

European Academy 2012 Dublin

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 April



European Academy
of Optometry and Optics

European Academy 2012 Dublin

Shaping optometry and optics in Europe

The European Academy's 2012 annual conference in Dublin will again incorporate the European Educators Congress – the all European meeting for optical and optometric educators.

European Academy 2012 Dublin offers delegates the opportunity to discuss and debate key issues, to interact with colleagues from around the world and to learn from each other.

Conference aims:

- To enhance communication and cooperation among educational institutions
- To strengthen the harmonisation of optometry and optics in Europe
- To promote education and research and scientific knowledge of optometry and optics
- To promote collaborative working
- To facilitate the building of European networks that cross borders and language.



The conference will bring together practitioners, educators, researchers and administrators from across Europe to discuss and share the latest research and best practice. The event offers many different ways to learn, share and network: academic and research sessions – lectures, panel discussions and keynote speakers; poster presentations; clinical workshops; clinical and educational case study sessions; discussion forums and roundtable forums for Academy member special interest groups.

Who should attend?

This conference will be of interest to professionals and students from the fields of optics, optometry, vision science and other related areas. The Academy provides a forum for development, networking and discussion.

What will I get from the event?

The Academy conference provides a range of opportunities for people to come together to learn and share new ideas, access new research and develop clinical technique.

Dublin – the location

Beautiful, historic Dublin, stretching out around the wide expanse of Dublin Bay, offers visitors a friendly welcome with its excellent restaurants, legendary pubs, beautiful art galleries, green parks, elegant architecture and fascinating history. A UNESCO City of Literature and City of Science, Dublin also boasts hip shops, cosmopolitan bars and is perfectly located to explore the beautiful surrounding countryside and coastline of the Irish Sea.

Conference venue

Croke Park Conference Centre offers delegates state of the art facilities and spacious views over the stadium arena – home to Ireland's Gaelic Athletic Association and the sports of Hurling and Gaelic football. The venue is a short 15 minute (7km) drive from the airport and five minutes from the city centre.

What is the European Academy?

The European Academy is a membership organisation that is working to provide a much needed voice to help advance the profession, develop the scientific knowledge base and support and promote lifelong learning for optometrists and opticians across Europe.

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Academy Schedule



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The conference will focus on four key areas:

- Education
- Research
- General eye health care issues in Europe and
- Continuing Professional Development

The event offers a broad range of networking opportunities to enable you to make the most of the conference.

Clinical Workshops

Supporting the development of practical skills. Workshops will be held at the Dublin Institute of Technology.

Clinical workshops take place on **Friday 20 April from 13.00 – 18.00**. There are five workshops on offer, and you will have the opportunity to attend three of these. If you are buying a workshop ticket, please specify the three workshops you wish to attend on your booking form. Clinical workshops are not included in the main conference fee.

Please register at 13.00 at the Croke Park Conference Centre. Transport will be provided to and from the Dublin Institute of Technology.



Poster presentations

Exploring a broad range of research areas. You will have the opportunity to talk directly to over 70 presenters, gaining a valuable insight into their work and a chance to develop your own personal networks.



Lectures

Leading researchers and academics will focus on the latest developments in eye health care. The conference will also feature two keynote lectures.

Discussion forums

Exploring the major issues facing the practice and development of optometry and optics across Europe through discussion. These sessions are designed to be interactive and all delegates are encouraged to participate.

Case Studies

The Case Study sessions will bring together three or four brief case studies for discussion, allowing delegates to share and compare practice. Facilitated by a Chair, the sessions will allow presenters and attendees to discuss how they work, and to explore how they can learn from each other.

Members' Special Interest Groups

These sessions offer members the opportunity to develop their professional networks in the areas of: cornea, contact lenses and refractive technology; optometric low vision rehabilitation; binocular vision; primary eye care; and optometric education. These sessions are exclusive to Academy members and will be led by the leaders and supporters.

Keynote speakers



Professor Pablo Artal
(University of Murcia, Spain)

Adaptive optics with a focus on new research



Dr Kathryn Saunders
(University of Ulster, UK)

Clinical practice in relation to paediatric care

The Academy recognises research excellence and awards prizes for oral and poster presentations.

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European Academy Schedule – Dublin 2012 – At a glance



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	Croke Park	Dublin Institute of Technology		
Friday 20 April	13.00 - 18.00		<p>Clinical Workshops. Register at Croke Park Conference Centre at 13.00. Bus transportation provided to and from the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), returning at 18.00.</p> <p>Detection and management of lid margin disease, Caroline Christie</p> <p>Fitting RGP scleral contact lenses on patients with distorted corneas, Philip Fine</p> <p>Checking and dispensing prisms, Patricia Mordaunt</p> <p>Optomap workshop, Anne Salmon</p> <p>Slit lamp ophthalmoscopy, Dr Holger Dietze</p>	
	17.30 – 19.00	<p>Welcome reception and conference registration at Croke Park Stadium. Hosted by the European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) and the American Academy of Optometry (AAO).</p>		
	Croke Park – Hogan Suite	Breakout Room 1	Breakout Room 2	
Saturday 21 April	07.30 – 08.00	Conference registration and refreshments		
	08.00 – 09.00		Discussion Forum 1	
	09.00 – 10.00	<p>European Council of Optometry and Optics General Assembly (open to Academy delegates to attend as observers)</p>	Discussion Forum 2	Discussion Forum 3
	10.00 – 11.00		Discussion Forum 4	Case Study 1
	11.00 – 12.00		Discussion Forum 5	Case Study 2
	12.00 – 13.00	Lunch		
	13.00 – 13.45	Academy AGM (members only) and election results		
	14.00 – 14.20	Academy opening address and presentation of EAOO Fellows		
	14.20 – 15.20	Keynote 1: Professor Pablo Artal. <i>Adaptive optics with a focus on new research</i>		
	15.20 – 15.45	Coffee break and poster sessions		
	15.45 – 16.45	Academic & Research 1	Members' Special Interest Group 1	
16.45 – 17.45	Presentation: The European Diploma		Academic & Research 2	
19.30 – late	Annual Academy Dinner at Croke Park Stadium in collaboration with Association of Optometrists Ireland			
	Croke Park – Hogan Suite	Breakout Room 1	Breakout Room 2	
Sunday 22 April	08.00 – 09.00		Members' Special Interest Group 2	
	09.00 – 10.00	Academic & Research 3	Members' Special Interest Group 3	Case Study 3
	10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break and poster sessions		
	10.30 – 11.30	Academic & Research 4	Members' Special Interest Group 4	Case Study 4
	11.30 – 12.30	Academic & Research 5	Members' Special Interest Group 5	Case Study 5
	12.30 – 13.30	Keynote 2: Dr Kathryn Saunders. <i>Clinical practice in relation to paediatric care.</i>		
	13.30 – 13.45	Closing address		
	13.45 – 14.30	Lunch		



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13.00 – 18.00	Clinical Workshops	Caroline Christie	Detection and management of lid margin disease	DIT		
		Philip Fine	Fitting RGP scleral contact lenses on patients with distorted corneas	DIT		
		Patricia Mordaunt	Checking and dispensing prisms	DIT		
		Anne Salmon	Optomap workshop	DIT		
		Dr Holger Dietze	Slit lamp ophthalmoscopy	DIT		

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08.00 – 09.00	Discussion Forum 1	Judith Morris	RGP lens teaching in educational institutes across the EU	Breakout Room 1		
09.00 – 12.00	ECOO General Assembly (open to Academy delegates to attend as observers)					Hogan Suite
09.00 – 10.00	Discussion Forum 2	Professor John Lawrenson	Can questionnaires predict the clinical performance of optometrists in glaucoma detection?	Breakout Room 1		
	Discussion Forum 3	Helmer Schweizer	Communication – a necessity and a success factor in the optometric practice	Breakout Room 2		
10.00 – 11.00	Discussion Forum 4	Dr Annemieke Coops	Optometry in the Netherlands: state of Dutch optometry a decade after legislation	Breakout Room 1		
		Catriona Barrett	Integrating optometry into primary care	Breakout Room 1		
	Case Study 1	Pamela Anketell	Parental and professional views regarding eye care services for children with autistic spectrum disorder	Breakout Room 2		
11.00 – 12.00	Discussion Forum 5	Professor Roger Kamen	Creating uniformity and high level scope of optometric practice in the US: the importance of standardisation of optometric education	Breakout Room 1		
	Case Study 2	Dr Langis Michaud	Contact lens options for patients with atopic kerato-conjunctivitis	Breakout Room 2		
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch					

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15.20 – 15.45	Coffee break and poster session					
15.45 – 16.45	Academic and Research 1	Karen Breslin	Risk factors for childhood myopia: the NICER study	Hogan Suite		
		Dr Julie-Anne Little	The relationship between optical factors on accommodative responses in children with Down's syndrome			
		Professor Karla Zadnik	Myopia onset prediction in school children			
		Dr Lisa O'Donoghue	Astigmatism in childhood: The NICER study			
	Members' Special Interest Group 1	Cornea, contact lenses and refractive technology	Breakout Room 1			
16.45 – 17.45	Presentation	Dr Robert Chappell and Dr Adrian Jennings	The European Diploma: an accreditation scheme for European optometry	Hogan Suite		
	Academic and Research 2	Claire McDonnell	Does participation in postgraduate education change the way optometrists practise?	Breakout Room 2		
		Dr Kaarina Pirilä	Optometry students' learning outcomes when e-learning a professional optometry course			
		Dr Imran Khan	Evaluation: a framework for optometric education and practice			
		Stephen Thompson	Addressing uncorrected refractive error through human resource development: the current situation in Mozambique compared to VISION 2020 targets	Breakout Room 2		
19.30 – late	Academy dinner in collaboration with the Association of Optometrists Ireland (AOI)					

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08.00 - 09.00	Members' Special Interest Group 2		Optometric low vision rehabilitation	Breakout Room 1		
09.00 – 10.00	Academic and Research 3	Richard Corkin	Keraflex: a new thermal procedure for the treatment of keratoconus	Hogan Suite		
		Aoife Lloyd	The impact of soft contact lens wear on corneal curvature and thickness and on the outcomes of refractive LASER surgery	Hogan Suite		
		Philip Fine	Scleral contact lenses improve visual acuity and contact lens tolerance in keratoconus patients	Hogan Suite		
		Dr Keziah Latham	Factors associated with adjustment to visual loss	Hogan Suite		
	Members' Special Interest Group 3		Binocular vision	Breakout Room 1		
	Case Study 3	Professor Greg Black	3-D optic nerve head interpretations	Breakout Room 2		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break and poster session					
10.30 – 11.30	Academic and Research 4	Sarah Sabour-Pickett	Prognostic indicators and outcome measures for patients with neovascular age-related macular degeneration undergoing treatment with intravitreal ranibizumab	Hogan Suite		
		Dr James Loughman	Macular pigment – focus on vision	Hogan Suite		
		Professor Roger Anderson	The perception of depth by simultaneous suppression and retinal dominance (SSRD)	Hogan Suite		
	Members' Special Interest Group 4. Primary eye care	Sasha Macken	A review of Welsh Eye Care Initiative (WECI) registered optometrist referrals and GP notifications over a three week time period	Breakout Room 1		
		Neelam Patel	Enhanced optometric services in the UK: a review	Breakout Room 1		
	Case Study 4	John McGann	Heterophoric and accommodative anomalies – case studies	Breakout Room 2		
Dr Joseph Pruitt		Successfully treated horizontal diplopia returns with subsequent traumatic brain injury	Breakout Room 2			
Pilar Cañadas-Suárez		Differential diagnosis of monocular diplopia	Breakout Room 2			

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11.30 – 12.30	Academic and Research 5	Nilpa Shah	Effect of optical defocus on detection and recognition of vanishing optotype letters in the fovea and periphery	Hogan Suite		
		Dr Sheila Rae	Accommodative accuracy with printed text vs. hand-held computer gaming			
		Pedro Serra	The effect of astigmatic blur orientation on different alphabets			
		Montserrat Tàpias	Suitability of conventional typographies to measure visual acuity			
	Members' Special Interest Group 5	Optometric education	Breakout Room 1			
	Case Study 5	Kevin Gutsell	Why personalisation?	Breakout Room 2		
Sonali Patel		Contact lens fitting challenge				
12.30 – 13.30	Keynote Lecture 2	Dr Kathryn Saunders	Clinical practice in relation to paediatric care	Hogan Suite		
13.30 – 13.45	Closing address			Hogan Suite		
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Programme subject to change.

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Poster presentations		Research	Education	Clinical
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Dr Saud Alanazi	An investigation of the effect of head position when assessing dissociated and associated heterophoria			
Abdualziz Alkathiri	Central corneal thickness obtained by ultrasound and non-contact specular microscope with and without anaesthesia			
Carolien Antonius	Diabetes, there is more to it than the eye			
Dr Jan Bergmanson	Morning to afternoon osmolarity changes among silicone hydrogel contact lens and non-contact lens wearers			
David Berkow	Fitting a hand-painted iris aphakic gas permeable contact lens			
Dr Marie Bodack	Albinoidism: diagnosis and treatment			
Dr Cristina Bonnin-Arias	Protein and lipid cleaning of blue light-filtering contact lens with cleaning and lubricant drops			
Inmaculada Bueno-Gimeno	Distribution of macular parameters and their correlation with age in emmetropic Spanish children			
Inmaculada Bueno-Gimeno	Relationship between corneal biomechanical parameters, retinal nerve fibre layer thickness and optic disc morphology in Spanish emmetropic children			
Arnau Calatayud	Test bench for the assessment of the multifocal intraocular lenses			
Eva Chamorro	Blue light-filtering contact lens parameter changes after multi-purpose solution cleaning			
Agnieszka Charaziak-Kovács	The prevalence of visual impairment and blindness among the Roma population in Ukraine			
Robert Conway	Variation in visual acuity measurement at different viewing distances: a comparison of results with two different chart designs			
Dr Peter Davison	An evaluation of the City University Test (3rd Edition)			
Hendrick Peter Derksen	Fitting telescopes for bioptic driving			
Mahesh Kumar Dev	Impact of visual impairment on quality of life among older adults living in residential care			
Philip Fine	Scleral contact lenses improve visual acuity and contact lens tolerance of keratoconus patients			
Dr Liat Gantz	Slab-off versus prism ballast back toric surface soft lenses: vision and comfort			
Paul G.J. Gerringa	Visual acuity testing in a low vision practice using the PGRS chart with reversed sequence			

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Trisevgeni Giannakopoulou	Contrast sensitivity in one-eyed patients			
Fabrice Gogniat	Dynamic Contour Tonometry (DCT) over daily disposable hydrogel and silicone-hydrogel contact lenses with different dioptic powers and material characteristics			
Cyril Guilloux	The importance of the ophthalmic progressive lens shape on the space perception			
Caroline Guy	Baby vision			
Eliška Hladíková	Changing of intraocular pressure caused by a one-shot physical activity			
Jeremiah Kelly	Measuring the rate of dark adaptation; repeatability and an age effect			
Professor Douk Hoon Kim	Age and sex related changes of the corneal thickness and anterior corneal curvature in Korean young population with Orbscan II Topography			
Sarah Lalor	Where should the bars be to produce optimal crowding effects using children's acuity letters, pictures and symbols?			
Kwai-mei Law	Successful lid crutches fitting in patient with bilateral ptosis			
Aoife Lloyd	The impact of soft contact lens wear on corneal curvature and thickness and on the outcomes of refractive laser surgery			
Sasha Macken	A review of Welsh Eyecare Initiative (WEI) registered optometrist referrals and GP notifications over a 3 week time period			
Dr Ali Masmali	Keratoconus in a Saudi population: associated clinical findings			
Ann-Marie Masterson	A comparative study of dry eye diagnosis testing systems using the TearLab Osmolarity system and Schirmer's tear test			
Sara McCullough	The relation between higher order ocular aberrations and visual function in children with and without Down syndrome			
Rebecca McQuaid	Corneal cross-linking (CXL) with second harmonic (SH) optical microscopy imaging and accelerated corneal cross-linking preliminary clinical results			
Dr Langis Michaud	Fabry's disease and other lysosomal storage disorders: the unique role of optometrists			
Dr Langis Michaud	Clinical comparison of hydrogen peroxide to cold chemical PHMB solutions for the care of gas permeable contact lenses			
Dr Langis Michaud	Evaluation of sodium hyaluronate lubricating drops used before insertion of contact lenses on symptomatology, severity and intensity of ocular dryness			
Matjaž Mihelčič	Influence of induced astigmatism on reading performance			

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Ainhoa Molina Martín	Contact lenses in the treatment of hypertropia			
Professor Giancarlo Montani	Modification of the osmolarity with the use of contact lenses in omafilcon a and methafilcon a materials			
Dr Paul Murphy	Why study optometry? What motivates student choice of optometry as a career?			
Dr Shehzad Naroo	Decreasing the load on the hospital eye service by using local optometric services			
Dr Shehzad Naroo	Ocular dominance in Golf			
Paweł Nawrot	Body balance in adults with binocular vision disorders			
Professor Mireia Pacheco-Cutillas	Effect of form defocus and stimulus contrast reduction on the dynamic accommodative response			
Dinah Paritzky	"A little learning is a dangerous thing" (Alexander Pope 1709): educating towards standardization in optometry			
Dr Hetal Patel	In vivo measurement of scleral thickness in humans using anterior segment optical coherent tomography (AS-OCT)			
Neelam Patel	Enhanced optometric services in the UK: a review			
Dr Cristina Peris Martinez	Biomechanical changes in corneas with keratoconus after implantation of two types of intracorneal rings			
Aoife Phelan	The Mozambique Eyecare Project – addressing uncorrected refractive error in lusophone Africa through optometric education			
Aoife Phelan	Primary school vision screening involving teachers in Nampula, Mozambique			
Dr Sotiris Plainis	Effect of blur on reading performance: monocular vs. binocular vision			
Dr František Pluháček	Influence of material and frequency of replacement of selected contact lenses on the tear film stability			
Esteban Porcar	Binocular dysfunctions in a population with low near vision			
Eleni Poulere	Clinical evaluation of the HRK-7000 autorefractometer based on the Shack–Hartmann principle			
Dr Joseph Pruitt	The curious case of the functionally legally blind patient with 20/25 (6/7.5) visual acuity			
Nancy Prussing	Simple device for improved visual functioning for client with right hemianopic defect			

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Dr Sheila Rae	Assessing visual acuities at near with letter and symbol charts: effect of chart type and defocus			
Dr Supaluk Raiyawa	Community screening for eye health problems, a horizontal integrated programme for eye health and eye care of better vision			
Laura Remón	Reliability and repeatability on intraocular lenses optical characterization by Kaleo System			
Nicholas Rumney	Achieving independent prescribing status as an optometrist; steps, costs, processes and outcomes			
Professor Celia Sanchez-Ramos	Biosafety of hydrogen peroxide solution to disinfect blue light-filtering contact lens			
Pedro Serra	The development of a reading speed chart in English and Portuguese			
Kajal Shah	Evaluation of ophthalmic technicians, refraction service providers in Mozambique			
Kajal Shah	Evaluation of student optometrists in Mozambique			
Matthew Sheehan	Power calculation and customized designs for intraocular lenses using personalized eye models			
Karen Sparrow	Creation of a pilot scheme to raise awareness of optometry & optics as career options for 14-16 year olds			
Karen Sparrow	Evaluation of a pilot scheme in Uganda to support the national primary school vision screening programme with additional refraction services			
Georg Stollenwerk	Application spectrum of new stereo tests in electronic vision-testing units			
Robert Szuba	Does an optometric investigation help to diagnose neurological issues?			
Baskar Theagarayan	Binocular accommodative facility in pre-presbyopic Swedish adults			
Stephen Thompson	A cost benefit analysis of an optometric higher education programme in Mozambique			
Dr César Urtubia	Molecular genetics of retinitis pigmentosa: understanding the foundations of some retinal degenerative diseases			
Diane Wallace	Faculty recruitment for a Portuguese-language optometry program: experiences and challenges of the Mozambique eye care project			
Professor Abbas Yekta	Epidemiology of refractive errors among the elderly in Sari, Iran			

Registration and accommodation



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Registration and fees

Conference ticket	Member	Non Member
Individuals	€ 245	€ 330
Organisation members – individuals	€ 245	€ 330
Organisation members – students	€ 110	n/a
Conference and dinner ticket	€ 345	€ 430
Conference, dinner and after party ticket	€ 365	€ 450
Academy dinner	€ 110	€ 125
Academy dinner and after party ticket	€ 120	€ 150
Workshop ticket	€ 50	€ 90
Accompanying person tours only	€ 170	
Accompanying person and dinner	€ 270	
Accompanying person, dinner and after party	€ 290	
Special offer for new members*	€ 595	

For presenter fees please contact Julie Hawkins, at events@eao.info. Reduced fees for presenters are available for Academy members.

*Special offer valid until 24 February 2012 only.

This package is available only for new members. Package includes attendance at the conference, workshop attendance, entry to the Academy dinner and 12 months membership of the Academy.

E-mail events@eao.info for more information about this offer and booking forms.

Croke Park Hotel

The conference hotel, Croke Park Hotel, is a contemporary 4* hotel located opposite the conference centre at Croke Park Stadium on Jones's Road, Dublin. Close to both the city centre and the airport, this hotel is one of the most popular in Dublin with fresh, spacious, interiors, luxurious bedrooms, complimentary gym and a lively bistro and bar.

For Reservations:

Special delegate rates are available for 19-21 April 2012. Rates include breakfast, taxes and internet connection. *(N.B. in standard rooms internet access requires a wired connection. In Executive rooms wireless internet access is available).*

- Standard Room: single occupancy €95
- Standard Room: double occupancy €105
- Deluxe room: single occupancy €125

To book a room:

- Call +353 1871 4444
- Email crokepark@doylecollection.com
- Visit **The Doyle Collection (Dublin)**

You must insert the promotional code **OPTIC** in order for the discounted rate to appear on the website.

Please quote **ACCO190412** when making your reservation. All guests will be required to provide full address, contact number and a credit card to secure the reservation. Rooms can be cancelled up until 72 hours prior to arrival without charge.

Booking deadline: 19 March 2012

The Academy does not have rooms on hold after this date



Croke Park Hotel

For further information about Croke Park Hotel, please visit www.doylecollection.com

Preferential rates are also available in a range of hotels close to Croke Park Stadium, including Skylon Best Western, The Regency Leisure Centre and Spa and The D4 Burlington Hotel. For booking details, please visit www.eao.info/hotels.

Delegates are responsible for making their own bookings directly with the hotels. Transport for those participating in the accompanying persons programme, will depart from and return to the Croke Park Hotel, Jones's Road, Dublin. Transport to the clinical workshops will depart and return to Croke Park Conference Centre.

Visit www.eao.info/dublin for more information

Click here to access booking forms and accommodation information on the Academy's website.

Annual Academy Dinner

Saturday 21 April 2012, Croke Park Stadium

A toast to Ireland and night to remember!
In 2012 the Academy's dinner will be held in collaboration with the Association of Optometrists Ireland – and there will be a special after-dinner party, with DJ, for those who would like to join in some dancing.

The evening will begin with an informal drinks reception followed by a three course dinner.



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Accompanying Person's Programme

Friday 20-Sunday 22 April 2012

Accompanying guests are encouraged to join delegates at the event. The programme includes:

- lunch at Dublin's oldest pub, The Brazen Head
- a short tour of the O'Connell street
- River Liffey cruise
- an excursion to The Boyne Valley
- a visit to St Patrick's Cathedral
- free time for shopping and more sight-seeing
- Academy dinner.

Visit www.eao.info/dublin for more information.

Dublin 2012 Bookings

Booking forms and information regarding fees and payment can be found at www.eao.info/bookings.

If you have any questions or special requests, please email

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or call **+44 (0)20 7766 4343**

The deadline for bookings is
Friday 6 April 2012

Travelling to Dublin

Dublin is located on the East Coast of Ireland, the last major island outpost of Europe before you hit the Atlantic and, eventually, the North American continent. To get to Dublin, you can either fly or take a ferry from the UK. If you are already on the island, Dublin is well connected by train, coach and a network of motorways.

Dublin by Air:

Dublin Airport is one of the ten busiest airports in Europe with 78 airlines providing more than 200 routes into and out of the city. To see available connections, please visit [Dublin Airport](#).

The airport is located 7 kilometres from the north of the city centre and is accessible by taxi and public transport.

Dublin by Ferry:

The city has two ferry ports linking it to the UK – Dublin Port (located 3km from the city centre) and Dun Laoghaire (located 11km south of the city). *Stena Line* and *Irish Ferries* operate several crossings daily.

Dublin by Train:

The main railway line through Ireland runs North-South along the East Coast, connecting Dublin with *Cork* at the very southern tip of Ireland and *Belfast* in Northern Ireland.

Dublin by Coach:

Bus Eireann connects most major towns across Ireland with Dublin terminating at the central bus terminal at Store Street on the North Quays near the International Financial Services Centre. Please visit the website for more information.

In and around Dublin

Bus:

Dublin Bus offers a high-frequency, accessible and easy to use service from all over Dublin. While a number of services bring you quite close to Croke Park, many others will get you to the city centre from where the stadium is a 15 minute walk. For further information please visit www.dublinbus.ie.

Train and Tram:

Both the DART and LUAS networks provide an excellent service from many different parts of Dublin. In most cases parking is available at the various stations along the route. If using DART or LUAS, both bring you within easy walking distance of the stadium. For further information visit www.dart.ie or www.luas.ie.

Useful links

www.eaoo.info/dublin
www.visitdublin.com
www.dublin.info/getting-around



Key locations in Dublin

- 1 – Airport
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- 3 – Dublin Skylon Best Western
- 4 – Croke Park Stadium Conference Centre
- 5 – Croke Park Hotel
- 6 – The Burlington Hotel Dublin