



**CME Credit Information for
American Academy of Ophthalmology
Members Participating in the
17th Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology
June 13-16, 2009, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education to physicians. Although the 17th Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology's does not carry ACCME accreditation, the European Society of Ophthalmology (SOE) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (Academy) have agreed to provide a means for Academy members to earn CME credit for their educational efforts. It utilizes a long-standing Academy program, the Contract Learning Project. This project allows Academy members to identify the area(s) in which they want to increase their knowledge, describe the materials and activities they will use to accomplish that goal, and to request CME credit appropriate to the amount of time they expect to spend in that program.

To participate in the Academy's Contract Learning Project at the SOE Congress, Academy members must complete a Contract Learning Project proposal and submit it to the Academy by June 1, 2009 with a \$50 USD processing payment. The below example indicates how Academy members intending to participate in the SOE Congress might apply for a Contract Learning Project. Of course you should revise this example to address your specific situation. **It is essential that requests for Contract Learning Projects be received in advance of the Congress. This is because the Academy is not awarding CME credit for course attendance, but for your completion of the activities you have identified to increase your own knowledge.**

Upon receipt of a Contract Learning Project proposal your request will be reviewed, and if approved you may proceed to follow your plan.

If you decide to design and request your own Contract Learning Project, you should determine how many hours you intend to spend in course related activities; these should not exceed the number of hours of instruction offered during the Congress.

However, additional study in preparation for the course, or as a follow-up, may allow you to request additional credits up to the maximum of 50 credits per approved Optional Contract Learning Project.

The Academy understands that the SOE course will be a valuable experience, and we hope this method of addressing your CME concerns will be helpful. If you have questions about this suggested approach, please contact the Clinical Education Division of the Academy by phone (415.561.8507) fax (415.561.8557) or e-mail (bsolomon@aao.org) as soon as possible.

**SAMPLE: Contract Learning Project Proposal for the
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*****Learning Plan must be submitted to the AAO no later than June 1, 2009*****

- Purpose:** To enhance and improve the treatment of patients with retinal disease and tumors of the eye
- Objective:** To learn about recent developments in the treatment of retinal disease and tumors of the eye
- Objective:** To apply the knowledge to my clinical practice
- Resources:** *Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology* meeting, (May 31-June 3, 2007), several Scientific Journals, the textbooks: *Retina*, ed. Ryan, and *Tumors of the Eye*, Char
- Activities:** I will review recent articles in several journals and 2 vitreo-retinal textbooks in preparation for the *Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology* meeting. I will participate in approximately 25 hours of instruction and discussion during that course. Upon my return I will develop and document modifications to my practice based on what I have studied, and implement those modifications
- Evaluation:** Report on implementation of modifications in procedures for treatment of retinal patients.
- Estimated Credits:** 50 (20 hours in preparation (including preparation of my own talk), 25 during the Congress, and 5 hours of follow-up with implementation plans).
- Time frame:** Learning Plan to be submitted to the AAO no later than **June 1, 2009**.
Activities completed and evaluation must be submitted no later than **June 30, 2009**.
- Cost:** \$50 USD

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