



European Academy
of Optometry and Optics

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EUROPEAN ACADEMY ANNOUNCES DUBLIN EVENT

The European Academy of Optometry and Optics is set to hold its next annual conference from 20-22 April 2012 in Dublin, Ireland. The event will bring together key figures in optometry, optics and vision sciences from across Europe to discuss and share the latest research and best-practice.

In a move that will strengthen the Academy's links with the host nation, Ireland, the welcome dinner and drinks will be held in collaboration with the Association of Optometrists Ireland.

The conference will appeal to delegates with a diverse range of clinical, research and educational interests, and offers a wide range of learning opportunities:

- leading researchers and academics will deliver a series of lectures focusing on some of the key areas of concern for the profession;
- workshops at The Dublin Institute of Technology will support the development of practical skills;
- a series of poster presentations will explore a diverse range of research areas, providing excellent learning and networking opportunities;
- case study and discussion forum sessions will offer interactive debate on issues of clinical practice and education; and
- forums based on special interest groups will be held exclusively for Academy members covering areas of Binocular Vision; Optical Education; Primary Eye Care; Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technology; and Community Eye and Vision Care Services

The conference will also feature key note speeches from **Professor Pablo Artal** (University of Murcia, Spain) on adaptive optics with a focus on new research; and **Dr Kathryn Saunders** (University of Ulster, UK) on clinical practice in relation to paediatric care.

Certificates of attendance will be awarded to all delegates and may be used as evidence in local continuing professional development schemes (CPD/CET).

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Professor Roger Crelier, President of the European Academy, said:

“We are delighted that bookings for Dublin 2012 are now open. This event will help delegates from across Europe keep up-to-date with latest research, learn from their peers and provide a forum to disseminate and share research, information and best practice. I hope to see you in Dublin.”

Please see www.eaoo.info/dublin to view the programme and to book your place.

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Notes for Editors:

1. The European Academy was launched in 2009. It is an initiative of the European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO), to build on the work of the former Association of European Universities and Schools of Optometry (AEUSCO).
2. The Academy has the following Strategic Aims:
 - To develop scientific knowledge of optometry and optics
 - To advance and promote education into optometry and optics and related subjects
 - To advance and promote research into optometry and optics and related subjects
 - To promote for the public benefit the science and practice of optometry and optics
 - To promote for the public benefit the professional competence and conduct of Academy members.
3. To register for the European Academy 2012 Dublin please visit www.eaoo.info/dublin
4. The Academy's secretariat services are provided by the College of Optometrists, London.
5. **For more information about the Academy please go to www.eaoo.info or contact** Jacquie Powell, Interim Academy Manager, on info@eaoo.info or telephone +44 20 7766 4345.