Record Number of Missionary Optometrists Expected at 2015 Conference

Nearly every year since 1987, FCO has held a conference for optometrists, optometry students, and their families. Conferences feature presentations from missionary optometrists, worship, fellowship, and optometric continuing education. Seeds that were sown years ago are bearing fruit as more clinics are being established around the world, many staffed by full-time optometrists. At this year’s conference, Dr. Kerry Reeves will be the featured inspirational speaker both Friday and Saturday evenings. Dr. Reeves founded New Vision Ministries and established a clinic in Montrouis, Haiti. We will also hear from Dr. Nancy Herbster, founder of Aide-Vision in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. In 1988 Dr. Herbster, an American optometrist, and Mr. Emmanuel Agenong’a, a Congolese refractionist, started an eye clinic in Goma. At that time Goma had a population of 150,000 and there were no eye care services available. Within a few years Dr. Herbster had established clinics in two other cities and in 2010 obtained status as a non-profit organization. She always brings an encouraging testimony. Dr. Shelley (Kaluf) Dieudonné, former missionary at Christianville, Haiti will share a personal testimony. Dr. Dennis Cowley will report on his work at the Baptist Haiti Mission, and Dr. Valerie Colby will give an update on His Eyes Mission, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Despite the difficulties and uncertainty of travel from many places around the world, key leaders from two of FCO’s sister organizations have expressed their hope of attending this year’s conference. FCO Nigeria was established in 2009 and FCO Ghana in 2014. This year’s conference promises to be an interesting and inspiring time, so begin planning to attend, and bring the whole family!

CVESH Haiti Update

Christianville has had a busy year. Drs. Michael Hutton and Lori Geddes made several trips to Haiti and have been averaging 60 clinic patients/day. In January Dr. Cliff Brooks, III was able to use his expertise with some of the more difficult patients. He is helping plan for the surgical area of the new eye clinic. In June 2015 we were thrilled to dedicate and begin seeing patients in the new clinic! There are currently 2 full working lanes with room for up to 4. The Haitian staff is very happy and encouraged with the new facility as are we! Several new OD’s are making short-term trips to Haiti, including Drs. Marvin Walker and Dennis Rabe. These trips are a huge blessing for the clinic as we continue to seek and wait for God’s leading in staffing the clinic with another OD. Current needs are: OD’s to staff the clinic – both short- and long-term; equipment – most urgently a visual field analyzer; and monetary support – we continue to pay our 5 staff their full salary out of reserve finances.
2015 FCO Conference Course Descriptions and Speaker Biographies

Robert Wooldridge, OD, FAAO

New Developments in Glaucoma Diagnosis and Care
(2 hours; Category: Glaucoma, COPE # 38152-GL)

In this course, we will review the latest developments in glaucoma diagnosis and treatment. Reviews of new publications and studies will be provided to bring you up to date on the newest information. New technologies in glaucoma will be discussed with examples of their use through patient care examples from clinical practice.

Glucoma or Neuro? You Make the Call!
(2 hours; Category: Posterior Segment, COPE # 37275-PS)

Do you frequently see patients with optic nerves that look abnormal but you are not sure if they have glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmic disease or just “funny looking nerves”? How can I tell which patients have normal tension glaucoma and which ones need to see a neurologist or have a MRI scan? Should I refer this one or just follow it? In this course we will review many such patients in an interactive fashion and develop key diagnostic pearls that help guide us in the diagnosis and management of such patients.

Doctor, Why Can’t I See? Evaluation of the Patient Uncorrectable to 20/20
(2 hours; Category: Principles of Diagnosis, COPE # 40443-PD)

Do you ever have patients who cannot be corrected to 20/20 but have no obvious cause? Or patients who do see 20/20 but still complain of poor vision? This course will present a systematic evaluation of patients who cannot be corrected to 20/20 or have visual complaints with no apparent explanation. A step-wise approach using basic and advanced techniques and technologies will be presented in an interactive discussion using case examples from the speaker’s practice.

Dr. Robert Wooldridge is the Director of The Eye Foundation of Utah, an optometric co-management center in Salt Lake City, Utah. A graduate of Indiana University School of Optometry, he formerly served on the staff of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Wooldridge is an Adjunct Clinical Professor at several schools and colleges of optometry and a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry. He has served as President of the Utah Optometric Association and the Mountain West Council of Optometrists and as Director of the Great Western Council of Optometry. A founding member of the Optometric Glaucoma Society, he is a past recipient of the “Optometrist of the Year” award from the Utah Optometric Association.

Lon EuDaly, OD

Refractive Surgery Update — What are those coruscating refractive surgeons up to now?
(2 hours; Category: Refractive Surgery Management, COPE # 45504-RS)

This course will review current refractive surgery procedures, particularly optometry’s role in refractive patient care. A glimpse into the future at some exciting developments on the horizon will round out this overview of refractive surgery.

Dr. Lon EuDaly works for Discover Vision Centers, the largest private group practice in the Kansas City area. The practice includes 12 ophthalmologists and 20 optometrists with nine locations including three surgery centers. Dr. EuDaly is part of the refractive surgery team and limits his practice to refractive surgery consultation, pre-op, and post-op care. He received his degree from Indiana University School of Optometry in 1982 and did a clinical rotation at the Ireland Army Hospital in Fort Knox, KY. He has served as vice-president of FCO International since its inception.

Jason Jedlicka, OD, FAAO

Scleral Lens Management and Ocular Surface Disease
(2 hours; Category: Contact Lenses, COPE #40219-CL)

This course will discuss how diseases of the ocular surface can be managed using scleral contact lenses. How to decide when to use lenses as well as how to fit and manage these cases will be covered.

Corneal Reshaping: The Hows and Whys
(1 hour; Category: Contact Lenses, COPE #44275-CL)

This course will cover the current thinking on orthokeratology and myopia control. Topics include patient selection, fitting protocol, lens care and patient follow-up, as well as the role of orthokeratology in stemming the myopia epidemic that is developing worldwide.

Presbyopia Potpourri: Pearls & Predictors for Positive Outcomes
(1 hour; Category: Contact Lenses, COPE # 45238-CL)

We know the designs. This course will help us decide which lens would be most advantageous for the patient based on your objective and subjective findings. Problem solving will be discussed.

Dr. Jedlicka completed a residency in Cornea and Contact Lenses and a fellowship in Ocular Disease. He is an Associate Professor at Indiana University School of Optometry and the Chief of the Contact Lens Service. He is a Fellow of the Contact Lens Society of America, a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies section of the American Academy of Optometry, and the Immediate Past President of the Scleral Lens Education Society. He is actively involved in clinical research on new contact lens designs and products for various manufacturers.

Kerry Reeves, OD, Featured Speaker

A native of Thomaston, GA, Dr. Reeves graduated from UAB in Birmingham. He practiced in Hickory, NC for ten years. In 2009, after several years of making trips to Haiti to provide eye care, the Reeves family moved to Haiti to be full-time medical missionaries. They started an orphanage, multiple clinics, feeding programs, school sponsorship programs, and other community development projects. After returning to the U.S. to care for their adopted children, Dr. Reeves joined Berg Eye Group in Albany. He also serves as interim pastor for Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Reeves and his wife Joy stay busy with a family of eight children and are still involved in Haiti through New Vision Ministries.
**FCO Annual Conference SCHEDULE, October 30 - November 1, 2015**

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM CE: Robert Wooldridge, OD
New Developments in Glaucoma Diagnosis and Care

10:40 AM - 12:30 PM CE: Robert Wooldridge, OD
Glaucoma or Neuro? You Make the Call!

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch
(provided to all who register for CE)

1:30 PM - 3:20 PM CE: Robert Wooldridge, OD
Doctor, Why Can’t I See? Evaluation of the Patient Uncorrectable to 20/20

3:30 PM - 5:20 PM CE: Lon Eu Daly, OD
Refractive Surgery Update -- What are those coruscating refractive surgeons up to now?

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner (on your own)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Inspirational program (worship and featured speaker, Dr. Kerry Reeves)

9:00 PM Snacks and Fellowship

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

6:30 AM - 7:45 AM Breakfast (on your own)

8:00 AM - 9:50 AM CE: Jason Jedlicka, OD
Scleral Lens Management and Ocular Surface Disease

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM Student Meeting

10:15 AM - NOON Mission speakers
Dr. Valerie Colby – Honduras
Dr. Nancy Herbster - Democratic Republic of Congo
Dr. Dennis Cowley - Haiti

AFTERNOON Free time and student activities

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Banquet

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Inspirational program (worship and featured speaker, Dr. Kerry Reeves)

9:00 PM Snacks and Fellowship

**Sunday, November 1, 2015**

6:30 AM - 7:45 AM Breakfast (on your own)

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM CE: Jason Jedlicka, OD
Corneal Reshaping: The Hows and Whys

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM CE: Jason Jedlicka, OD
Presbyopia Potpourri: Pearls & Predictors for Positive Outcomes

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Student Meeting

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Closing Worship

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**FCO Annual Conference, October 30 - November 1, 2015**

Name ___________________________ OE Tracker # (if OD) ___________________________

Address __________________________ City _________ State _____ ZIP ________

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#### Registration:
- Registration for FCO Members $400
- Registration for Non-members $450
- 2015 grad registration $150.

I will _____ or will not ____ be attending the Saturday banquet _______

#### OD Registration:
- OD Registration (includes all CE, Friday lunch and Saturday banquet)
- Includes 8 hours CE, Friday lunch - $250

#### Spouse Registration:
- Spouse’s Name __________________________ (There is no registration charge for spouses, but don’t forget to purchase a banquet ticket.)

#### Extra Saturday banquet tickets:
- $25 per ticket x _____ adults = _______
- $15 per ticket x _____ children age 4-10 (3 & under free) = _______

**TOTAL:**

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Mail completed registration form, with check made out to “FCO International,” to
Mike Goen, 1551 E Leonard St, Pensacola, FL 32503

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To make room reservations at the Abe Martin Lodge for this year’s conference, call 1-877-563-4371 and give the group code 1030FC.
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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN OPTOMETRISTS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN
October 30 - November 1, 2015

The conference includes:

- 12 hours of continuing education
  - Continuing Education sponsored by Indiana University School of Optometry and the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists, International
  - COPE accreditation received for this event (#109416)
- Inspirational programs
  - Kerry Reeves, OD and others
- Saturday evening banquet
- OD student program

For additional program details, see our website, www.fcoint.net and click on “Conference.”