

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****William Ehlers, MD, to Serve as CoA-OMP President**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.—Jan. 17, 2018**—The Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs (CoA-OMP), soon to be the International Council on Accreditation (ICA) of ophthalmic training programs, is pleased to announce that William H. Ehlers, MD, has been elected President of the organization for the 2017-2018 term. Dr. Ehlers is currently an Associate Professor in the Surgery department in the University of Connecticut (UConn) Health system. His areas of special interest include refractive errors, contact lens complications, education, and certification.

Dr. Ehlers has a long history of service to IJCAHPO and has served in numerous capacities over the years including President of the JCAHPO Board from 2009 to 2011. He is currently the Secretary of Public Affairs for the IJCAHPO Board of Directors, IJCAHPO representative to the AAO Council, and a member of the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation. He has served in multiple leadership positions in state and national ophthalmology associations and has been published extensively in international and national ophthalmology peer-reviewed journals. He is actively sought after as an instructor and lecturer at international, national, and state ophthalmology conferences and symposiums.

Dr. Ehlers has been instrumental in helping the CoA-OMP Board restructure the organization into the International Council on Accreditation (ICA) of ophthalmic training programs. This newly transformed ICA Board includes representatives from the Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel (CSOMP), the Consortium of Ophthalmic Training Programs (COTP), the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology (ATPO), and the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO). The group is currently working to revise its accreditation standards. A public hearing on the accreditation standards is expected to be held in early 2018.

**About CoA-OMP®**

CoA-OMP/ICA is vested with the responsibility and authority to evaluate programs that have requested accreditation services. CoA-OMP's principal means of program evaluation consists of analyzing self-study reports, sending representative teams to conduct program site visits, and deliberating at committee meetings.

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