



Destination Chicago

GET READY FOR THE JOINT MEETING

PART ONE OF SIX

BEAT THE CLOCK

■ Registration Opens on June 27

Starting on June 27, Academy and AAOE members can register for the Joint Meeting and Subspecialty Day (see page 62), buy event tickets and the Academy Plus course pass (see page 62), and book a hotel room (see page 63). Nonmembers must wait until July 11.

Register by Aug. 8 to save money. Registration fees increase for Subspecialty Day meetings, AAOE Coding Camp, and most Joint Meeting registration categories after the Aug. 8 early registration deadline.

It is quickest to register online. Register at www.aao.org/2012, where you also can find information about travel, hotels, and more.

■ Before June 27, Make Sure You Are Able to Log In

Double-check that you know your username and password. You are encouraged to do this before June 27, which will be the busiest day of the year for the Academy's website and phone lines.

Verify that you can log in. Go to www.aao.org/2012 and then 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.



■ **JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN CHICAGO.** More than 12,000 Eye M.D.s will head to the Windy City for five days this November:

- Nov. 9-10: Subspecialty Day features seven meetings (see page 62).
- Nov. 10-13: Joint Meeting of the Academy and the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO).

For the latest meeting updates, visit www.aao.org/2012.

■ Will You Be Arriving 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. If you live in a country covered by the Visa Waiver Program, you will need to fill out an application under the ESTA program before you travel.

To learn more, and to get a letter of invitation, visit www.aao.org/visa.

■ 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 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.

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■ 2012 Subspecialty Day: Explore Seven Meetings

This year's Subspecialty Day takes place on Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, and features:

- Two Friday/Saturday meetings—Refractive Surgery and Retina
- Five Saturday-only meetings—Cornea, Glaucoma, Oculofacial Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology, and Uveitis.

Explore all seven meetings. If you register for a Saturday-only meeting, you may attend any of the Subspecialty Day meetings that take place on that day. If you register for a two-day meeting, you can also attend any of the Friday sessions.

Visit the Joint Meeting exhibit hall. On Saturday, your Subspecialty Day badge entitles you to visit the Joint Meeting Exhibition.

■ Go Online to Preview This Year's Scientific Program

Both the Virtual Advance Program and the online Program Search are now available at www.aaof.org/2012.

Use the Virtual Advance Program. You can personalize this online book-

let by adding notes and inserting bookmarks. New this year: Course and session information is available in easy-to-read tables formatted by day and time or by topic (e.g., Cataract).

Use the online Program Search. Search the scientific program by keyword or presenter name. You can also search it by event code (e.g., Sym 10), event type (e.g., Symposia), event topic (e.g., Cataract), or special interest (e.g., Young Ophthalmologist). Use the calendar function to keep track of the events you plan to attend.

Seeing stars! Be sure to check out the events marked with a star (★). This indicates they received a course grade that was within the top 10 percent for their subject area based on last year's attendee feedback.

■ For Flexible Scheduling, Use the Academy Plus Course Pass

Use the Academy Plus course pass to access all Academy and AAOE instruction courses. Seating capacities are limited, so plan to arrive early at your top choice courses.

How do you buy the Academy Plus course pass? Buy it when you register for the Joint Meeting. For most attendees, it costs \$175 in advance of the Joint

Meeting and \$225 on site. For Members-in-Training, the cost is \$100, whether the pass is purchased in advance or on site.

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 SOS and Coding Camp sessions
- Breakfast With the Experts
- Skills Transfer labs
- Subspecialty Day meetings
- Ticketed special events

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

■ Schedule Time for AAOE Practice Management Sessions

The American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) is not just for administrators—it is for physicians, too. If you are worried about the changes relating to health care reform, electronic health records (EHRs), and coding for reimbursement, you should look into this year's AAOE Program. Here are some highlights:

- Coding SOS (event code 505) is an ophthalmology-specific ICD-10 workshop using the soon-to-be-published *ICD-10 for Ophthalmology* book.
- The Profitable Practice: Managing Your Practice's Billing Operation (SPE02) is a four-hour intensive and interactive course.
- More than 10 hours of courses on EHR topics.
- More than 35 hours of courses on ophthalmic financial policy and efficiency.
- Many courses on risk management, marketing, and optical dispensing.

■ Take a Tour of Chicago

The Academy's wide-ranging Tour Program showcases the best of Chicago. Discover the city through the lens of the award-winning novel *The Devil in the White City*; take part in architectural tours featuring the unique homes, universities, and museums of Chicago; or observe the techniques used and sample the dishes offered by Chicago's best restaurants.

For tour descriptions, visit www.aaof.org/tour-program

■ Are You Organizing a Satellite Event?

Would you like your group to meet during the Joint Meeting? The Academy is still accepting requests for hotel meeting space for alumni, exhibitor, and related group events.

Book by Sept. 12 in order to get the early rate and to make sure your event is included in the Alumni and Related Group Event listings.

For more information—including hotel options, approved meeting times, and processing fees—visit www.aaof.org/meeting-space.



■ **2012 ORBITAL GALA—A FUN NIGHT AT THE FIELD MUSEUM.** On Sunday, Nov. 11, join the Academy Foundation and the iconic 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex, Sue, for a night at the Field Museum. Enjoy expanded hours for the cocktail reception and silent auction, a dinner, and fascinating exhibits in the company of friends. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun while supporting the Academy's educational, quality-of-care research and service programs. Tickets are on sale now at www.aaof.org.

Official Joint Meeting Hotels

WHEN TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL. Housing opens on June 27 for Academy and AAOE members; on July 11 for nonmembers.

BOOK A ROOM ONLINE. Visit www.aa.org/2012 to check availability and make a reservation.

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

1. ACME Hotel Company
2. Allerton Hotel Chicago
3. Avenue Crowne Plaza Chicago
4. Best Western Grant Park
5. Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
6. Chicago's Essex Inn
7. Conrad Chicago
8. Courtyard Chicago River North
9. Courtyard Chicago Magnificent Mile
10. dana hotel & spa
11. Doubletree Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile
12. Drake Hotel
13. Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown
14. Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront
15. Fairfield Inn & Suites Chicago Downtown
16. Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
17. Four Points by Sheraton Chicago Magnificent Mile
18. Four Seasons Hotel Chicago
19. Hard Rock Hotel Chicago
20. Hilton Chicago
21. Hilton Suites Chicago Magnificent Mile
22. Hotel 71
23. Hotel Cass - A Holiday Inn Express
24. Hotel Felix
25. Hyatt Regency Chicago
26. Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
27. Inn of Chicago
28. InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile
29. James Chicago
30. JW Marriott Chicago
31. Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago
32. Omni Chicago Hotel
33. Palmer House Hilton
34. Peninsula Chicago
35. Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago
36. Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel
37. Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
38. Residence Inn Chicago Magnificent Mile
39. Residence Inn Chicago River North
40. Ritz-Carlton Chicago (A Four Seasons Hotel)
41. SAX Chicago, A Thompson Hotel
42. Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
43. Silversmith Hotel & Suites
44. Sofitel Chicago Water Tower
45. SpringHill Suites Chicago River North
46. Sutton Place Hotel Chicago
47. Swissôtel Chicago
48. Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago
49. W Chicago City Center
50. W Chicago Lakeshore
51. Westin Chicago River North
52. Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago
53. Wyndham Chicago

