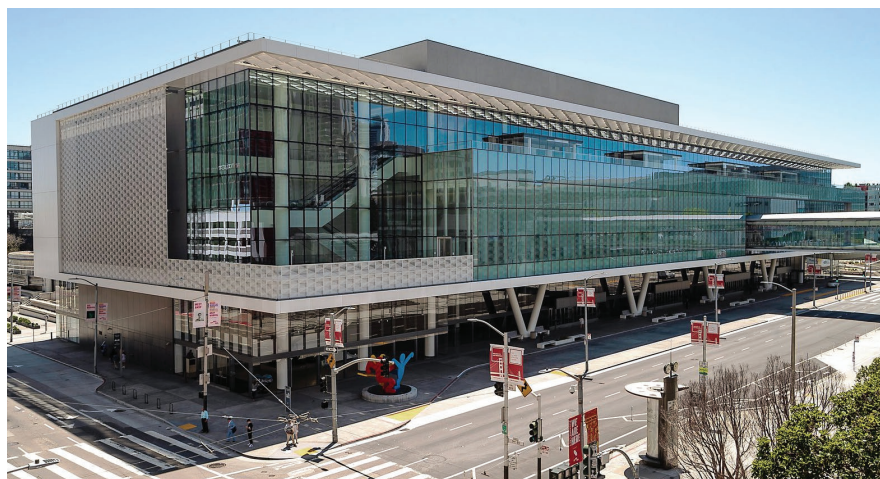
While you're attending this year's annual meeting, check out some of the Moscone Center's "green" efforts, including initiatives to reduce waste, build more planet-friendly exhibits, and improve water and energy management.¹

Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling

1. Compost, recycling, and trash collection areas for attendees. San Francisco requires all large venues to provide color-coded "zero waste" collection stations, with separate bins for different types of waste—for recyclables, compostables, and trash. If you are unsure which bin to use, you can find a cheat sheet at www.recology.com/recology-san-francisco/what-goes-where.

2. Sorting for sustainability behind the scenes. Moscone's loading dock staff capture recyclables generated from the exhibit floor and large catered functions.

3. Certified compostable cups and utensils only. Moscone follows San Francisco's requirement that all providers of takeaway food use certified compostable serveware only. Because of this, there won't be single-use plastic water bottles at AAO 2023. Bring a re-



MOSCONE CENTER. AAO 2023 will take place Friday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Nov. 6, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. The Moscone Center North and South complex received the U.S. Green Building Council's highest level of certification, LEED Platinum, and is the first convention center in the nation to achieve such a level of environmental sustainability.

usable bottle to fill at one of numerous hydration stations.

Erecting Earth-Friendly Exhibits

4. Foam bans. All polystyrene materials that come into the building are required to be taken out of the building. Moscone encourages exhibitors to create environmentally friendly booths that use "rapid renewables," such as bamboo and wheatboard, and to print with vegetable-based inks.

5. Curbing single-use disposable plastic bags. San Francisco's Checkout Bag Charge and Recyclable or Compostable Pre-Checkout Bag Ordinance prohibits the distribution of single-use plastic bags.

Conserving Water and Energy

6. Solar power efforts. Moscone boasts the largest rooftop solar installation by area in San Francisco. The system capacity is 687 kw.

7. Greenhouse gas-free electricity. Moscone North, South, and West are supplied by 100% greenhouse gas-free

electricity from San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission.

8. Innovative water technologies.

Moscone North and South are now designed to collect and treat more than 15 million gallons of foundation water, rainwater, and condensate water, which is reused in plumbing and landscape irrigation.

¹ www.moscone.com/recycling. Accessed July 10, 2023.

REGISTRATION

Register by Oct. 4

Register today for AAO 2023 (Friday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Nov. 6). Advance registration fees end on Oct. 4. Starting Oct. 5, fees and ticket prices increase to onsite registration fees.

Benefits. When you register for the in-person meeting you gain access to over 50 symposia, more than 260 instruction courses (including Skills Transfer didactic lectures), original paper sessions, videos, and poster presentations. You will also be able to access the



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AAO 2023 Expo and AAO 2023 Virtual meeting.

Remember to purchase tickets.

Remember to purchase tickets to Skills Transfer labs and Friday Intensive Classes. Register separately for Subspecialty Day meetings and AAOE Practice Management Half-Day Coding Sessions. You can register and purchase tickets online through the end of the meeting.

Subspecialty Day. Registration for the in-person Subspecialty Day meetings (Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4) includes the flexibility to float among Subspecialty Day meetings taking place the same day. Also included are detailed course syllabi, meals, and access to the Subspecialty Day Virtual content from that same day

Not sure of your plans? If you decide you cannot travel, your in-person registration is fully transferrable from in-person to virtual status. Simply email a written request to registration@aao.org by Oct. 4. No processing fee will be assessed for this change.

Find more information at aao.org/registration.

Hotel Reservations

The Academy has negotiated the lowest price for annual meeting hotel rooms. When you book your hotel room with the Academy's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision, you can also earn your hotel loyalty points.

Find more hotel information and an interactive map at aao.org/hotels.

Can't Make It to San Francisco? Register for AAO 2023 Virtual

You can participate in the Academy's annual meeting at home. Your registration includes sessions that are broadcast live from San Francisco, recorded sessions, and content developed specifically for the online platform. You can also access videos and posters.

Review the program for on-demand events. You can review sessions in the Mobile Meeting Guide, aao.org/mobile, by clicking the Program button on the home page, then select Program Search. Choose all of the "on demand" options under the "Filter by Format" drop-down menu to see the full roster of AAO 2023

sessions available to view in the virtual meeting platform.

View content through March 1.

Whether you have registered for the in-person meeting or opted for just the virtual meeting, you can view content on the virtual meeting platform through March 1, 2024.

Subspecialty Day Virtual. Subspecialty Day registration includes content from all Subspecialty Day sessions that take place on that same day, streamed live and available later to view on demand.

Mix and match. Even if you attend the meeting in San Francisco, you can still take advantage of the virtual meeting platform and view sessions that you missed in person. CME credits are available for either attending the in-person meeting in San Francisco or viewing AAO 2023 Virtual content.

You can also register for one meeting as in-person and a second meeting as virtual. For example, you may want to attend AAO 2023 in San Francisco, but you may prefer to enjoy a Subspecialty Day meeting on your own schedule.

Learn more at aao.org/virtual-meeting.

Childcare in San Francisco: Drop Your Kids Off at Camp AAO

The Academy is pleased to offer a childcare option for children, aged 6 months to 12 years, during AAO 2023 in San Francisco. Kids will love playing at Camp AAO—a safe, nurturing environment provided by ACCENT.

Hours. Camp AAO is open on Friday, Nov. 3, through Sunday, Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 6, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Preregister. Secure your child's spot by preregistering and making payment by Oct. 27.

You can find more information at aao.org/annual-meeting/childcare.

PROGRAM

Hear the Latest Research

You'll find many opportunities to discuss and debate the latest research during AAO 2023. Look for original

paper sessions, informal poster discussions, formal presentations in the Poster Theater, or the Late Breaking Developments section of the Retina Subspecialty Day meeting.

Don't Miss the Skills Transfer Labs

Perfect your surgical technique and stay current with evolving technologies in one of the 50 Skills Transfer labs. Look for two new labs in 2023 titled "Artificial Iris Prosthesis" and "Periocular Rejuvenation."

Many Skills Transfer labs have an associated didactic lecture that precedes the hands-on learning. It is strongly recommended that you attend these lectures, and they are included with your meeting registration.

All Skill Transfer labs require a separate lab ticket, which you can purchase when you register for AAO 2023.

Search the Program in the Mobile Meeting Guide

Use the Mobile Meeting Guide, sponsored in part by Iveric Bio, to find AAO 2023 meeting and program information.

No need to visit the app store; just type aao.org/mobile into your web browser on any mobile device, tablet, laptop, or computer. You do not need to sign in to browse the program or see general meeting information. However, you can unlock more features, including the option to build a calendar and set text alerts, when you log in using your Academy username and password.

Mid-September update. More information—such as the Adjunct Event Search (includes alumni events), shuttle schedules, and meeting room directory—will be added to the Mobile Meeting Guide on Sept. 19.

EVENTS

Network With Colleagues

Seeing old friends and making new ones is an essential part of attending the annual meeting in person.

Events. Dozens of alumni events and unofficial satellite symposia will be held in San Francisco concurrently with the Academy's annual meeting. Find listings of events starting Sept.

19 on aao.org/2023 and in the Mobile Meeting Guide, aao.org/mobile (under the Program button, select the Adjunct Event search). The list will be updated regularly as organizations provide information.

Meet onsite. Look for Networking Lounges in Moscone North and Moscone West Expo, with a mix of private, semiprivate, and group workspaces. These business-ready areas are designed to conduct meetings and interviews, charge devices, check-in with the office, focus, and relax.

Attend The Orbital 2023: Gold Rush

It's almost time for The Orbital 2023: Gold Rush, the Academy Foundation's major fundraiser of the year. Join your friends for this 20th anniversary event on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Savor culinary specialties and high-end cocktails in the iconic Westin St. Francis Heights rooms, high above San Francisco's Union Square with spectacular views of the City by the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. The event will feature its classic silent auction with popular items, such as conversations with experts, travel, wine, and much more. Proceeds will go to the Academy's Leadership Development Program.

The Orbital 2023 Honorees. Attending The Orbital 2023 will give you the opportunity to celebrate Special Honorees David E.I. and Molly Pyott for their global philanthropy and deeply held commitment to the ophthalmology community. They created the David & Molly Pyott Foundation with the mission to teach and educate ophthalmologists worldwide. Learn more about their work at aao.org/tribute. You will also toast the Academy's 2023 Artemis Award recipient, selected by the Senior Ophthalmologist Committee.

Special thanks to The Orbital sponsors. The Foundation is grateful for the sponsors of this year's Orbital: Regeneron (Visionary level), Allergan, Horizon Therapeutics, Novartis, Optos (Innovator level), Freeman, and Genentech (Partner level).

Tickets are limited. Check availability at aao.org/theorbital.

Museum of the Eye Donors Invited to Reception

The Truhlsen-Marmor Museum of the Eye is open to the public thanks to donor support, and the Foundation will be hosting an invitation-only reception for museum donors on Friday, Nov. 3. Academy CEO Stephen McLeod, MD; Foundation Advisory Board Chair Gregory Skuta, MD; and other Academy leaders will be there to thank you personally. Come and enjoy fine wines and hors d'oeuvres at the Museum of the Eye, located at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco. Keep an eye on your email for an invitation to this event.

Save the Dates: EyeNet Corporate Lunches

Be sure to leave room in your schedule for EyeNet's free corporate educational lunches from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4, to Monday, Nov. 6. Located onsite at the Moscone Center, these non-CME symposia are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2023 or Subspecialty Day. Complimentary boxed meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with lunch pickup beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4: "Reimagining Management of Retinal Disease with Anti-VEGF Therapy" with speaker Lloyd Clark, MD. *This program is presented by Regeneron and designed for U.S. retina specialists.*

Sunday, Nov. 5: "Discover a Different Treatment for the Signs and Symptoms of Dry Eye Disease" with speakers John Sheppard, MD, MMSc, FACS, and Priya Mathews, MD. *This program is presented by Viatris, Inc. and designed for U.S. eye care specialists.*

Monday, Nov. 6: "An Approved Treatment for Geographic Atrophy: An Expert Exchange" with speakers Jorge A. Fortun, MD, and Jaclyn L. Kovach, MD, FASRS. *This program is presented by Apellis and designed for U.S. retina specialists.*

Please note: by attending, you may be subject to reporting under the Physician Payment Sunshine Act and you consent to share your contact data, inclusive of National Provider Identifier, with the corporate partner.

Learn more at aao.org/eyenet/corporate-lunches.

EXPO

Visit the World's Largest Ophthalmic Expo

Build time into your schedule to visit the AAO 2023 Expo to network with industry experts, hear talks by key opinion leaders, test new equipment, and connect with the Academy.

Open hours. The expo will be open across all three Moscone Center buildings from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5. On Monday, Nov. 6, the expo will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

Moscone West. Stop by the Academy Resource Center, the Learning Lounge, the Poster Theater, and the Truhlsen-Marmor Museum of the Eye.

Moscone North. Visit the Showcase Theater on Saturday and Sunday to hear the latest on products and services during Industry Showcases, which will feature both 30-minute sessions and faster-paced 18-minute TED-style talks. On Sunday and Monday, look for sessions presented by your colleagues on the latest technology, trends, and new tools for your practice.

Moscone South. Ready for a break? Go to the EyePlay Experience to play a game, participate in a community service project, get a free massage, commune with comfort animals, find tech help, or just hang out.

Learn more. Visit aao.org/expo or go to the Mobile Meeting Guide, aao.org/mobile, to find the Expo floor plan and program schedules starting Sept. 19.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from two Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

View the schedules at aao.org/mobile.

OCULAR ONCOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY 2023: Myth or Reality? Wide-Opening Breakthroughs in Ophthalmic Oncology and Pathology

Program directors: Miguel A. Materin, MD, and Claudia Maria Prospero Ponce, MD.

When: Friday, Nov. 3

Directors' preview. This Subspecialty Day meeting will cover the myths and realities of Ocular Oncology and Pathology.

We will inform attendees of the newest discoveries and breakthroughs, including liquid biopsy application for uveal melanoma, retinoblastoma, and other cancers, and the possibility of using artificial intelligence in ophthalmic oncology and pathology.

For the first time, the meeting will also address the value of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our practices.

Ocular Oncology and Pathology Subspecialty Day meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Association of Ophthalmic Oncologists and Pathologists.

RETINA 2023: Looking to the Future

Program directors: Timothy G. Murray, MD, MBA, and Barbara Ann Blodi, MD.

When: Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4

Directors' preview. We aim to provide a comprehensive and focused retina update. New this year, Retina Subspecialty Day will feature three talks on diversity. We have expanded the program to include retina specialists who will address diversity in our ophthalmic communities (in both private practice and academic ophthalmology departments) as well as diversity issues in patient care and clinical trials.

Joan W. Miller, MD, chair of ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School, will speak on building an inclusive and diverse community in ophthalmology. An important component in establishing a pipeline of diverse retina specialists is by recruiting, mentoring, and retaining diversity within the retina community.

Julia A. Haller, MD, ophthalmologist-in-chief at Wills Eye Hospital, will present evidence from large patient databases regarding the treatment of

two common retinal disorders, diabetic macular edema and retinal vein occlusion. From these databases, we can identify substantial treatment differences based on gender, race, ethnicity, and age. In addition, significant disparities persist in enrollment of patients in retina clinical trials.

Adrienne Williams Scott, MD, associate professor of ophthalmology at Wilmer Eye Institute, will present evidence that non-white patients, as well as patients from rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, are underrepresented in clinical trials of diabetic retinopathy, diabetic macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.

Identifying disparities in retinal patient care and clinical trial enrollment is a first step toward improving quality of care for all.

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



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