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To mark its 7th edition, Silmo Academy is making some changes to the schedule and content of this eagerly anticipated scientific symposium. **Its goal remains unchanged:** to bring together high calibre specialists, share ideas and scientific developments in the field of vision and enable opticians to stay abreast of current research and enhance their medical knowledge.

However, this year it gains an extra day in order to attract even more participants and, for the first time, pledges its commitment to support research.

Silmo Academy plans to award a €10,000 grant to a research project in the field of optics and vision science. Open to any individual researcher or research team that submits an application, the winning project will be selected by the Silmo Academy Scientific Committee. Proposals may be submitted until 6 September, after which the three best projects will be selected between 6 and 16 September. These will be presented orally by applicants between 20 and 23 September, with the winning research project announced and presented during the symposium.

The theme of the 2016 symposium will be **READING**, which will be explored via three sessions:

1. Saturday 24 September 10am-1pm: 'reading and reading processes'

Speakers will include, among others, Professor Pouliquen, member of the Académie Française, who will introduce the symposium, followed by Professor Laurent Cohen, neurologist at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital and head of the neuropsychology team at INSERM (French National Institute for Health and Medical Research), who will discuss the neurological processes involved in reading and how the brain responds to reading.

2. Sunday 25 September 10am-1pm: 'reading processes in children and adults'

The session will feature a wide range of useful and practical guidance for day-to-day management by vision specialists.

3. Monday 26 September 10am-1pm: 'specific reading processes in older people', followed by 'reading, a challenge for public health'

For this session, the symposium will welcome Professor Resnikoff, who is responsible for vision at the WHO.

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Finally, as in previous years, **an exhibition of posters open to all professionals will be on display at the entrance to the exhibition**, a location selected to maximise exposure to visitors. The prize for the best poster will be decided by Silmo Academy attendees who can cast their vote throughout the symposium.

Grant applications should be sent to Silmo Academy, 185, rue de Bercy 75012 Paris-France, or by email to: silmoacademy@silmo.fr

Poster projects should be submitted by email to silmoacademy@silmo.fr, by no later than 30 May.

About SILMO ACADEMY:

Since 2010, Silmo Academy has set itself the goal of supporting professionals working in ophthalmic optics in their quest for excellence by proposing workshops and a scientific symposium where they can enhance their knowledge and share ideas with experts from every field. **SILMO has chosen to support professionals in this strategy by providing a forum for improving knowledge and experience sharing in the various aspects of vision and compensation for vision loss.** As it is recognised under the Continuing Professional Development programme, all participants can register as part of their CPD for healthcare professionals, which became compulsory in January 2013.