

Dear International Colleagues,

The World Council of Optometry (WCO) is pleased to be partnering with the American Academy of Optometry to provide one of the most prestigious optometry meetings in the world. We look forward to bringing the world of optometry together to host international optometrists, optometric educators, researchers and optometry students from more than 50 countries. Attendees will enjoy five invigorating days of education, an extensive exhibit hall, the opportunity to learn more from our corporate partners about the latest products and technology, and many memorable social events.

The meeting is unique in that we offer CE in a variety of formats – over 250 hours of lectures, hands-on workshops, wide-ranging and clinically-relevant scientific paper and poster sessions, and unparalleled symposia. An additional benefit of this joint meeting is that we will be offering 5 full days of continuing education. In addition to the continuing education, the 3rd World Congress will offer two exciting half day forums, the President's Forum and the Global Summit on Optometric Education, bringing together colleagues from all areas of our profession.

The Orange County Convention Center is located adjacent to Orlando's tourist district with a variety of dining and entertainment options for the whole family. With over 100+ attractions across the city and seven of the world's top theme parks, Orlando is unlike any other destination, full of unforgettable experiences waiting for you to explore.

I invite you to join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Optometry and Academy 2019 Orlando where you will leave feeling energized, reinvigorated, and inspired. I look forward to seeing you there!

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