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**Rotterdam - NL**  
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**BOAF Annual Conference**

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# WELCOME

"The Neuro-Developmental-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus"

From our president

Dear friends and colleagues,

This year we are holding our Annual International Conference, in memoriam of Frank Hardy, from June 17th to 18th, 2023 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. At the Gala Diner we will present for the first time the "Frank Hardy" Award.

The main theme of this congress is: "The Neuro-Developmental-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus".

Top international speakers will show you how Amblyopia and/or Strabismus changes "vision". But most importantly, as a behavioral / syntonc optometrist, you can bring your "eyesight" back into balance.

It will be an unforgettable exchange of experiences.

The city of "Rotterdam" in the Netherlands is the ideal place that offers ultimate peace and relaxation to assimilate and bring your Vision back into Balance.

Invite your loved ones to cooperate with you and bring them to Rotterdam.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Eight BOAF-EASO conference.



Yours sincerely

Jürgen Eichinger  
President BOAF-EASO

Rotterdam June 17 - 18, 2023 - BOAF Annual Conference



Behavioral Optometry Academy Foundation

# TIMETABLE

Schedule-at-a-glance

## Saturday, June 17, 2023

08.00 H	09.00 H	Attendee Registration - BOAF Information Desk - Exhibits
09.00 H	09.15 H	Welcome by the President - Jürgen Eichinger
09.15 H	10.30 H	Nicolas Dulou - "Searching for Single, Clear, Binocular Vision"
10.30 H	11.05 H	Attendee Coffee Break in Exhibition Hall
11.05 H	12.45 H	Diana Doorduyn - "I see how you sit; You sit how you see"
12.45 H	14.00 H	Lunch & Exhibits
14.00 H	15.30 H	Curtis Baxstrom - "The Neuro-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus" - Part 1
15.30 H	16.00 H	Attendee Coffee Break in Exhibition Hall
16.00 H	17.30 H	Curtis Baxstrom - "The Neuro-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus" - Part 2
17.30 H		End day 1
17.30 H	19.00 H	BOAF General Members Assembly
19.30 H	24.00 H	<b>BOAF Gala Banquet ** - With guest performance by Ravinder Singh Bedi and his music group "Swareed"</b>

### BOAF Gala Banquet - Dance

\*\* Included in the Conference Registration price.  
Additional tickets for family and friends can be purchased.

**Sunday,  
June 18, 2023**

08.30 H	09.00 H	Attendee Registration - BOAF Information Desk - Exhibits
09.00 H	10.30 H	Uwe Seese - "Experience Amblyopia - Optometric and Psychological Considerations on Amblyopia"
10.30 H	11.05 H	Attendee Coffee Break in Exhibition Hall
11.05 H	12.45 H	Curtis Baxstrom - "The Neuro-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus" - Part 3
12.45 H	14.00 H	Lunch & Exhibits
14.00 H	15.30 H	Curtis Baxstrom - "The Neuro-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus" - Part 4
15.30 H	16.00 H	Attendee Coffee Break in Exhibition Hall
16.00 H	16.50 H	Curtis Baxstrom - "The Neuro-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus" - Part 5
16.50 H	17.00 H	Closing word - BOAF President
17.00 H		End - BOAF-EASO International Conference 2023

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- Live streaming is not offered.
- If you do not want to miss this unforgettable conference, your personal presence is required.



# TWO DAYS

Optometry Platform

“The Neuro-Developmental-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus”

- Behavioral / Functional Optometry
- Syntonic-Optometry
- Neuro-Optometry
- Optometry and interdisciplinary collaboration

## DAY 1

Saturday June 17, 2023

TOPIC

“The Neuro-Developmental-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus”

Presenters

- Nicolas Dulou,
- Diana Doorduyn,
- Curtis Baxstrom, “Keynote Speaker”

## Mr. Nicolas Dulou

"Searching for Single, Clear, Binocular Vision"

My name is Nicolas and I live in Paris.

It is an honor and a pleasure to share my life story with so many professionals.

I have deep amblyopia on one eye and esotropia.

I've been working with a French Behavioral Optometrist.

He is about to stop his practice/activity for different reasons.

France doesn't allow Behavioral Optometrists to run Vision Therapy Programs...

It's illegal; they're actually sued for that.

Can you believe this ?

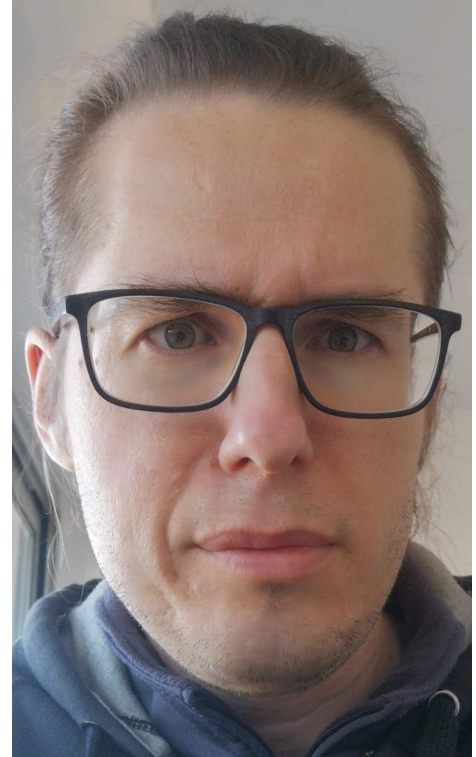
Nevertheless, I think I'm far from done with VT and I feel like I still have a lot to accomplish.

My deepest and profound dream is obviously depth perception but you know... it feels sometimes so unreachable.

I hope that through my testimony you will gain a clear understanding of my pursuit to Clear, Single and Binocular Vision.

Since we all learn from each other I hope that I can learn from you all at this amazing Conference.

Sharing is a learning and a vision!



## Diana Doorduyn, FO. Optometrist

"I see how you sit; You sit how you see"

Seeing is a full body affair, the influence of how our posture is influencing our vision is often a forgotten subject. Especially in the last 1,5 year with lots of people working from home with bad posture behind computer screens we can expect a lot of visual complaints related to body posture.

In this lecture Diana will discuss the implications of body postural changes and their relation to the visual system.

Diana graduated as an optometrist at Hogeschool Utrecht in 2008. During her internship in the United States, she came across functional optometry and since then this field became her main area of interest regarding optometry. "I find it fascinating how you're able to reach the brain through the eyes and to make someone function better this way." Beside patients with (visual) complaints after (mild) traumatic brain injury, Diana's has a great interest in the influence of body posture to our visual system.

Curtis R. Baxstrom, MA, OD,  
FCOVD, FNORA, FAAO



“The Neuro-Optometric  
Approach to Amblyopia and  
Strabismus”

This course will be a journey into the basic underlying components of the Neuro-Developmental-Optometric approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus.

We will cover aspects of basic observations and evaluations on:

- Infantile Esotropia (infantile xT as well)
- Esotropia Accommodative to Non-Accommodative Continuum
- Exotropia - Evaluation and Treatment
- Acquired Strabismus-Paresis/palsy and Decompensated phoria (they were fine before)-so there is path in some

cases, but functional in others.

Case examples and demonstrations will be used to make this a clinically driven lecture.

Dr. Baxstrom received his O.D. degree from Pacific University and a M.A. in Reading from Seattle Pacific University. He has a vision therapy practice in Federal Way, Washington for the past 29 years. In addition, he consults at two local Rehabilitation Hospitals providing Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation services. He is also an adjunct professor at Pacific University. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association.

Dr. Baxstrom is actively involved in many committees and programs of COVD and Past-President of NORA. In his community he is involved in his Lion's club and has received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. When not involved in Optometry he is a climbing instructor and leader for the Mountaineers. In 1989 he received the “Young Optometrist of the Year” award for California.

He has published multiple articles and lectured at meetings across the globe.

# DAY 2

Sunday June 18, 2023

TOPIC

“The Neuro-Developmental-Optometric Approach to Amblyopia and Strabismus”

Presenters

- Uwe Seese
- Curtis Baxstrom, “Keynote Speaker”



@ BOAF Gala Diner

## The "Frank Hardy Award"

Frank was founding member and treasurer of BOAF-EASO.

He demonstrated superior service to the organization and was a National and International ambassador for the profession. Behavioral/Functional/Syntonio/ Neuro - Optometry was his passion, his life.

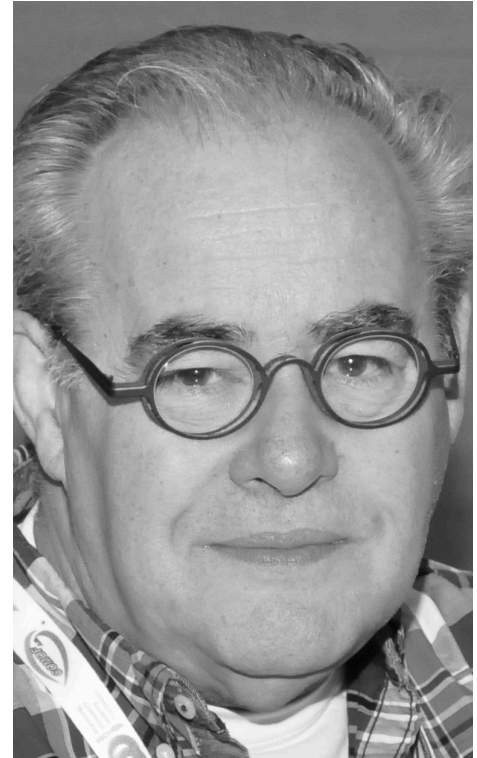
Unfortunately he passed away on May 28, 2022. Memory is the only thing that is left to us.

Nothing brings Frank back, but he is always with us in our hearts.

Therefore we as BOAF-EASO would like to honor Frank and created therefore the „Frank Hardy Award“.

The „Frank Hardy“

Given to individual who has demonstrated superior service to the organization and/or the area of Behavioral/Functional/ Syntonio/Neuro - Optometry.



## Uwe Seese, FO, FBOAF, Optometrist, Naturopath



### „Experience Amblyopia Optometric and Psychological Considerations on Amblyopia“

Amblyopia is defined exclusively by reduced visual performance in healthy eyes. It leads to a reduction in the quality of binocularity and orientation in space. As a result, amblyopia sometimes significantly affects general development. According to the Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG), around 3% of all children in Europe are affected by amblyopia.

The article deals with the influence of amblyopia on the general development and on the mental health of the affected "children".

Amblyopia is simulated for the congress participants. In this way, each participant can experience the effects of amblyopia. How does one feel with amblyopia and what limitations does it cause in coping with everyday life. Which activities are more difficult and in which activities amblyopia does not play a role.

Any amblyopia impairs stereoscopic depth vision. This impairment can be a small reduction in the detected stereo angle, but it can also result in a complete loss of stereopsis. Depending on the level of binocular impairment, each amblyopia reduces the quality of general development. In addition to the basic skills for mastering one's own body, general development also includes psychological development.

The therapeutic approach to amblyopia (treatment of amblyopia):

Although amblyopia, according to the definition of ophthalmology, is not a disease but a functional disorder, medicine speaks of treatment for amblyopia.

Regardless of the type of amblyopia, the first step is to provide the optimal correction. Many studies show that the correct and early correction of ametropia has a positive effect on the visual performance of the amblyopic eye and on the quality of binocularity.

There are different forms of treatment, each with its advocates. But what do we know about the effect of the respective treatment on the psychological development of the affected children?

## Organisation

Fernando Clemente,  
Conference Director



## Translation

Jürgen Eichinger,  
Conference Translator



## Moderation



**Stefan Collier,  
Conference Moderator**

He has accepted the moderation of the conference again.

Stefan will lead the conference in his unique way.

This time he takes us on a special quest. Together we look for single, clear, binocular vision.

Doubts will arise and Stefan will ensure that every question is answered professionally, correctly and comprehensibly.

And that some answers are also put into practice in group exchange.

This years Topic brings new challenges, also for the more experienced colleagues.

It will bring us new knowledge from functional / behavioral optometry, syntonics optometry and neuro-optometry.

Therefore our annual meeting 2023 will certainly be unique, a repetition is absolutely unlikely.



Invite your dearest partners and  
bring them to Rotterdam!

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## BOAF - Annual Conference 2023

Register online or print out the Conference registration form and send it to us.

### Hotel Details:

#### Mainport By Inntel Hotels \*\*\*\*\*

Leuvehaven 77  
3011 EA Rotterdam  
The Netherlands  
Tel.: +31 (0)10 217 5757  
Email: [info@mainporthotel.com](mailto:info@mainporthotel.com)  
web: [www.mainporthotel.com/en/](http://www.mainporthotel.com/en/)

### Rooms: Self reservation!

Book early to secure the special BOAF participant discounts

## VENUE - Experience the "Rotterdamse" hospitality

The BOAF Eventhotel - Mainport By Inntel Hotels (5\*) is located in Rotterdam.

Mainport's unique location, on the banks of the river Maas, offers sweeping views over the water and the skyline of Rotterdam, referred to as "Manhattan on the Maas" The ideal place for BOAF's Annual Congress.

For the Room reservation you can choose between the Mainport By Inntel Hotels (5\*) or the Inntel Hotels Rotterdam Centre (4\*), which are @ the same location.

The online tool will enable you to book your room quick and easy with the **special discount** for the BOAF Conference.

Room info & Reservation Link: ->

# ABOUT THE

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- This year we have presentations in English and German.
- Simultaneous translation live via headset in English and German will be provided.
- Translations into other languages are only offered if at least 25 participants are reached in the different languages.
- Each participant receives a USB stick with the lectures and materials.

Register online or print out the registration form and send it to us.

### The participation fee includes:

- The full 2-day program
- Coffee breaks & lunches
- BOAF - Gala Banquet

Additional tickets for the gala banquet for family members and friends can be booked.

All members of the British Association of Behavioral Optometrists (BABO) can use the BOAF member enrollment price.

### Deadline:

- Deadline for early bird registration: March 15, 2023
- On site or after the registration deadline: March 16 to June 17, 2023

<b>The full 2-day program</b>	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>On site</b>
BOAF / BABO Member	EUR 525	EUR 625
Non-member	EUR 625	EUR 725
Student - Optometry	EUR 350	EUR 450
Employee of a BOAF member	EUR 570	EUR 670

<b>Additional tickets</b>	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>On site</b>
Gala Banquet	EUR 85	EUR 95

Payment options:

- BOAF Bank Transfer - .IBAN: NL24RABO 01699 60 986 .  
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# ABOUT THE

## 2023 BOAF- Gala Diner

The BOAF 2023 Gala Dinner is dedicated as a tribute to the memory of Frank Hardy.

Frank would say: "Don't be so sad, make it a smashing party, but first enjoy the good food!"

So his wish is our command!

BOAF - EASO acknowledges individuals and organizations for important contributions to the area of Behavioral/Functional Optometry, Functional Syntonics Optometry and Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation. These awards are presented annually at the BOAF - EASO Gala Diner of the General Conference.

This year we would like to honor Frank and we created therefore the „Frank Hardy Award“ which

we will present for the first time at the 2023 BOAF Gala-Diner.

Another Highlight of the evening is offered by one of our BOAF Members, Ravinder Singh Bedi. He performs, as a tribute to Frank, with his band "Swareed".

"Swareed" is the pursuit of pure music, the middle tone with which mantras from the Vedas are sung. The group strives to make recognizable melodies heard in a contemporary way.

Join us, it will be a wonderful, unforgettable Gala Dinner!



## EXHIBITOR

**We thank all exhibitors and Sponsors!**

### Exhibits & exhibitor presentations:

Saturday June 17	08.00 H	09.00 H	Exhibits
Saturday June 17	10.30 H	11.05 H	Exhibits
Saturday June 17	12.45 H	14.00 H	Exhibits
Saturday June 17	15.30 H	16.00 H	Exhibits
Sunday June 18	08.00 H	09.00 H	Exhibits
Sunday June 18	08.30 H	09.00 H	<b>Exhibitor presentations</b>
Sunday June 18	10.30 H	11.05 H	Exhibits
Sunday June 18	12.45 H	14.00 H	Exhibits
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## THANK YOU

to our BABO partner, exhibitors and sponsors for their generous support of the 8th BOAF-EASO Annual Conference



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# REGISTRATION

## BOAF - Annual Conference 2023

You can register online or you can print out the form and send or email it to our BOAF office.

Visit us in Rotterdam

**01.** Online Registration - Web-Link:  
[www.boaf-eu.org/2023-rotterdam-nl](http://www.boaf-eu.org/2023-rotterdam-nl)

**02.** Send the registration form to the BOAF office: Yvonne Frei- Bankstrasse 17 - 8610 Uster/ ZH - Switzerland Or email your Registration Form at: [office@boaf-eu.org](mailto:office@boaf-eu.org).

**03.** Registration includes: - Full 2 day program - Coffee breaks & lunch - BOAF Gala Banquet.

**04.** Additional tickets for the gala banquet for family and friends are available.

**05.** All British Association of Behavioral Optometrists (BABO) members receive the BOAF member price. Register with your membership number and mention the BABO organization.

**06.** Early Bird registration deadline: 15. March 2023

**07.** On site or after the registration deadline: March 16 to June 17, 2023

**08.** Payment options:

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# Registration

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Profession/ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Employee of BOAF-Member \_\_\_\_\_ BOAF/BABO Member ID-Nr. \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for Additional Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

▸ Diet - Food Preference: ( ) Normal / ( ) Vegetarian / ( ) Vegan / ( ) Gluten Free / ( ) Other -  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student - Optometry	€ 350 (____)	€ 450 (____)
Employee of BOAF-Member	€ 570 (____)	€ 670 (____)
<b>Additional Tickets</b>	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Gala Banquet	€ 85 (____)	€ 95 (____)
<b>Registration - Total</b>	<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>Onsite</b>
Grand total	_____	_____

### INFO

Early Bird deadline:

To reap the benefits of early registration for both parties, we ask you to pay this special registration fee no later than 10 days after your registration. Please understand that by late payment you no

longer can benefit of the early registration rate and will be charged for the full price.

Cancellation:

If canceled up to 14 days before the event, BOAF will refund 60% of the paid amount. If canceled later, you can understand that a refund is no longer possible.

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## Continuing Education



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