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News briefs

Transitions Optical took advantage of the 32nd biennial conference of the Canadian Association of Optometrists to announce its appointment as a silver-level partner of the **Eye Health Council of Canada**, the CAO's national public education division. In particular, Transitions' involvement will include supporting the Council's public awareness campaign and Eye Health Month in October. **P**

Vision Expo West is fast approaching and organizers are pleased to note an increase in international registrations, particularly among attendees from South Korea, Taiwan and China. The presence of over 450 exhibitors this year will allow the show to expand its floor space to 51,206 square metres, an expansion of 3,657 square metres over last year. As with every Vision Expo event, rebates are available on the price of hotels, airfare and car rentals. See www.visionexpowest.com for details.

Pearle Vision founder **Stanley Pearle** passed away on July 21 at the age of 92. Pearle Vision, which was founded in 1961, became the first optical retailer to sell eyewear coast-to-coast. In 1981, Stanley Pearle established the Pearle Vision Foundation, now known as the **OneSight Research Foundation**.

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Science box

Early treatment of amblyopia yields better results

Treatment for amblyopia yields better results in children between the ages of three and seven than in older children, according to a recent study published on the Archives of Ophthalmology website. A team of researchers studied the records of 996 patients between the ages of 3 and 13, analyzing changes in visual acuity according to age and amblyopia severity. They found that children older than seven years of age were less responsive to treatment, particularly those with severe amblyopia. **P**

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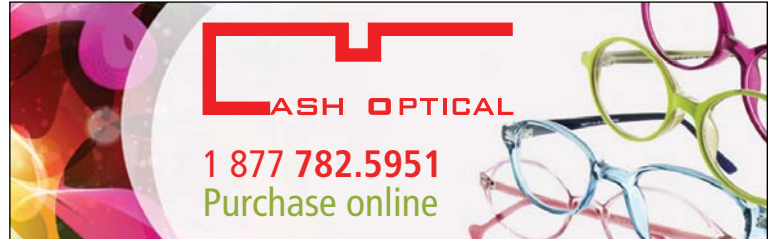
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Appointments

Cirillo Marcolin was appointed president of **ANFAO** and **MIDO** for a two-year term during the July 7 shareholders' meeting held in Belluno, Italy. He is replacing Vittorio Tabacchi. This is the second time that Marcolin has held this double presidency, his first stint having been from 2003 to 2007. **P**



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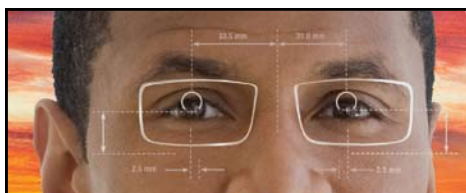
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New products and promotions

Alcon Canada is launching three new products in its **Systane** artificial tears line. **Systane Balance** targets deficiencies in the lipid layer, **Systane Gel** protects against severe dry eye, and **Systane Preservative-Free Formula** is intended for patients who are sensitive to preservatives or who suffer from chronic dry eye. www.alcon.ca

EyeDispense is now available through the Apple App Store. This iPad 2 application, designed by Scottish optometrist David Crystal, is a portable dispensing tool that allows opticians to help clients with poor vision select a frame using video clips. The application uses the iPad 2's camera to take 4 different 3-second video clips, which can be emailed or uploaded to Facebook. It also allows clients to compare up to four frame choices at a glance. www.apple.com/ipad/from-the-app-store

The **Opticaset VT-736** is a new pupilometer frame designed to clearly and easily measure patients' pupillary distance. Easy to use and store, it can also save data. www.opticasetinc.com

The new **Bertelli B-757** junior frame is now available on the market. This full-rim stainless steel frame comes in brown, black and purple, in size 50-17-135. www.westgroupe.com



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Financial news

Novartis has reported a net sales growth of 27% for the second quarter of 2011, for a total increase of 21% in the first six months of the year. The recently acquired **Alcon** division contributed to this growth, with \$2.6 billion in net sales in the second quarter, a 12% increase. Alcon's sales increase was particularly strong in Russia, India and China.

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Face-à-Face has announced that Scottish prints will be a highlight of its next collection. Six of its frames will feature tartan prints, namely **Sagan 1 and 2**, **Djinn 1, Macho 1 and 2**, and **Woody**. www.faceaface-paris.com

Younger Optics has modified its **Trilogy** semi-finished lens blank in order to ease processing for both digital and conventional surfacing. Clear Trilogy lenses have been thickened in the lower base curves of 0.50 to 4.25. This change does not apply to Trilogy lenses with base curves of 5 through 8. www.youngeroptics.com

Transitions Optical and **ET Canada** are giving eyecare professionals and consumers a chance to attend the prestigious Toronto Film Festival, which will be held from September 8 to 18. The contest runs from July 5 to August 21 for eyecare professionals and from July 25 to August 21 for consumers. To enter, simply fill out a questionnaire on the key benefits of Transitions lenses at www.transitionstorontofilmfestival.com/en/. 


HOYA Vision Care Canada has expanded its polarized lens offering by adding two new high-index polarized lenses, 1.67 **NuPolar** single vision and polycarbonate **IMAGE** polarized progressive. Additionally, **Hoyalux iQ Summit ecp** and **Hoyalux Summit ecp 1.50** polarized lenses are now available in brown. www.hoya.ca

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MIT researchers have developed eyeglasses that can decode emotions! The frame features a tiny camera connected to software that analyzes facial expressions. The glasses relay information to the user through an earpiece, describing the subject as "thinking," "agreeing," "disagreeing," "confused," "interested" or "concentrating." There is also a light that can turn red, letting the user know that perhaps it is time to be quiet, as the subject is starting to lose patience!

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