

Press Release

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Konrad Pesudovs named International Optometrist of the year

Konrad Pesudovs has been named International Optometrist of the Year with a ceremony to mark the event in Barcelona on September 19th 2018. The International Optometrist of the Year Award is bestowed annually to an optometrist of recognised international prestige who has excelled in academic, research, professional and social activity during recent years. The scientific committee is composed of university (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), professional (Catalan Council of Optometrists and Catalan Association of Visual Therapy) and Institutional (Terrassa City Council) members.

The Scientific Committee judges the following criteria, in order of priority:

1. Number of publications in indexed journals during the last 5 years, in the area of optics and optometry.
2. Participation in international conferences during the last 5 years, in the area of optics and optometry.
3. Social and scientific impact of their professional activity and research.
4. Number of patents, in holding, in the area of optics and optometry.
5. Professional career.

Previous awardees include Professor González-Méijome from the University of Minho, Portugal and Professor Lyndon Jones, Director of the Centre for Cornea and Contact Lens Research at the University of Waterloo.

Konrad Pesudovs currently works as an independent ophthalmic researcher and a consultant in research and optometric education. From 2009-2017 he was the Foundation Chair of Optometry and Vision Science at Flinders University where he was responsible for developing and operationalising the optometry program. Prior to that he was an Associate Professor in Ophthalmology at Flinders University. He has published over 250 papers, received over 30,000 citations and given over 200 conference presentations. He has won several international awards including the Waring Medal from the International Society of Refractive Surgeons and the Borish and Garland Clay Awards from the American Academy of Optometry. He also currently serves as the President of the Australian College of Optometry.

When asked about the award, Konrad Pesudovs said:

“To be honest, I deleted the first email I received thinking it was spam! Fortunately, they persisted and now that I am over the shock, I am very honoured to be named International Optometrist of the Year. Since research activity is a major component of this award, this reflects that I have or had many wonderful research collaborators, post-docs and PhD students. The award also reflects the support I received from the small academic team who helped me develop and deliver the Optometry Program at Flinders University. Actually, I’m not really over the shock of this award. I love optometry - seeing patients, teaching students, doing research – and to be recognised for that is a great surprise and delight to me.”

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