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European Academy of Optometry and Optics Presents First Fellowships

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PRAGUE—The European Academy of Optometry and Optics awarded its first Fellowships during its conference here earlier this month. Among the seven individuals awarded the group's Fellowships was American Jeffrey Weaver, OD, executive director of the American Board of Optometry and president-elect of the Missouri Optometric Association. The fellowship was presented to Weaver for "demonstrating a wide scope of influence in the field of optometry, both nationally and internationally," the Academy said.

Awards were presented by the Academy's outgoing president, Feike Grit, OD, of the Netherlands, "to members who made a significant contribution to the practice of optometry or optics, showing excellence and/or innovation."

Said Grit, "Our Fellowship program was designed to create an attractive, flexible route to achieving fellowship, an important award which can help to advance the profession. The Academy's Fellowship program recognizes and awards individual members of the Academy who have made a significant contribution to optometry and optics at a local, national and/or international level."

In addition to Weaver, the Academy's Fellowships went to:

- David Berkow (Israel)
- Bryony Pawinska (U.K.)
- Heiko Pult, OD (Germany)
- Helmer Schweizer (Switzerland)
- Karen Sparrow (U.K.)
- Cornelis Anton Verezen, OD (Netherlands)

A Life Fellowship was also awarded to Grit, "in recognition of his vision for the development of the European Academy of Optometry and Optics."

The Fellowship program was formally launched following the conference, which drew more than 220 delegates from more than 20 countries. For more information, visit <http://www.eaoo.info/>.

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