



European Academy
of Optometry and Optics

PRESS RELEASE

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ELECTIONS 2011 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The European Academy is calling for nominations to election of its Board of Trustees. There are two vacancies:

- President-elect
- An individual who is/has been involved in delivering optometric or optical education

Professor Roger Crelier, the Academy's current President-elect, will take over the Academy's Presidency at the annual conference in Prague. Dr Feike Grit will in turn become the Immediate Past President.

The election of an individual educator Trustee is to replace Mr Jean-Paul Roosen who will retire this year. Mr Roosen played a key role in the development and launch of the Academy whilst still heading up AEUSCO (the Association of European Universities, Schools and Colleges of Optometry).

Dr Feike Grit, President of EAOO, commented:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean-Paul for his commitment to the development of the Academy. His drive and enthusiasm during the crucial start-up period was important to the Academy's success. He is a very dear friend to us and his creativity and support will be very much missed". Mr Roosen will officially retire at the Academy's annual conference in Prague.

Nominees for election to either post must submit a brief two page curriculum vitae, a current black and white photograph and an election statement of not more than 500 words, outlining why they wish to stand for election to the European Academy and what they can bring to the role. All documentation must be in written in English.

Deadline for nominations is FRIDAY 11 March 2011.

To be eligible to stand for election candidates must be a current individual member or must join the Academy by 30 April 2011. Each application for election must be supported by a nominator who must sign the Nomination Form. Nominators must be Individual Academy members or key representatives of an organisational member.

Only Academy members are eligible to vote in any elections. Voting papers will be emailed to members on Friday 25 March. The ballot closes on Saturday 7 May 2011. The results of the election will be announced at the Academy's Annual General Meeting to be held during the Academy's annual conference, at 13:00 on Saturday 7 May at the Clarion Congress Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic.

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More information

An initiative of the European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO), the European Academy was launched in May 2009 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Academy's mission is to change the face of optometry and optics in Europe by engaging, educating and inspiring our educators, students, researchers and practitioners. Our aim is to develop and disseminate scientific knowledge (education and research) of optometry and optics by focusing on supporting collaborative working, developing effective networks for communication and promoting excellence.

For more information about the European Academy, visit www.eaoo.info.

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Notes for Editors:

- 1 The secretariat for the European Academy is provided by the College of Optometrists, London, United Kingdom.
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