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- The Great Debate “Refractive Surgery – the Demise of Optometry?”
- Optional pre-conference clinical workshops (Friday 15 October) and post-conference CPR Course (Monday 18 October) at the ACO, Carlton
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SPEAKERS



Dr Daniel Chiu MBBS, FRANZCO graduated in medicine at University of Melbourne, Royal Melbourne Hospital Clinical School in 1992. After pursuing further fellowship training in Oxford, UK in 2001 he returned to Melbourne to join the Vitreo-retinal Unit at the RVEEH and medical ophthalmology clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital as a visiting consultant. He has a private practice in East Melbourne.



Dr Jennifer Craig PhD, MCOptom, FAAO, FBCLA undertook her Optometry studies at Glasgow Caledonian University and was awarded a PhD in 1995. She is Senior Lecturer in Ophthalmology and holds an honorary academic position in Optometry and Vision Science, at the University of Auckland NZ.



Mr Paul Croucher BSc, BScOptom, FACBO, FCOVD, FACO has worked in paediatric and behavioural vision care in private practice in Melbourne since graduation. He lectures at the University of Melbourne and in paediatric optometry for the UNSW Master's course. He has previously held positions as National Secretary and National President of the Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists.



Dr Laura Downie BOptom, PhD, DipMus (Prac), PGCertOcTher, AMusA graduated with a Bachelor of Optometry (University of Melbourne 2003) and completed her PhD on retinal disease in 2008. Over the past six years she has practised in both general and specialist private optometry.



Dr Justin Friebe MBBS, FRANZCO completed his medical degree at Monash University and his ophthalmology training was based at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. He specialises in the area of oculoplastic, eyelid and endoscopic lacrimal surgery and cataract surgery.



Mrs Kelly Gibbons BAppSciOrth (Hons), BOptom, PGCertOcTher is an Optometrist who operates a private practice in Wodonga, Victoria. She was awarded her Bachelor of Optometry (2000) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Therapeutics (2006) from the University of Melbourne. Her professional interests include ocular disease and children's vision.



Mr Andrew Hogan BScOptom graduated in 1993 (University of Melbourne) and then entered into private practice in Hobart, Tasmania, where he works in the areas of children's vision, contact lenses and sports optometry. He is a consultant optometrist to the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, is a part-time broadcaster with the ABC in Tasmania and presents the weekly "Nerdzilla" with ABC online.



Prof Sarah Hosking PhD MCOptom FAAO DBO MAICD is currently Director of the National Vision Research Institute and Acting CEO of the ACO. She has extensive experience in the education, science, practice and management of optometry and other disciplines. She has held several professorial academic appointments in the UK and most recently in the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Melbourne.



Dr Nandor Jaross MD, PhD, FRANZCO graduated in medicine from the Medical University of Debrecen, Hungary and was later awarded a PhD in Medicine (Adelaide University 2003). Since 2006, he has been in private practice in Melbourne.



Dr Nick Karunaratne MBBS, MPH, MBA, FRANZCO graduated from University of Adelaide Medical School and completed ophthalmology training in Adelaide. Following this he undertook a Masters degree in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, a Preventative Ophthalmology Fellowship at the Wilmer Eye Institute and a Glaucoma Fellowship at Kentucky Lions Eye Research Institute. On returning to Australia he worked as a Senior Lecturer Ophthalmology, University of Adelaide and now works in private practice in Wangaratta.



Mrs Marta Kezerashvili BScOptom completed her Optometry degree in 2004 (University of Melbourne). Since then she has undertaken clinical work focusing on refractive surgery patient care and is now the practice manager at a private practice in Melbourne.



Dr Michael Loughnan MBBS (Hons), PhD, FRANZCO graduated in medicine at Monash University, completed his doctorate at Melbourne University and completed training in ophthalmology at Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide and RVEEH. He specialises in the medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the anterior eye including cataract, corneal graft and pterygium surgery.



Dr Eric Mayer MB BCH, PhD, FRCOphth, FRANZCO graduated from the University of Oxford Medical School in the UK, with a research degree in neural transplantation from the University of Cambridge. He is a retinal and macular diseases specialist in private practice in Melbourne.



Dr Julian Sack MB BCH, FCS(Ophth), FRACS, FRANZCO graduated in medicine in 1984 (University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) and operates a specialist cataract and refractive private practice in Melbourne. He is one of the few practitioners in Australia who performs implantable contact lens surgery.



Dr Joseph San Laureano BSc, MBBS, MMed (Ophthal), FRANZCO completed a Master of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, in the area of glaucoma and undertook ophthalmology training at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney. He is the head of a divisional clinic at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and operates his own practice in three Melbourne/Victorian centres.



Mr George Stamatelatos BScOptom graduated in 1987 (University of Melbourne) and has since had extensive experience in retail optometry and private practice. In 1998, he moved to a specialty clinic to pursue his interest in refractive and cataract surgery. His extensive knowledge in refractive laser and incisional techniques has allowed him to lecture both nationally and internationally.



Dr Laurie Sullivan MBBS (Hons), PhD, FRANZCO is a fellowship-trained corneal specialist. He specialises in the medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the front of the eye, including small incision refractive cataract surgery, corneal diseases, corneal transplantation surgery and laser refractive surgery.



Dr Mark Troski MBBS, FRANZCO, FRACS commenced ophthalmic training at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, later completing his registrar training at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. His practice in Melbourne is now exclusively devoted to cataract surgery. He has pioneered a number of new intraocular lenses and surgical techniques.



Assoc Prof Richard Vojlay BScOptom, LOSc, FACO, PGCertOcTher, DipHuman (Music) graduated in optometry in 1974 (University of Melbourne) and currently practices in Camberwell. In 2008 he was appointed Associate Professor to the University of Melbourne and lectures to the 4th and 5th year students on keratoconus and corneal graft contact lens fitting.



Dr Anne Weymouth BOptom, PhD is a researcher who completed her PhD in 2006 (University of Melbourne). Her overall research and clinical focus is to refine techniques for the early detection and localisation of diseases within the visual pathway. In her clinical role, she performs advanced investigation and assessment of retinal disease and visual function.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Optional Pre-conference Clinical Workshops Friday 15 October (conducted at the ACO, Carlton)

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workshop 

9.00am – 12.30pm	Optical Coherence Tomography - Ms Mary Travis, Dr Devinder Chauhan
1.30pm – 5.00pm	Gonioscopy and Other Glaucoma Assessment Techniques - Dr Genevieve Napper

Day 1: Saturday 16 October



8.30am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION DAY 1
9.00am – 9.05am	Welcome - Mr Andrew Harris, President, ACO
9.05am – 10.00am	Keynote Address: Expanding the Role of Optometry in Diabetes Management: Exploring the Clinical Utility of Ophthalmic Markers of Diabetic Neuropathy - Prof Nathan Efron
10.00am – 10.45am	Optometry and the New Internet Web 2.0 - Mr Andrew Hogan
10.45am – 11.15am	MORNING TEA
11.15am – 1.00pm	Diseases of the Eye <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making Sense of Ocular Surface Lumps and Bumps - Dr Michael Loughnan• Retinal Degenerations: Issues of More Than Mere Peripheral Interest - Dr Eric Mayer• Age Related Macular Degeneration: Resolving the Central Issues - Dr Nandor Jaross
1.00pm – 1.45pm	DESIGNS FOR VISION LUNCH
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Cataract Surgery: Nothing Ever Changes?? - Dr Mark Troski
2.45pm – 3.45pm	Secondary Glaucomas: Facts I Wish I Had Known Earlier - Dr Joe San Laureano
3.45pm – 4.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.15pm – 5.30pm	Elective Session 1: (delegates choose either elective 1A or 1B) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elective 1A: Paediatric Optometry: the ABC of Children's Visual Problems - Mr Paul Croucher• Elective 1B: Congenital Eyelid Anomalies: Diagnosis and Surgical Approaches - Dr Justin Friebe
5.30pm – 7.00pm	CARL ZEISS AUSTRALIA COCKTAILS
7.30pm	Dinner, Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens (optional)

Day 2: Sunday 17 October



7.30am – 8.50am	CR SURFACING LABORATORIES BREAKFAST - Prof Sarah Hosking
8.50am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION DAY 2
9.00am – 9.05am	Welcome - Dr Erica Fletcher, Chair, ACO Professional Development Committee
9.05am – 10.00am	Keynote Address: 'Now That you are Registered – What's Different?' - Mr Colin Waldron
10.00am – 11.15am	Great Debate: Refractive Surgery – the Demise of Optometry? Facilitator: Dr Michael Loughnan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affirmative Team: Dr Laurie Sullivan, Dr Jennifer Craig, Dr Julian Sack• Negative Team: Prof Nathan Efron, Mrs Marta Kezerashvili, Mr George Stamatelatos
11.15am – 11.45am	MORNING TEA
11.45am – 12.45pm	Tear Film Abnormalities: Penetrating All the Layers So That Patients Are Never Left High and Dry - Dr Jennifer Craig
12.45pm – 1.30pm	ALCON LUNCH
1.30pm – 2.45pm	Elective Session 2: (delegates choose either elective 2A or 2B) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elective 2A: Co-management: Two Heads Are Better Than One - Mrs Kelly Gibbons, Dr Nick Karunaratne• Elective 2B: Corneal Topography and Orthokeratology: Mapping the Terrain to Ensure the Right Outcome - Assoc Prof Richard Vojlay, Dr Laura Downie
2.45pm – 3.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.15pm – 4.30pm	An Eye on the Future: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macular Degeneration and Cellular Regeneration: Stem Cells and Scaffolds - Dr Daniel Chiu• Retinal Physiology and Demystifying Electrophysiology: Visualising Neurons in Action! - Dr Anne Weymouth
4.35pm	CLOSE

Optional Post-conference CPR Course Monday 18 October (conducted at the ACO, Carlton)

10.00am – 1.00pm	Conducted by First Aid Management and Training Centre
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Keynote Speakers



Prof Nathan Efron BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAO (Dip CCLRT), FIACLE, FCCLSA, FBCLA, FACO completed his BScOptom and PhD at the University of Melbourne in 1981. In 1990 he became the foundation Chair of Clinical Optometry at the University of Manchester. He became Head of Department (1992), Dean of Research (2001) and was awarded a Doctor of Science. In 2006 he joined the School of Optometry at the Queensland University of Technology, as Research Professor. At QUT he has established the Anterior Eye Laboratory and is currently exploring the potential for corneal confocal microscopy of the sub-basal nerve plexus to serve as a marker of diabetic neuropathy.



Mr Colin Waldron DipAppSci (Optom), Cert OcTher, GradCertOcTher has been in private practice in Queensland for 40 years and currently practices in North Tamborine. Since 1990 he has been a visiting lecturer at Queensland University of Technology. In 2009 he became the inaugural Chairman of the Optometry Board of Australia.

If you want to know more about our speakers, detailed biographies are available from www.aco.org.au

