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WCO President Peter Hendicott, DipAppSc (Optom), MAppSc, PhD, graduated from the optometry program at the (then) Queensland Institute of Technology in 1974, he then practiced optometry in Brisbane until early 1986, when he took up an academic position in the developing optometry program at the Hong Kong Polytechnic where he took on the role of Senior Lecturer and Clinic Director. Prof. Hendicott left Hong Kong in 1993 and after a short period in private practice in Brisbane, he joined the University of Auckland as Clinic Director in the Department of Optometry and Vision Science. He later became the inaugural Head of Department in the Department of Optometry at the Dublin Institute of Technology in Ireland, returning to Brisbane in 2004. Prof. Hendicott subsequently joined the School of Optometry at the Queensland University of Technology in 2007 and took on the role of Head of School in 2008, until he retired in February 2018.



Dr. Kai-yip Choi, BSc (Hons) Optom, PhD, FFAO is a Research Assistant Professor at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Optometry. He obtained his BSc and PhD degrees in Optometry in 2014 and 2021 respectively from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He has been providing optometric clinical care in the university clinic since 2014. Dr Choi also actively participated in outbound vision screening and service-learning projects to tutor students from other disciplines and serve the needy. He was also invited by the Hospital Authority and professional societies to deliver Continuing Professional Development seminars. Dr. Choi has been working on the effect of the environment on childhood myopia development, particularly living environment.



Prof. Seang-Mei Saw, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FAMS is the Distinguished Wallace Foulds Professor at the Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore, Co-Chair (Biomedical) of the NUS Institutional Review Board, and Head of the Myopia Unit at Singapore Eye Research Institute. Prof. Saw is internationally recognized as one of the leading researchers in the myopia field and has made major observations and key discoveries in the field of the epidemiology of myopia, characterizing the environmental, genetic, and anatomical predictors of myopia in children and adults in Singapore and worldwide.



Dr. Foo Li Lian is a consultant ophthalmologist with the Myopia Service and Refractive Department, Singapore National Eye Centre and Myopia Centre of Excellence. Subspecializing in the field of myopia focusing on childhood myopia control as well as refractive and cataract surgeries, Dr. Foo is the first ophthalmologist who has completed the Myopia fellowship at the Singapore National Eye Centre and in the whole of Singapore. She also holds an academic position of Clinical Assistant Professor at DUKE-NUS Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Myopia Program Lead of the Singapore National Eye Centre Fellowship Coordination Committee and Physician Faculty Member of Singhealth Ophthalmology Residency Program. Through the skills that she has developed, Dr. Foo aims to create the next generation of treatment modalities that can halt the relentless march of myopia.



Elizabeth Lumb BSc (Hons) MCOptom FBCLA graduated from the University of Manchester and is a qualified optometrist with over 20 years' experience working in a variety of roles, including clinical practice, researcher at Eurolens Research, training, and a range of professional services roles. She is currently Global Professional Affairs Director for Myopia Management at CooperVision and is a Fellow of the British Contact Lens Association.

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Yasmin Whayeb, BSc (Hons) MCOptom is an optometrist and PhD student at Aston University, Birmingham, UK. Her research interests include the progression and management of myopia in children, and the choroidal response to optical myopia intervention methods. Dr. Whayeb works as part of the Optometry and Vision Science Research Group at Aston University, where she is actively involved in myopia research trials and clinical practice in myopia management. Alongside her research, Yasmin is a clinical demonstrator within primary care teaching clinics at the university, where she teaches and supervises undergraduate optometry students throughout the final year of their degree.



Indie Grewal BSc (Hons) MCOptom DipTp (IP) Prof Cert Glau FBDO FBCLA is a qualified dispensing optician and optometrist with more than three decades of experience within the optical industry. Shortly after qualifying as an optometrist, he joined Visioncare Research as a research optometrist. He opened his own Leightons Franchise in St. Albans in 2001. As well as participating in contact lens clinical trials, he has a special interest in myopia management and multifocal contact lens fitting. Indie's passion for contact lenses has seen him work with major contact lens manufacturers and as a key opinion leader both in the UK and internationally. Indie is a BCLA Fellow and Immediate-Past President of the BCLA.



WCO President-Elect Dr. Sandra S. Block, O.D., M. Ed., MPH, FAAO, FCOVD is a Professor Emeritus at Illinois College of Optometry, was a Global Clinical Advisor to the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program for 27 years, and past co-chair of the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health. Dr. Block received her O.D. degree (1981) and Pediatric Residency (1982) at the Illinois College of Optometry where she was a faculty member. She is a Diplomate in Public Health and Environmental Vision at the American Academy of Optometry and a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academy of Practice. She sits on the Prevent Blindness Board of Trustees and recently joined the VISION 2020 Board of Directors. While serving as a consultant to the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program, she was instrumental in developing the vision program globally. Her interests lie in primary care for children and persons with disabilities, diagnosis and treatment of visually related learning problems as well as public health issues facing the equity and quality of eye care delivery.



Jessica Haynes, OD, FAAO, FORS, Dipl ABO practices as consulting faculty in the Southern College of Optometry Advanced Care Ocular Disease clinic and as a full-time associate optometrist at Charles Retina Institute. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry and the Optometric Retina Society and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry. Dr. Haynes is President of the West Tennessee Optometric Physicians Society, Vice-President of the Retina Special Interest Group of the AAO, and a member of the admittance committee of the AAO. She is on the editorial review board for Review of Optometry and the Fluorescence retina newsletter. She has authored numerous publications and spoken at various continuing education events, primarily on the topic of posterior segment disease.



Kyle Klute, OD, owns and practices at Good Life Eyecare, a multilocation practice in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, certified by the American Board of Certification in Medical Optometry, an editor for the upcoming Journal of Medical Optometry, and the continuing education chair of the Nebraska Optometric Association. Dr. Klute writes and lectures on evidence-based medicine, glaucoma, and dry eye disease.

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