A Conversation with ASCO's New President

Dr. Karla Zadnik, Glenn A. Fry Professor of Optometry and Physiological Optics and Dean, The Ohio State University College of Optometry, was recently sworn in as President of ASCO for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. ASCO Director of Communications Kimberly O'Sullivan spoke with her about a variety of topics, including her priorities for the year. In addition to leading ASCO's strategic planning process, Dr. Zadnik's noted, "We will play to our strengths and continue to work on projects we have already started. I like the idea that ASCO will help its Board members, who are Deans and Presidents of our 23 optometric institutions, become better Deans and Presidents, but I am equally excited at the thought of helping our institutions' Chief Academic Officers become better leaders. We have initiatives, such as the Summer Institute for Faculty Development, that help new faculty gain knowledge and enhance the skills that will lead to a successful academic career. We also want to give other administrators the necessary training so they too are successful through workshops, webinars, tutorials, mentoring, onsite training and leadership seminars. ASCO will help enrich its Board members and other members."



Dr. Karla Zadnik.
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