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Advance Registration for American Academy of Ophthalmology Joint Meeting Points to Strong Turnout

Second highest advance registration ever; record number of international ophthalmologists planning to come to San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO – The American Academy of Ophthalmology (Academy) today announced strong advance registration figures for its upcoming Annual Meeting, the largest and most comprehensive ophthalmic educational meeting in the world, to be held October 23 to 27 in San Francisco. This year’s event will be a Joint Meeting with the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO). Total preregistration for the meeting was more than 14,500, a 15 percent increase over last year’s meeting and the second largest preregistration figures ever, after the 2006 meeting in Las Vegas.

“The preregistration figures show a tremendous level of interest among our members and promise that the upcoming meeting will be particularly exciting,” said David W. Parke II, MD, executive vice president and CEO of the Academy. “With more than 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific presentations, we’re sure that the meeting will inform members about the latest clinical and research advances in ophthalmology. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Academy’s home town.”

The meeting will also bring nearly 6,000 ophthalmologists who practice outside the United States. Advance registration for all subspecialty day meetings was also up over the immediately preceding meetings.

Registration for members is still available onsite. For more information about the meeting, please visit www.aao.org.

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About the American Academy of Ophthalmology

AAO is the world’s largest association of eye physicians and surgeons—Eye M.D.s—with more than 27,000 members worldwide. Eye health care is provided by the three “O’s” – opticians, optometrists and ophthalmologists. It is the ophthalmologist, or Eye M.D., who can treat it all: eye diseases and injuries, and perform eye surgery. For more information, visit the Academy’s Web site at www.aao.org.