

European Academy

EAOO Newsletter December 2010

Season's greetings from the European Academy

Dear Members

The Academy was formed in May 2009 and has since played a central role in advancing and promoting research and education into optometry, optics and related subjects.

This year we welcomed 190 delegates from 26 countries to our second conference held in Denmark in May. We presented an ambitious, exciting programme and feedback from delegates was exceptionally positive. The 2011 conference will be held in Prague from 6-8 May, and will build upon this year's success.

In Copenhagen we also launched the members Special Interest Groups, where professionals with a specific interest meet and interact—and our Fellowship program. We look forward to awarding our first Fellowships in Prague next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the development of the Academy and working together to shape optometry and optics in Europe.

And finally, I'd like to wish you all a peaceful festive season and all the best for 2011.



Feike Grit, President



European Academy 2011 Prague

The European Academy's third annual conference will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from **6 - 8 May 2011**.

Delegates from a diverse range of clinical, research and educational backgrounds should attend the event.

The Academy is now **calling for abstracts**, **workshop proposals** and **case studies**.



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European Academy 2011 Prague

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Keynote speakers:

- **Professor John Lawrenson** (City University, UK) - *Educating towards Clinical Competence*
- **Dr Tom van den Berg** (Netherlands Institute for neuroscience) - *Ocular straylight : all you need to know*

The 2011 Prague programme offers a variety of learning opportunities:

- Academic and research sessions with lectures and panel presentations.
- Two dedicated poster presentation sessions
- Hands-on education and clinical workshops at the Vision Care Institute™, Johnson & Johnson
- Academy member-only round-table discussion groups
- Case study sessions
- Networking opportunities
- And prizes for the best poster and oral presentations, sponsored by our host organisation, the UK's College of Optometrists

Certificates of attendance and/or presentation will also be awarded for delegates to use to apply for Continued Professional Development points (CPD/CET) in their own country.

The Academy is now [calling for abstracts](#), [case studies](#), and [workshop proposals](#).

View the **Academy programme**.



KEY DATES

Deadline to submit [abstracts](#), [workshop proposals](#) and [case studies](#) is Friday 14 January 2011

Deadline to book a room at the conference hotel - [Clarion Congress hotel](#): Sunday 6 March 2011

Deadline to [book a place at the European Academy 2011 conference](#): Friday 8 April 2011

REMINDER

Call for Abstracts and Proposals

Submissions close,
FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2011

Members benefit updates

Networking

Specialist Interest Group (SiGs)

Academy members have the opportunity to build both geographical and specialist interest links with other Academy members through special SiG forums on the Academy website.

Current groups are: binocular vision, community eye health care, cornea, contact lens and refractive technologies, education and primary care (refraction and dispensing; diagnosis and treatment of minor eye diseases).

Using Gravatar software, members can load their photos for use in the forums



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New for Academy Members

Student Membership - €25 and valid for 12 months

Postgraduate Memberships - To be launched in 2011

Increased access - Access for organisations Members to send delegates to the Academy Conference

For more information, visit www.eao.org.

Upcoming Events

[6th Pan-Hellenic Vitreo-Retinal Meeting - Jan 2011](#)

[Eyecare3000 - January 2011](#)

[OPTI Munich - January 2011](#)

[VISION - February 2011](#)

[25th International Congress of the HSIOIRS 2011](#)

[More Upcoming Events](#)

Special offers

New OiP Subscription offer

Optometry in Practice is the Continuing Education and Training (CET) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) journal of the College of Optometrists in the UK.

Optometry in Practice is now available online to Academy members at a special annual fee of £36 (GBP). This is a 50% reduction on the usual subscription rates. EAOO member subscribers have access to current papers and an archive of those published since 2009.



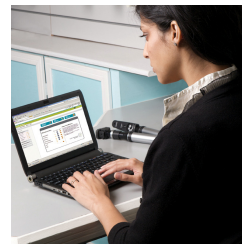
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All individuals and organisations in membership of the Academy are invited to use the Academy's logo to raise your profile and build your credibility.

To download the member logo, login to the members' area of the website.

Academy News

Call for Abstracts and Workshop proposals - Prague 2011

The Academy's annual conference in 2011 will be held in Prague from 6 - 8 May.

The Academy is calling for abstracts and proposals for workshops relating to **Education, Research, General Eye-Health Care Issues in Europe** and **Continued Professional Development** streams.

For further information visit www.eaoo.info.prague.

Academy Member Anglia Ruskin opens new specialist vision centre

Anglia Ruskin University has opened a new vision testing and assessment centre which will provide specialist eye care services to people across Cambridge.

The new facility, funded by the Evelyn Trust, is able to offer specialist vision assessments which would not normally be included in a routine eye examination. It will also provide further opportunities for clinical assessments on patients,

For more information also see the [Academy member profile](#) of Anglia Ruskin University.

Academy is inviting expressions of interest to host its annual conference

If you are interested in finding out more about being involved with the Academy and becoming a 'host' venue for future events, please contact Jane Kielb, Academy Manager on info@eaoo.info.

Election of Academy President-elect in 2011

During its annual conference in May 2011, Academy members will elect a new President-elect. Details will be available on the members' website and Calls for nominations will be sent out mid January. The successful candidate will be appointed to President in 2013.

Celebrating 75 years of Optometry teaching in Cardiff

To mark the milestone, the School of Optometry and Vision Sciences will host a celebratory weekend in January 2011.

The two-day 'Big Weekend' gathering will kick off with an Alumni Eyeball on Saturday January 29. Alumni and current optometry students will be invited for a tour of the School.

Contact: alumni@cardiff.ac.uk Tel: +44 29 2087 4878



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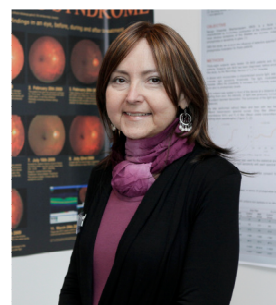
Send us your news

The Academy is inviting its members to send us news for publication on the website. News about the education and practice of optometry, optics and vision science in your community; news about opportunities for overseas students and researchers; news about events and research programmes.

Yvonne Helmfrid Agartz

Academy Founder Member Yvonne Helmfrid Agartz sadly passed away earlier this month.

Yvonne was one of our very first members and we were delighted when she was able to present a poster at our conference in Copenhagen earlier this year. "She was a very brave woman with impressive vision and passion for our profession until the very end. We will miss her". Dr Feike Grit.



Ertekin Aksak

Academy Founder member organization, the Turkish Association of Optical and Optometric Professions, also sadly lost one of its great mentors earlier this year. Mr. Ertekin Aksak, a dispensing optician and Senior Lecturer for Dispensing Optics at Fatih University Further Education Centre, Istanbul, had played a key role in the development and progression of the optical profession in Turkey.

Academy Education Committee

The new Education Committee of the European Academy held its first meeting on Friday 22 October 2010 in Dresden, Germany.

The Committee was established to advise the Academy's Board of Trustees on all aspects of optical and optometric education and training throughout Europe and to be responsible for ensuring that the Academy promotes and supports activities which enables practitioners throughout Europe to have high standards of professional competence.

Visit www.eaoo.info for more information.

Insert, Roger Anderson, Chair of Education Committee and Vice Chair Mireia Pacheco Cutillas.



Ask the expert

Academy Members have been working with us to develop an interactive map of Europe to build networks across Europe.

We invite Members to trial the map. Email us with your feedback, info@eaoo.info. Visit www.eaoo.info.

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