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Dear Colleagues, Dear Academy Members, Dear Fellows, Dear attendees,

Welcome to the Domus of Optometry and Optics!

It is a great joy and honour to welcome you all to Rome for the European Academy of Optometry and Optics - EAEO Annual Conference.

“Challenges and opportunities for optometry and optics in Europe” seems to me a perfect motto that summarizes developments happening across Europe in our professions, be they related to research, education, clinical and professional.

During the past months, we have worked hard with our co-hosts Federottica, AdOO, SOPTI and ALOeO to bring you a rich conference programme. This partnership incorporates our mission to achieve better eye health in Europe and continues our decade-strong tradition of engaging educators, students, researchers and practitioners in seeking to attain the highest level of practice.

In these pages and in the 3 conference days, I am convinced that you will discover an excellent scientific and clinical journey prepared by the organizers. The challenges and opportunities will be reflected in the different keynote lectures that will focus on myopia, the ageing of the population and the relation between vision and falls, as well as the impact of technology on our professions. I also invite you to listen to the researchers and presenters coming from all parts of Europe, and to take part in the Special Interest Groups.

The EAEO turns ten year of existence. We look forward to meeting you and to celebrate together this first decade – and, of course, to map out the next decade of the EAEO and to continue shaping optometry and optics across Europe.

Enjoy Rome 2019!

Eduardo Teixeira
EAEO President

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Dear colleagues, dear friends, welcome in Italy and welcome in Rome.

We, as organizers, have done the best we could to make your staying in Rome comfortable and nice.

Now, let yourselves be seduced by the beauty of this city and live it intensely and also intensely we invite you to follow the works of this Congress.

Events like this Congress are fundamental to achieve homogeneity in the knowledge and competencies at European level for Opticians and Optometrists.

They also allow a jump for word to reach the political goal of the recognition of Optometry that do not yet foresee it.

Have a nice stay here in Rome and enjoy the Congress.

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Andrea Afragoli

Federottica President



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Welcome to the eternal city!

Today Rome is not only the capital of Italy, but also for a few days, the European capital of Optics and Optometry.

It is an important day for the scientific optometric community, and the Italian one is proud to welcome the European colleagues who came for this significant event.

For 3 days we will experience all together what the meaning of “be an Optician Optometrist” is, sharing our experiences, habits and cultures.

No matter where we come from, every speaker during these days will offer his/her knowledge for you to learn and discover something new you might need in the future.

Enjoy your conference!

Giuseppe Sicoli
AdOO President

Dear President, colleagues and EAEO members,

I want to thank you for choosing our country as your conference location, and the entire association ALOeO kindly greets and welcomes you in Rome!

Sharing this important moment gives the opportunity to the Italian optometry to be under the spotlight of the national and international scientific community. We hope that this event will involve more policy-makers and change the public opinion in order to assert optometry as a healthcare profession also in Italy.

This is the occasion to bond and create value to the optometric culture.

ALOeO, the association of graduates in optics and optometry, is ready for the future, and is also ready to deal with all the difficulties that this work might entail.

All the obstacles ahead should not prevent us from looking back at what has been done in our country already. We will have a different vision of this profession in a modern way.

Thanks and welcome again.

Simone Santacaterina
AALOeO President

It is a great pleasure to send you a sincere message of support and best wishes for this important event in Rome.

Wishing all participants a very fruitful and rewarding conference.

Antonella Vecchies
MS, Optom, FAAO President of the Italian Society of Optometry (SOPTI)