About the winners

Jan Bergmanson is the Brien A Holden Professor of Optometry at University of Houston College of Optometry, founding Director of the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center, and is licensed in Texas as a Therapeutic Optometrist and an Optometric Glaucoma Specialist. He is a Foundation Fellow of the College of Optometrists in the United Kingdom, Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), where he is a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies Section, and a Fellow of the Scleral Lens Education Society. He is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Swedish and Dutch Optometric Associations, and Life Fellow of the College of Optometrists in the UK. Awards received include the British Contact Lens Association’s Gold Medal (1998), the 2002 Texas Optometric Association’s Educator of the Year Award, the AAO Max Schapero Lecture Award (2006) and the 2014 American Optometric Association Legend Award. Scholarship encompasses 150 clinical and scientific publications, eight chapters in texts and one book, now in its 24th edition.

Koon-Ja Lee is a Professor of the Department of Optometry Eulji University in Korea. She served as Editor-in-Chief for Korea Science & Vision Society, and has served as a regular reviewer for the Korean Journal of Vision & Science. Currently she is a President of Korea Optometry & Vision Science. She has published widely in journals and publications in optometry, vision science and contact lenses. Her current research interests are tear film assessment and contact lenses for presbyopes, and myopic regressive cornea after laser refractive surgery. She has received a number of awards for ‘Excellence in Research Papers’ from the Korean Optometric Association. She has given lectures for Korean opticians in the field of contact lenses for over 20 years.

Yazan Gammoh, a Jordanian optometrist, attained his PhD in Vision Sciences from the University of Bradford where he investigated the oculomotor and biometric correlates of refractive error in myopic adults. He also has an MSc in Optometry from the University of Bradford where he investigated the prevalence of refractive error and its relation to ocular biometry in a Jordanian population. Clinically, he is mainly active in keratoconus management using scleral contact lenses, and low vision management in adults. Apart from running the contact lens clinic, Dr Gammoh is chairman of the optometry department at Amman Ahliyah University, Amman, Jordan. Dr Gammoh represents the Eastern Mediterranean Region on the Education Committee of the World Council of Optometry. He is the head of the scientific committee of the Eastern Mediterranean Council of Optometry and a member of the British Contact Lens Association as well as IACLE.

Kristina Mihić began her career in 1999 as an optician in her family’s optical shop. After receiving a bachelor’s degree from the University of Applied Sciences Velika Gorica in 2010, she has been employed as an assistant at the University of Applied Sciences Velika Gorica in Croatia, where she teaches and supervises students in contact lenses and refraction modules. She is the president of the organizing committee for the Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe and course manager for the Optometry Summer Academy.