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Election of Members to the Optical Registration Board at CORU

Candidate: Mary Teresa McMahon

Registration No: OP013573

County of Practice: Leitrim

Nominated in Category: Category 1A: Optometrist registrant engaged in the practice of the profession as an Optometrist

Personal Statement/ Biography:

Mary qualified as an optometrist twenty four years ago in 1996. She has worked in independent practices, multiples, franchises and hospital eye departments. She started her own practice in 1998 in Carrick-on-Shannon and she added another practice in Roscommon Town in 2010. She is Retail Excellence's 2020 National Optician of the year.

Mary is presently a member of the Association of Optometrists Ireland (AOI) Council and Professional Services Committee. Mary has been an AOI PQE examiner and she has contributed to the AOI professional standards guidelines which are presently at draft stage.



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Candidate: Michael Moore

Registration No: OP013319

County of Practice: Dublin 8

Nominated in Category: Category 1A: Optometrist registrant engaged in the practice of the profession as an Optometrist

Personal Statement/ Biography:

Michael Moore qualified with a BSc Optometry from DIT in 2008. He has completed several postgraduate qualifications including a MSc in Cataract & Refractive Surgery, postgraduate diplomas in Ocular Therapeutics and Third Level Education and is completing his PhD in Refractive Error Epidemiology.

Since qualifying, Michael has worked across many areas in optometry having worked in all types of optometric practice from small independent practices to large multiples to ophthalmology clinics. Currently, Michael works in practice in Specsavers Stillorgan where he specialises in complex contact lens fitting and as a lecturer in TU Dublin lecturing on topics relating to ocular disease, contact lenses and law & ethics. Michael has also sat as an optometry registrant member of CORU's Preliminary Proceedings Committee for 5 years. Michael has a particular interest in shared care and ocular therapeutics.



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Candidate: Christopher Burke

Registration No: OP036959

County of Practice: Dublin 15

Nominated in Category: Category 2: Optometrist registrant engaged in the management of services provided by the profession of optometry

Personal Statement/ Biography:

Christopher is an optometrist living in Meath and based in Dublin. He qualified in 2018 from Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT). Christopher is the lead Optometrist in his practice and is the Principle Contact Lens Optometrist. He has a strong interest in using contact lenses for myopia control and therapeutics.

Christopher has a strong interest in topics such as shared care management between optometrists and ophthalmologists for glaucoma and cataract management.

Throughout his career, Christopher has focused on developing both his own skills and the skills of others. Christopher was the representative for the British Contact Lens Association to DIT in 2017 and he won the Coopervision FORCE competition for Ireland and the UK in 2018 for his research on demodex. He has also supported students during their pre-registration.



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Candidate: Derville Pitcher

Registration No: OP013061

County of Practice: Dublin

Nominated in Category: Category 2: Optometrist registrant engaged in the management of services provided by the profession of optometry

Personal Statement/ Biography:

Derville has been practicing as a Community Optometrist for many years and is a current Council member of the Association of Optometrists Ireland (AOI).

From a professional perspective she has wide experience with all age groups in the community, worked abroad in Saudi Arabia, volunteered in Kenya. She has represented Ireland at the European Council of Optometry, has been a member of The Opticians Board in the past and is currently a member of The Optical Registration Board.

Personally she is very involved in Scouting and believes in the holistic development of young people through activities, teamwork, outdoor education and awareness and the importance of belonging to a community. She lives in Dublin with her family.