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he GOC launches its Enhanced CET Scheme on January 1 2013. Under the new scheme optometrists and dispensing opticians still need to gain 36 CET points in three years but there are additional requirements too. You’ll need to cover all competencies in three years, complete at least one peer review session in three years, gain at least six CET points every year and CET points from CET articles are to be capped at half of your total requirement.

The emphasis of the Enhanced Scheme is different too. To meet the needs of revalidation, the principles and requirements of the scheme place more emphasis on reflective learning, interaction and attendance at workshops, discussion groups and conferences. Providers are required to show how the learning they provide links to the Core Competency Framework for optometrists and dispensing opticians and there is a new website to replace CEToptics.com.

From January 1 2013 myGOC will not only allow you to accept points and keep a track of your progress, it will also provide a CET search function and an online CPD diary where you can integrate all your CET and additional CPD activity.

Enhanced education
Eyecare 3000 Glasgow will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Glasgow on January 20-21 2013. Education at Eyecare 3000 has always been highly rated and, with a mixture of lectures, seminars and workshops, Eyecare 3000 is well-placed to meet the requirements of the Enhanced Scheme. We’ll be running a breakfast Peer Review session on Monday morning where you can review and discuss pre-prepared cases relating to binocular vision. For all sessions we’ll be asking you to reflect on whether the training met the learning objectives and Linda Ford, director of education at the GOC, will give a short presentation on the Enhanced CET scheme and will answer any questions you might have.

Confirmed lectures at Eyecare 3000 in 2013 include ‘New treatments in ophthalmology’ by optometrist-turned-ophthalmologist Robert Petraruca, ‘Are you fit to practise?’ by optometrist and former fitness to practise panel member Peter Charlesworth, ‘Artificial eyes’ by oculist Kanti Fatania, ‘A new tool in the diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease’ by psychology researcher Trevor Crawford and ‘Dry eye assessment’ by Caroline Christie and Sudi Patel. There are also lectures on anti VEGF, diabetes, uveitis, freeform lenses, communication, and more. As usual we’ll be filming all the lectures and you’ll be able to catch up on anything you missed – and gain additional CET points – on our website.

In addition, both days offer a wide range of workshops and seminars from managing dry eye to the latest diagnostic instrumentation. Visit www.eyecare3000glasgow.com for the latest programme details. Up to 16 CET points are available over two days.

Sunday Night Fever
Eyecare3000 is not all about the education. It’s well known for its social side too. This year’s theme is ‘Sunday Night Fever’. Bring your flares and your best falsetto singing voice.

Celtic Connections
With a good motorway network and rail and air links to major airports throughout the UK, Glasgow is not as far away as you might think. Approximately half of Eyecare 3000 delegates travel from outside Scotland. And Glasgow has plenty of reasons to justify a visit. There are lots of places to stay, eat and drink and this year, Eyecare 3000 coincides with Scotland’s biggest mid-winter music festival, Celtic Connections. The event attracts Celtic and world music talent from around the globe and will see more than 2,000 artists take part in 300 events in over 20 venues across Glasgow. If that’s not your musical cup of tea, how about Usher, Paloma Faith, Strictly Come Dancing Live or the Moscow State Circus – all in Glasgow during Eyecare 3000.

Exhibition
The Exhibition at Eyecare 3000 is Scotland’s biggest industry exhibition. The exhibition hall at the Hilton Hotel will host some 50 companies showcasing their latest products and services, with many of them offering exclusive deals for the event. The professional bodies will also be represented and their advisers will answer any questions you may have.

The exhibition is free to attend whether or not you are a delegate at the Eyecare 3000 educational conference. Everyone attending the exhibition will have the opportunity to participate in a case histories poster quiz worth one CET point and the opportunity to enter a prize draw. Visit www.eyecare3000glasgow.com/exhibition for more details.

Peter Charlesworth, owner and director of Eyecare 3000 and Replay Learning, cordially invites you to an Enhanced Eyecare 3000 Glasgow 2013