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16th APOC India
sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry
hosted by the Indian Optometric Association

3 – 7 October 2007

Come to India

Goa, India is the venue for the 16th Asia-Pacific Optometric Congress, October 3 - 7, 2007. This outstanding professional Congress is sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry and hosted by the Indian Optometric Association.



Goa is India's smallest State, located midway along the western coastline of India, facing the Arabian Sea. It is renowned for its beaches, appealing especially to Northern Europeans during their Winter, and to Indians during the Summer.

Goa has a long history dating back to the 3rd B.C., and came under Portuguese rule in 1510, and was only returned to Indian rule in 1961. With such a background, Goa is an interesting mix of Catholicism and Hinduism; and of Portuguese, Arabic and Indian cultures, all set in the wonderful scenic geographic surroundings of beaches and rivers.

The climate is tropical, warm and humid all the time, reaching a high of up to 35 C in May. Goa's livelihood stems from Mining (Iron, bauxite, Manganese), Fishing, Rice, but most importantly nowadays; Tourism. Find out more about Goa and India in these websites.

For more information about Goa and India, you may click the following websites:

<http://www.goatourism.org>

<http://www.theluxuryholidays.com>

The Goa Marriott Resort is the venue for all scientific sessions of APOC as well as the General Delegates Meetings of the Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry. The Resort is situated on a sprawling scenic site along the Madovi River and it is 35 minutes by taxi or hotel shuttle bus from Dabolim airport.

Scientific Papers / Case Reports / Clinical Procedures

Continuing Education credits are provided.

Come to APOC 2007

Bring the family. Experience the amazing culture and beauty that awaits you.

16th APOC India

Conference Programme

3 October 2007 (Wednesday) • Goa Marriott Resort		
09:00 – 17:00	16 th Asia Pacific Optometric Congress Registration	
13:00 – 17:00	Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry General Delegates Meeting <i>Function Room</i>	
4 October 2007 (Thursday) • Goa Marriott Resort		
08:30 – 09:00	Official Opening (Congress badge required at all sessions) <i>Ball Room</i>	
09:00 – 09:50	K. B. Woo Memorial Lecture Moderator: Prof. Barry Collin Functional and Structural Imaging of the Retina: New Ways to Follow Progress of Treatments for Retinal Disease	Dr. Brian Brown (Australia)
09:50 – 10:15	Tea Break	
10:15 – 10:45	Scientific Papers Session I: Contact Lens Practice Moderator: Prof. Barry Collin (Sponsored by J&J) Industrial talk: J&J	John Ang (Singapore)
10:45 – 12:00	Scientific Papers Session I: Contact Lens Practice Visual Performance of a Rigid Gas Permeable Continuous Wear Contact Lens Performance of Multifocal Contact Lens Compared to Bifocal Spectacles on Pseudophakic Eyes A Comparative Study of Clinical Performance for PC Hydrogel and Silicone Hydrogel Contact Lenses Microbial Contamination of Contact Lens Care System	Set-fee Leong (Malaysia) Monica Chaudhry (India) Kichoong Mah (Korea) Prakash Paudel (Nepal)

	Evaluating Clinical Research for Young Practice	Jack Chan (Singapore)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch <i>(Included in Full Registrations)</i>	
13:30 – 14:20	Invited Lecture: Primary Care Optometry	Dr. Victor J. Connors (World Council of Optometry, USA)
14:20 – 15:20	Scientific Papers Session II: Practice Models Moderator: Dr. Susan Leat Estimating the Health Status of a Nation Setting Up a Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programme – the Hong Kong Experience PolyVision Eyecare Group: A Consortium of Primary Eye Care Centres in Hong Kong A Roadmap for Optometry - Vision 2020	R. Norman Bailey (USA) Maurice Yap (Hong Kong) George C Woo (Hong Kong) Ron Fyfe (New Zealand)
15:20 – 15:45	Tea Break	
15:45 – 17:00	Scientific Papers Session III: Cornea and Tears Moderator: Dr. Satya Verma Hydrops in Keratoconus T-CAT Guided Retreatment of Corneal Refractive Surgery A Study on the Effect of Smoking on Ocular Surface and Pre-corneal Tear Film Evaluation of Tear Film Stability Before and After Laser in Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK)	Rajeswari Mahadevan (India) Ye Yu (China) Jyothi Thomas (India) Gauri Shankar Shrestha (India)

	Dry Eye and Ocular Prosthesis	Kuldeep Raizada (India)
19:00 – 22:00	Opening Ceremonies and International Banquet <i>(Included in Full Registrations)</i>	
5 October 2007 (Friday) • Goa Marriott Resort		
09:00 – 09:50	Moderator: Prof. Maurice Yap Invited Lecture: The Clinical Picture and Mechanisms of Age-related Maculopathy	Prof. H. Barry Collin (Australia)
09:50 – 10:40	Invited Lecture: Overview of Anterior Segment Disorders	Dr. Mahesh Bhardwaj (USA)
10:40 – 11:05	Tea Break	
11:05 – 12:05	Scientific Papers Session IV: Myopia Moderator: Prof. Maurice Yap Application of DIGE Technology in Searching for Protein Biomarkers in Chick Myopia The Refractive Status in Preschool Girls in Urban Southeastern Korea Myopia Progression and Changes in Ocular Components of Korean Children Between the Ages of 7 and 11 Years: a Two-years Longitudinal Study The Fluctuation of Accommodation Response in Myopes During Sustained Near Work	Thomas C. Lam (Hong Kong) Douk-hoon Kim (Korea) Jungmi Kim (Korea) Dan Xu (China)
12:05 – 13:30	Lunch <i>(Included in Full Registrations)</i>	

13:30 – 14:00	<p>Scientific Papers Session V: Clinical Practice 1 Moderator: Dr. Mahesh Bhardwaj</p> <p>(Sponsored by Transition) Industrial talk: Transition</p>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Scientific Papers Session V: Clinical Practice 1 Moderator: Dr. Mahesh Bhardwaj</p> <p>Quantitative Assessment of Improvement in Image Visibility Using Digital Enhancement for People with Low Vision</p> <p>Custom Made Device for Measuring Ocular Movement</p> <p>Entrepreneurship of Optical Retails Business: a Paradigm Shift in China</p> <p>Correlation of Photopic Negative Response (PhNR) Amplitudes of the ERG with Retinal Nerve Fibre Layer Thickness in Patients with Primary Open Angle Glaucoma (POAG)</p> <p>Management of Microphthalmos</p> <p>A Case of Work Decompensated Distance Esotropia from Ophthalmologic Migraine</p>	<p>Susan J. Leat (Canada)</p> <p>Kuldeep Raizada (India)</p> <p>Kah-ooi Tan (Singapore)</p> <p>Bijoy K Nair (India)</p> <p>Sachin Gupta (India)</p> <p>Jennifer L. Yu (Philippines)</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break	
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Scientific Papers Session VI: Visual Function Moderator: Dr. Brian Brown</p> <p>Structural and Functional Relationship Between Scanning Laser Polarimetry (GDx-VCC) and Humphrey Field Analyzer</p> <p>The Effects of Age and Glare on the Peripheral Contrast Sensitivity Functions</p>	<p>Sailaja Manda Venkata Sri (India)</p> <p>Gordon Yiu-bong Tang (Hong Kong)</p>

	Comparison of Two Commercially Available Goldmann Type Applanation Tonometers	Ramesh Sathyamangalam Venkatasubbu (India)
	Cellular Contributions of the Global Flash Multifocal ERG	Henry Chan (Hong Kong)
6 October 2007 (Saturday) • Goa Marriott Resort		
08:30 – 09:20	Moderator: Dr. Carly Lam Invited Lecture: Down Syndrome, Refraction, Accommodation and Early Literacy Skills	Dr. Susan J. Leat (Canada)
09:20 – 10:10	Invited Lecture: Which Progressive Addition Lens Should I Use?	Dr. James Sheedy (USA)
10:10 – 10:30	Tea Break	
10:30 – 11:00	Scientific Papers Session VII: Public Health Moderator: Dr. James Sheedy (Sponsored by Essilor) Industrial talk: Essilor	Tim Thurn (Australia)
11:00 – 12:15	Scientific Papers Session VII: Public Health Vision Health of the Hong Kong Elderly Vision Problems in Children with Intellectual and Development Disability in Hong Kong Prevalence of Refractive Error in Mentally Retarded Students of Kathmandu Valley	Carly Lam (Hong Kong) Rufina Chan (Hong Kong) Rabindra Ghising (Nepal)

	Profile of Closed Globe Injury in a Tertiary Care Center – a Retrospective Study	Devi Duraisamy Rajendran (India)
	A Retrospective Study on the Causes of Low Vision in the Indian Metro City, Mumbai	Pooja Shah (India)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch (Included in Full Registrations)	
18:30	Dinner (Included in Full Registrations)	
7 October 2007 (Sunday) • Goa Marriott Resort		
08:30 – 09:20	Invited Lecture: Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS) Moderator: Dr. Norman Bailey	Dr. Satya Verma (USA)
09:20 – 10:20	Scientific Papers Session VIII: Clinical Practice 2 Classification of Progressive Addition Lenses for Matching to Needs of Wearer Effectiveness of Vision Therapy in Treating Motion Sickness Comparison of Visual Status of Athletes in Different Sports with Non-athletes Vision Therapy for the Children with Dyslexia	Yonggap Jin (Korea) Harshada Sawant (India) Henal Shah (India) Urmi Vora (India)
10:20 – 10:35	Tea Break	
10:35 – 12:20	Scientific Papers Session IX: Contact Lens & Ortho-k Moderator: Prof. George Woo Contact Lens and Lens Care Compliance: Where Do We Stand?	Nilesh D. Thite (India)

	Analysis of Retention of Benzalkonium Chloride in Soft and Rigid Contact Lenses	Khem Raj Nackwal (India)
	Why Fit GP Contact Lenses?	Narendra Kumar (India)
	Join the Race - Identifying Contact Lens Patient Needs / Expectations by Using Questionnaire Survey	Eknath P. Salunke (India)
	Effects of Short-term Orthokeratology Treatment on Corneal Biomechanics and Posterior Corneal Shape	Davie Chen (Hong Kong)
	The Analysis of High Order Aberration According to Diameter Change of Orthokeratology Contact Lens	Hyunjin Oh (Korea)
	Contact Lens Fitting Following Multiple Refractive Surgeries	Preeji Mandathara Sudharman (India)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch <i>(Included in Full Registrations)</i>	
	Post-congress Tours	
19:00 – 21:00	Farewell Party <i>(Included in Full Registrations)</i>	
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Invited Speakers

Dr. Mahesh Bhardwaj received his B.Sc (Honors) in Ophthalmic Techniques from All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India in 1980. He obtained his Doctor of Optometry from the New England College of Optometry, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, in 1989. He joined the Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Massachusetts USA in 1992 where he teaches ophthalmology residents from Tufts University School of Medicine and optometry interns from the New England College of Optometry.

Dr. Bhardwaj lectured at the All-India Optometric Society, January 1999, Lotus College of Optometry, Mumbai, India in 2006, and All India Institute of Medical Sciences in 2006.

Title: “Overview of Anterior Segment Disorders”

ABSTRACT

This presentation includes the most common anterior segment disorders encountered in my practice. The evaluation of blepharitis concentrating on treatment options will be discussed. The importance of dry eye detection before fitting contact lenses and screening patients for refractive surgery will also be explained. The symptoms and treatment of conjunctivitis (bacterial, viral, allergic and giant papillary conjunctivitis) will be presented. Review various types of cataracts (nuclear, cortical, posterior subcapsular), corneal abrasion, keratitis, keratoconus and contact lens induced keratitis will also be included. It is very important for us as eye care practitioners to examine each patient carefully so that these common ocular disorders are not overlooked.



Invited Speakers

Dr. Brian Brown, BAppSc, BSc, MAppSc, PhD Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Dr. Brian Brown was trained in Optometry at the University of Melbourne and the Victorian College of Optometry, completing his training in 1964. He subsequently completed a BSc in Psychology and Physiology, a Master's Degree under supervision of Barry Cole, and then a PhD. A Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the City University in London followed, and then three years in Psychology at the University of Nottingham before a move to the United States.

He spent 10 years at the Smith Kettlewell Institute of Visual Sciences, collaborating with Tony Adams, Mert Flom and Gunilla Haegerstrom-Portnoy. Upon returning to Australia in 1983, to the Queensland Institute of Technology, he was given responsibility for development of the research profile of the Optometry Department. In 1990, Michel Millodot recruited him to perform a similar task for the Department of Optometry and Radiography at the Hong Kong Polytechnic.

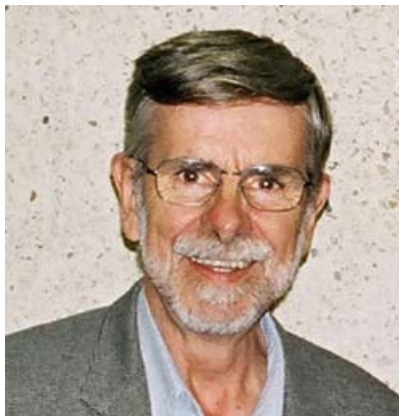
He currently has a consulting role, primarily at the Queensland University of Technology, where he is an Adjunct Professor; he has recently completed a project on electrophysiology of hearing at the Smith Kettlewell Eye Research Institute.

Title: "Functional and Structural Imaging of the Retina: New Ways to Follow Progress of Treatments for Retinal Disease"

ABSTRACT

New methods of imaging allow us to view defects of the retina, and to track deterioration in visual function. When new treatments are available, these methods allow us to view the structural and functional changes made during the course of treatment.

This lecture will review optical coherence tomography (OCT) and the multifocal electroretinogram (mfERG), as well as a recently proposed model of age related maculopathy (ARM), which shows the basis for new treatments for ARM, the anti-vascular endothelial growth factors (anti-VEGF). Case reports will be presented in which all of these elements are brought together to show how new treatments for ARM may be evaluated during continued treatment for the condition.



Invited Speakers

**Professor H. Barry Collin, AM, PhD (Melb), DSc (NSW),
Hon. DUniv (QUT), FRCPATH (Lond), FAAO
University of New South Wales, Australia**

Professor Barry Collin, an optometrist and pathologist, is currently an Emeritus Professor of the University of New South Wales, an Honorary Professor of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Clinical and Experimental Optometry*.

From 1982 to 1992, Professor Collin was Head of the School of Optometry at the University of New South Wales. He has also held appointments at The University of Melbourne, the University of Auckland (NZ), Oxford University (UK), the Retina Foundation and Harvard Medical School (Boston, USA) and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego.

He has more than 170 publications, mostly on ocular pathology and ultrastructure and has presented more than 450 lectures at Australian and International conferences.

Professor Collin has received numerous awards and honours, including the International Optical League Medal, the Shorney Prize for Research in Ophthalmology, the 'HB Collin Research Medal' of the Optometrists Association Australia, the Vice-Chancellor's Medal for Teaching Excellence at the University of New South Wales and he is a Member of the Order of Australia.

Title: "The Clinical Picture and Mechanisms of Age-related Maculopathy"

ABSTRACT

With increasing life expectancy, age-related maculopathy is becoming more prevalent. Optometrists have a responsibility to diagnose, manage and where appropriate refer ARM patients for treatment.

There are many manifestations of ARM, including the dry atrophic changes of macular holes and geographic atrophy and the wet forms with oedema, neovascularisation, haemorrhage and disciform scarring.

This presentation will examine and correlate the clinical picture, including ophthalmoscopy, with the histopathology, ocular coherence tomography and multifocal electroretinography. This approach helps us gain insights into the mechanisms of ARM and hence also into possible treatments. In addition, the limited success of photodynamic therapy, and drugs which counter vascular endothelial growth factors (anti-VEGFs), including bevacizumab (Avastin) and ranibizumab (Lucentis) will be discussed.



Invited Speakers

Dr. Victor J. Connors, OD Immediate Past President, World Council of Optometry

Dr. Victor J. Connors, a primary care optometric practitioner, in private practice in Middleton, Wisconsin since 1971. Dr. Connors received his Doctorate Degree of Optometry from Illinois College of Optometry with Tomb and Key Honors in 1971. He is a Past President of the Madison Area Optometric Society, the Wisconsin Optometric Association, the North Central States Optometric Council, the American Optometric Association and the World Council of Optometry.

Most recently Dr. Connors has been an instrumental leader in establishing Optometry Giving Sight in the United States. He has served his immediate community many years through business, church, municipal and civic volunteerism with a vision to assure all citizens a quality of life with strong community health, social and economic opportunities. His efforts have been recognized by the Wisconsin Optometric Association's "Optometrist of the Year" Award, the North Central States Optometric Council's Leadership Award and Illinois College of Optometry Alumni's "Leadership Award".

Title: "Primary Care Optometry"

ABSTRACT

The mission for the profession of optometry is assuring access to quality vision care for all of humankind. Establishing an international harmonious optometric profession for delivery of primary optometric care demands that we establish a vision of "primary care optometry", defining a universal the scope of optometric practice. A learned health care profession has the basic tenet that knowledge and competency defines the scope of practice. Our challenge is developing and initiating a plan for attaining our mission and vision.

The basic key elements reviewed are education, competency testing, registry and regulation, public health, research, coalition building, and governmental advocacy. Each factor is reviewed to recognize its value and influence to the process of harmonizing the profession of optometry for enhancing the access to quality eye and vision health care for all people of the world.



Invited Speakers

**Dr. Susan Leat, BSc, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
University of Waterloo, Canada**

Dr. Susan Leat graduated with 1st class Honours in Optometry from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (now The Manchester University), England. She obtained her PhD from the University of Wales College of Cardiff (UWCC), Great Britain, where she also completed her post-doctoral studies. She was founder and director of the UWCC Low Vision Clinic, the first university-based low vision clinic of its kind in Britain, which sparked the formation of other University-based clinics in the UK. She was also instrumental in establishing the Special Assessment Clinic in UWCC. She moved to Canada in 1991 to take up a Faculty position in the University of Waterloo where she is currently an Associate Professor. She is a Fellow of the College of Optometrists (UK) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. She has co-authored a book on Paediatric Optometry entitled "Assessing Children's Vision – A Handbook" Publ. Butterworth-Heinemann 1999.

Title: "Down Syndrome, Refraction, Accommodation and Early Literacy Skills"

ABSTRACT

Numerous visual disorders have been shown to be more common in people with Down syndrome. These include a greater prevalence of refractive errors, reduced visual acuity, strabismus and reduced accommodation. There is much recent interest in visual development in DS and this literature will be presented. Although most children with DS can achieve useful levels of reading, still they are frequently not prescribed their full refractive correction. Our ongoing research into the impact of bifocal correction for reduced accommodation in the Bifocal Spectacle Lens Correction in Down Syndrome Study (BiDS) will be described. This is a longitudinal study, in which we are assessing early literacy skills, visual perceptual skills, refractive error, accommodation, and visual acuity in a population of school aged children with DS. The possibility that reduced visual acuity is due to a subtle refractive amblyopia due to constant defocus at many distances of vision will be discussed. In our study, all participants were able to either read some letters or numbers and were able to respond to visual perceptual testing. Thus we propose that optimum correction of refractive error and accommodation should always be considered so that these barriers to achieving their full learning potential are removed.



Invited Speakers

Dr. James Sheedy, OD, PhD Pacific University, United States

Dr. Sheedy received his optometry degree and his doctorate in physiological optics from the Ohio State University. He was a Clinical Professor at the University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry where he founded the first VDT Eye Clinic in 1985. He also established the Center for Ophthalmic Optics Research at Ohio State University and is recognized as an expert in the design and prescribing of progressive addition lenses. He has twice received the Garland Clay Award for the best clinical research published in the journal of the American Academy of Optometry and also received the William Feinbloom award for his work in vision ergonomics. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from Prevent Blindness America for his work with ultraviolet. He has over 130 published articles and has participated in the development of numerous ANSI and ISO standards and regulations. Currently Dr. Sheedy is a professor of optometry at Pacific University and Dean of the College of Optometry.

Title: “Which Progressive Addition Lens Should I Use?”

ABSTRACT

Patients generally prefer progressive addition lenses (PALs) compared to segmented multifocals – most likely because of the contiguous visual space PALs provide to the wearer. Dozens of progressive addition lens designs are currently available, and there are significant differences in the optical characteristics of the various designs and therefore also in the vision that they provide to the wearer. Independent measurements of many PAL designs are presented that compare and contrast the sizes of the distance, intermediate and near viewing zones. Because of fundamental design trade-offs, designs that offer particularly good vision in one of the viewing zones are not as good in the other zones. As supported by clinical trials research, the optimal PAL design for the individual patient depends upon their daily visual needs; for example, patients with greater distance visual needs prefer lenses with a larger distance area. Proper selection of PAL design can result in greater patient satisfaction. Data are also presented regarding magnitude of distortion and minimum fitting heights. Newer designs that use advanced fabrication techniques and correct individual vision characteristics are also discussed.



Invited Speakers

Dr. Satya Verma, OD, FAAO Pennsylvania College of Optometry, United States

Dr. Satya Verma is Assistant Professor and Director Community based activities at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He is Diplomate, Public Health and Environmental Optometry of American Academy of Optometry and currently serves as Chair of the Section. He is one of the only four optometrists selected for Primary Care Health Policy from the US Department of Health and Human Services. He serves on the board of the National Council on Aging and Pennsylvania Vision Conservation Institute. He serves on the National Eye Health Education Program committee of the National Eye Institute / NIH, Public Health and Community programs committee, Prevent Blindness America. He chairs Awards committee, Vision care Section of APHA. He also serves on the Education Committee of WCO.

Dr. Verma has received numerous national awards including; Geneva Mathiasion Award (NCOA) Professional Excellence Award (CIO), Carl C. Koch Memorial Award (AAO), Optometrist of the Year Award (AOA), PA State OD of the Year Award, George Gottschalk Jr. Award (POA).

Title: “Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS)”

ABSTRACT

Computer technology has revolutionized the way we think, act, work or play. While computers as technology have done wonders, they have also brought some health issues. Technology advances have improved and addressed some of the concerns. But Ergonomic factors and vision related symptoms still are among the most common health problems among computer users. Eye and vision related problems are commonly known as Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS).

This presentation will address the most common vision and eye related symptoms prevalent among computer users. Since computers have become a way of life, they are used by persons in every age group. However, the problems are different for children, adults or older adults. Importance of a detailed computer use history, tools and test procedures to identify problems and possible solutions will be discussed. Case examples with different problems will also be discussed.



Schedule & Events

Daily Schedule

Wednesday • 3 October

- Registration
- Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry Delegates Meeting

Thursday • 4 October

- Official Opening
- K. B. Woo Memorial Lecture
- Scientific Sessions
- Opening Ceremonies and International Banquet

Friday • 5 October

- Symposium (I)
- Scientific Sessions
- Evening Free

Saturday • 6 October

- Symposium (II)
- Scientific Sessions
- Afternoon Tours
- Dinner

Sunday • 7 October

- Scientific Sessions
- Farewell Party
- Post-Congress Tours
- Departures

Hotels



The Marriott Resort Hotel Goa is the main APOC hotel, which is 30 km from Dabolim Airport. Featured are three restaurants covering cuisine from Chinese to international and seafood. The Waterfront Terrace & Bar is a poolside all-day-dining restaurant offering Indian, Asian and Mediterranean cuisine. Wan Hao offers Szechuan cuisine in the elegant setting of a traditional Chinese courtyard. The Simply Fish is a seasonal seafood riverfront restaurant bringing you the freshest catch of the day.

Events & Traditions

We will also have other Congress events that have become tradition. The first evening will be the official International Banquet and Opening Ceremonies. A Farewell Party is set down for the evening of October 7. Time has also been set aside on the afternoon of October 7 for cultural tours. A variety of Post-Congress tours are also available.

Things You Need to Know

Registration Process

To register for the Congress, please complete the [Congress Registration Form](#) and mail it with a check or money order payable to: Asia-Pacific Council of Optometry. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars. Credit card is also accepted. Send the registration form and fees to:

**Office of Secretary-General
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PHILIPPINES**

The Luxury Holidays will handle the hotel accommodations and tours. Information is enclosed along with [hotel reservation forms](#). These are sent to the Luxury Holidays as noted on the enclosed forms. Mail the forms to:

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42, First Floor, Regal Building (East)
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INDIA
Attn: Mr. Amitava Mukherjee
Email: amitava@theluxuryholidays.com**

Remember to complete and return the registration and hotel forms...and remember they go to two separate addresses. Deadline is 15 September, 2007. General questions can be addressed to:

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Call for Abstracts

The organizing committee cordially invites scientists and clinicians to submit abstracts for oral presentation on the following topics: current research, clinical case studies and procedures.

Abstracts must be submitted in English and typed on the official abstract form. The length of the abstract should be a maximum of about 300 words. A computer-generated Times New Roman 12 point font is recommended. The abstract should contain summarized descriptions of the following: 1. Purpose; 2. Methods; 3. Results; 4. Conclusions.

For those who wish to submit by email, please send the completed abstract form to:

**Dr. Carly Lam, APOC Papers Chair
School of Optometry
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**Abstract Submission Form can be downloaded from [here](#).
Submission deadline for abstracts is 21 June 2007**

GUIDELINES - Scientific Papers

Statement of Problem: (The research question, the issue being investigated, relevance to prior studies)

Methods: (How you went about investigating the research question or issue)

Results: (Summary of the data collected)

Discussion: (Importance/limitations of the results)

GUIDELINES - Case Reports

Presenting Signs and Symptoms: (Case history)

Objective Measurements: (Clinical measurements taken)

Assessment: (Clinical impression gained from the signs/symptoms and clinical measurements)

Case Management Plan: (Steps taken to solve the clinical problem)

Discussion: (Importance/limitations of what the case tells you)

GUIDELINES - Clinical Procedures

Statement of Problem: (The clinical problem that the procedure is directed to solve)

Method: (How the procedure is performed)

Results: (Your success in applying this procedure)

Discussion: (Importance/limitations of the procedure)

A small portion of programme will include Case Reports and Clinical Procedures.

Scientific Sub-Committee

Dr. Carly Lam (Chairperson)

Prof. George Woo

Dr. Marion Edwards

Travel Tips

Arrival & Departure

Goa does not have a true full fledged international airport. However, it does have a domestic airport at Dabolim from where flights leave for most major cities in India. Charter international flights and international flights from Kuwait and Sharjah do land at Goa.

Dabolim airport is located near the city of Vasco da Gama and it is about 30 kms from Panaji, Goa's capital city. The estimated taxi fare from the airport to Goa Marriott Resort is USD 22.00 (one way).

Hotel transfer by coach is provided free of cost by Goa Marriott Resort. You may have to keep the Luxury Holidays informed about your arrival and departure schedule.

Passports and Visas

You will need a valid passport, the expiration date being six months or longer beyond your projected stay in India. A visa is required for citizens of countries that do not have a visa-exempt agreement with India. Please contact the nearest Indian Embassy or Consulate should you be in doubt. Most travel agents will have this information, as well. Some may need a "Letter of Invitation". Please contact:

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Currency Unit, Money Exchange

The Currency Unit in Goa as in the rest of India is the Indian Rupee. Each rupee consists of 100 paise. Currency notes are issued in the denominations of Rs. 1000, Rs. 500, Rs. 100, Rs. 50, Rs. 20, Rs. 10, Rs. 5, Rs. 2, Re. 1. Coins issued are of Rs. 5, Rs. 2, Re. 1, 50 paise, 25 paise, 10 paise denominations.

It is not permitted to take Indian currency out of India nor purchase the Rupee overseas. If you are arriving from a foreign country, you should change some of your currency into Rupees at the airport or at the nearest branch of State Bank of India where you are offered the best rates of exchange.

Money Exchange services are also available at most major hotels and resorts and private money changers in the area. Most reputed banks such as HDFC, ICICI etc also have ATMs that accept Master and Visa Card to withdraw cash.

Travellers cheques of all major brands are easily changed. The currencies that are most widely and easily accepted are the US dollar and British Pound Sterling.

Other Useful Tips

Hot Tip: Contact Luxury Holidays with travel, accommodations and tour questions to:

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