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## EAOO awards fellowship

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AOP education advisor and Vision Aid Overseas (VAO) supporter Karen Sparrow (pictured) has been awarded a fellowship by the European Academy of Optometry and Optics for her contribution to the charity.

She was awarded the accolade at the Academy's Prague conference earlier this month by president Feike Grit in 'recognition of her major contribution to VAO at administrative, clinical leadership and strategic levels and for her work to enhance the delivery and quality of optometric care in the UK and overseas'.

Ms Sparrow has been an active supporter of VAO for six years and has led several volunteer programmes including four projects to Zambia.

VAO's programme director for Zambia, Karen Edwards, said: "I am delighted to learn that Karen has been awarded a fellowship for her volunteer work. Karen has a special interest in Zambia and has been a dedicated and dynamic team leader here for several years now. Her enthusiasm and professionalism is incredible; she makes every patient feel special and makes time for everyone no matter how many people there are to be seen.



"She is an inspiration to new volunteers by encouraging and supporting them, leading by example and always maintaining a lovely sense of humour."