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WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2025 AND HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) continues to go from strength to strength, and we are delighted to share with ECOO members some of the ways in which you can engage with us in the coming months.

EAOO 2025 Annual Conference in Ljubljana

The [EAOO 2025 Annual Conference in Ljubljana](#), which is held alongside the ECOO spring General Assembly, is just around the corner, and we are thrilled to welcome eye care professionals from across the globe to this landmark event. With a comprehensive programme featuring cutting-edge research, expert-led discussions, and valuable networking opportunities, this conference promises to be an unforgettable experience. Preparations are well underway, and we look forward to

sharing the latest innovations and developments in optometry and optics with you in Ljubljana.

Programme Schedule for Ljubljana 2025 Now Available

We are excited to announce that the abstract review process is complete, and the programme schedule for the [EAOO 2025 Annual Conference](#) is now live on the official conference website. This year's conference promises a wide range of compelling presentations and discussions. As part of our ongoing collaboration with the American Academy of Optometry, we are pleased to highlight that an additional, highly relevant and engaging topic will be presented during the sessions. Be sure to check out the full programme for more details on the exciting content and [expert speakers](#) we have lined up.

Monthly Academy Hours: Engaging Discussions Online

Our Monthly Academy Hours continue to offer dynamic platforms for in-depth discussions on key topics such as:

- EAOO Fellowships
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Artificial Intelligence in Optometry
- Sessions in collaboration with Hoya, our education partner
- Joint discussions with Fielmann Academy on topics like Myopia Management and Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

These sessions are an excellent way to stay connected and informed about the latest trends and research in optometry.

Mark your calendars for an exceptional learning opportunity on **30 January 2025 at 6:30 PM CET**, as we host the World of SIGs Academy Hour. This engaging session will delve into the pivotal role of SIGs in driving collaboration and innovation within the profession.

Through SIGs, members of the EAOO community can connect with like-minded professionals, share knowledge, and develop solutions to some of the most pressing challenges in optometry and optics. This Academy Hour promises to be an eye-opening exploration of the ways SIGs can enhance professional development.

To join this exciting session, simply [register here](#).



Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Online Forums and Peer Discussions

We are pleased to announce that the [SIG online forums](#) are now live! We invite all EAOO members to engage by posting comments and participating in discussions. Each SIG is guided by a dedicated leader, and starting next year, regular SIG meetings will take place to further promote collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

The first SIG webinar of 2025 will be a [Binocular Vision SIG meeting](#), led by Volkhard Schroth and Bruce Evans, offering a valuable opportunity to explore this important area of optometry in depth.

The following SIGs are available for engagement:

- Myopia Management
- Contact Lenses
- Education
- Binocular Vision
- Evidence-Based Practice

These SIGs offer ongoing opportunities for professional development and interaction throughout the year, complementing the annual conference.

***Partnership with ECOO: Advancing
Optometry and Optics Together***

We are deeply grateful for our sister organisation, the European Council of Optometry and Optics (ECOO). Through our continued collaboration, we are working to advance the fields of optometry and optics across Europe, building stronger networks and driving innovation. Stay engaged with EAEO's vibrant

community and take full advantage of these exciting opportunities as we look forward to another incredible year ahead!

Warm regards,
The European Academy of
Optometry and Optics (EAEO) Team

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