
PRESS RELEASE

ECOO ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO) elected Armin Duddek as new President.

Mr. Duddek was elected by ECOO's General Assembly on 24 October 2010 in Dresden together with a new Executive Committee. Both Mr. Duddek and the new Executive Committee have started their two-year term on 1 November.

A German national, Armin Duddek (44) is a qualified optician and optometrist. Since 1993, he has been in full-time optometric practice as a contact lens specialist in Zürich (Switzerland). In 1997, he bought the contact lens supply company Prolens. Since 2000, he has been the President of the Swiss Society of Optometry and Optics (SBAO) and has been part of the Swiss delegation to ECOO, where he has served in different functions during the past years.

Thanking the delegates and his predecessor, Dr. Wolfgang Cagnolati, Mr. Duddek said:

'ECOO has successfully established itself as the 'face' of optometry and optics in Europe. I am therefore delighted to serve ECOO as President for the next two years.'

'The challenges facing our profession are considerable. The Executive Committee and I look forward to working with all ECOO members to promote our common vision: to achieve greater recognition and harmonization of the scope of practice of optometry and optics across Europe and establish optometry as the main provider of primary eye health.'



Armin Duddek, President of ECOO

In addition, Dr. Julie-Anne Little was elected President Elect, Jesus García was elected Treasurer, Peter Gumpelmayer was elected Chairman of the Professional Services Committee and Benedek Raak Chairman of the Economic Committee.

All of them will serve as members of the new Executive Committee, together with Dr. Wolfgang Cagnolati, who will continue to sit on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President, Bob Chappell, Chairman of the Board of Management, and Ulrich Adam, Secretary General



The new ECOO Executive Committee.
From left to right: Peter Gumpelmayer, Benedek Raak, Bob Chappell, Julie-Anne Little, Armin Duddek, Wolfgang Cagnolati, Jesus García, and Ulrich Adam.

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