Dear Colleagues and Alumni,

Please join us at the School of Optometry and Vision Science Alumni Continuing Education Alumni event on Friday 25th July 2014 for an evening of refreshments and drinks with your colleagues and staff of the School, followed by a scintillating talk.

We are very pleased to have Professor James Wolffsohn visiting from Aston University, United Kingdom, to present on "Refining contact lens practice". The talk will cover how best to fine tune contact lens history and symptoms, document signs and understand their role as drivers of soft contact lens fit.

As a related treat, this event will coincide with the Ocular Surface and Dry-eye conference which will also take place at the University of New South Wales on 25-27th July. Both events are free of charge.

We very much hope to see you at one or both of these events.

Professor Fiona Stapleton  
Head, School of Optometry and Vision Science

When: Friday, 25th July 2014

Where: School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus (enter Gate 14, Barker Street)

Schedule: 6:00-6.40 pm: Registration / Cocktail Reception - UNSW Optometry Clinic  
6.40-6.45 pm: Official Welcome and Address  
Professor Fiona Stapleton  
Head, School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW  
6.45-7.45 pm: Presentation by Professor James Wolffsohn  
Refining contact lens practice  
7.45 pm: Close

RSVP: by Friday, 18th July 2014 to optomalumni@unsw.edu.au
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CPD points applied for: 3
More about the speaker:

Dr James Wolffsohn
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Achieved a 1st class Optometry degree from Manchester, completed his pre-registration at Moorfield’s Eye Hospital, London and a PhD at Cardiff University. Following a clinical/research position at the Victorian College of Optometry/University of Melbourne, Australia 1997-2000, he was appointed by Aston University, where he was Head of Optometry 2004-9, being awarded a personal Chair in 2007. He is now Deputy Executive Dean for Life and Health Sciences at Aston University. James has published over 140 peer reviewed academic papers and given numerous international presentations. James is also a past President of the British Contact Lens Association.

Abstract: Refining contact lens practice

History and symptoms is the start of any clinical consultation, identifies the reason for the visit and can aid the practitioner in selecting the most appropriate vision correction, allows risk to be identified and managed and is critical in the detection and differentiation of disease. However, consultation time is limited and patients vary in their responsiveness and cooperation. Questioning needs to be tailored to the patient's situation but the practitioner must have a robust framework to ensure the key responses have been elicited. It is important to accurately capture anterior eye characteristics to detect disease and monitor treatment. These characteristics can be described in words, graded using photographic, pictorial or combination scales, sketched or photographed. However, despite this range of techniques available to the practitioner, the best combination of these techniques and what anterior eye features should be graded and when, lacks consensus. In addition, baseline quantification is rarely performed, particular if the patient is not a contact lens wearer. Finally, despite the detailed assessment of lens fit being taught, recording is often reduced to "good" - so is there a better, but quick way to satisfactorily record lens fit? This talk will examine these elements of contact lens practice in detail, challenging the audience to reflect on their practice and how it can be modified to enhance patient care within the time pressures of a clinical examination.