



European Academy  
of Optometry and Optics

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### **DUBLIN SET TO HOST ECOO MEETING AND ACADEMY CONFERENCE**

ECOO and the European Academy of Optometry and Optics will be heading to Dublin, Ireland, in April 2012 when the city hosts the ECOO Spring Meeting and Academy's annual conference.

Both events will be held at the Croke Park Conference Centre, with ECOO's event starting on 19 April, followed by the opening of the Academy's conference the next day. The event will close on Sunday 22 April.

ECOO members who are part of the committees are invited to take advantage of one of the ticket options on offer, including a package that allows entry to all ECOO meetings, the conference and social events.

Dublin 2012, the Academy's conference, 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 on Saturday 21 April.

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).

To book a place at the Spring Meeting and conference, please complete the dedicated ECOO members booking form on the website.

Professor Roger Crelier, President of the European Academy, said: "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. See you in Dublin!"

Please see [www.eaoo.info/dublin](http://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](http://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](http://www.eaoo.info) or contact Jacquie Powell, Interim Academy Manager, on [info@eaoo.info](mailto:info@eaoo.info) or telephone +44 20 7766 4345.