

Editorial: A New Understanding

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In my editorial in last quarter's inaugural issue of *Vision Development & Rehabilitation*, I addressed the fact that this journal represents a new beginning. It was a new beginning in the history of scholarly publication by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, and we anticipate that the journal will continue to evolve in the scope of its content and the breadth of its impact. The feedback that I, and all those involved with this publication received has been heartwarming and gratifying.

Every new beginning brings with it the opportunity for a new understanding. The term understanding is, in and of itself very ambitious. I was reminded of its significance by one of our Journal Review Board members, Dr. Curt Baxstrom, who recommended a phenomenal resource to me recently after attending the 2015 Conference on Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment. Curt was excited about a book entitled *Vision and the Brain*, co-edited by Lueck and Dutton, and subtitled *Understanding Cerebral Visual Impairment in Children*. The book's third chapter, authored by Gordon N. Dutton, reproduces a diagram called the Tree of Vision: The Principal Functions of the Visual System and How They Are Connected. I encourage you to take a look at the diagram that you can access through this link:

<http://goo.gl/zHwqFn>

If you were to conceive or illustrate a tree of vision it may include concepts or functions that differ from what you see in the diagram,



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but I have no doubt that it will provide you with a new appreciation if not understanding of how one goes about the process of sharing this information. The same principle of seeking understanding permeates the entire issue of *Vision Development & Rehabilitation*. We begin with a response that Dr. Anna Horwood wrote to address issues that Dr. Dominick Maino raised in his Guest Editorial in our first issue. When Dr. Horwood contacted me to see if we would publish her reply, I was encouraging in the spirit of furthering the understanding between clinicians and researchers that ultimately builds new bridges.

In addition to the outstanding original articles appearing in this issue, we are sharing **Papers and Posters from the 2015 Annual COVD Meeting**. We have also added the abstracts from the **Quick Hits and Case Reports**. In future issues when these items from the Annual Meeting are shared, we'll have hyperlinks that take you to additional material from the presentations. We trust that you will enjoy this issue as much as our debut effort last quarter. It scaffolds new understandings that expand and strengthen our new beginning.

COVD 2016 Annual Meeting – Call for Case Presentations

My approach to ...

This year we will begin a new rapid-fire lecture format entitled “*My approach to...*” The goal of these presentations is to provide those COVD Fellows who have interesting cases an opportunity to share these with their colleagues. We are looking to include four presentations. The format for these presentations is as follows:



Each presentation should be approximately 20 minutes in length leaving five minutes for Q&A.

The presentation should include a brief history of the chief complaint, clinical findings significant to the case, test results which are important for the diagnosis and treatment, and the treatment protocol that you used and the outcome.

This program is being underwritten by unrestricted funding from **Elsevier**. In addition to the presentation, “*My approach to...*” will be a part of **PracticeUpdate**, an eye care website. The written version of the presentation should be a short, to-the-point summary of how your specific clinical situation was handled (without tables, references or slides), approximately 500 words long, and will appear on the website following the annual meeting. Additionally, presenters who are accepted will have their general registration fee waived (valued at ~ \$800.00).

Anyone wishing to submit a “*My approach to...*” should send a paragraph summarizing the case which will be presented. This should be submitted to info@covd.org no later than September 23, 2015. Please put “*My approach to*” in the subject line of the email.

