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**Article Submissions:** Submit articles or ideas for feature stories or techniques to the Editor for review. The OPSnews newsletter would like to publish articles of interest to our members, “How to” articles, research projects of interest or general information on members.

**OPS Image Library:** This is your opportunity to see your work in print on the OPS website, program covers, or other OPS publications as they evolve.

The purpose of the OPS image library is to make available contributing photographers’ work for use in OPS marketing material, publications, and the annual education program cover. By having images on file from a variety of our members, this library will provide a cross section of the various imaging techniques we perform, and highlight our individual talents as these images are published. This ready library will credit the photographer when material is used, and when possible, the author will be contacted in advance to confirm the use. There is no submission fee. The image library will be accessed through the OPS Marketing Committee, and will not be open to general public distribution.

Submissions may be on CD or DVDs, in TIFF, PNG, or JPEG formats. Files should contain the photographer’s name and image title. This will facilitate contacting you if your work is selected for use.

Digital images may be sent to:

Alan Frohlichstein  
Retinal Angiography Services  
5633 Crain Street  
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E-mail questions to Alan at: alanfroh@gmail.com

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If you are not an OPS member and would like to join, click on “Join OPS” in the upper right corner above the sign-in box on the OPS website ([www.opsweb.org](http://www.opsweb.org)). You will be asked to set up a username and password before completing the membership application. You will have the option to pay the membership fee securely online with a credit card, or select “Bill Me” to create an invoice which you may print out and send the payment by check to the OPS Membership Office. Membership applications will not be approved until the membership fee is paid.

**Annual Membership Fee of $90.00 Includes:**

- **The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography.** Published twice yearly by the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society, this peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to ophthalmic diagnostic imaging.

- **The OPS Newsletter.** The OPS Newsletter is published electronically four times per year and keeps members informed of upcoming meetings, special events, certification news, employment opportunities, and short articles of interest to diagnostic photographers. Members are notified via email when a new issue is published, with a direct link to the new edition.

- **The OPS E-mail List.** Limited to OPS members, this email list informs members of job opportunities, educational programs and other pertinent announcements before they are released to the general public.

**Discounts.** OPS members benefit from reduced certification program application fee.
Not that anyone needs an excuse for visiting New Orleans, but have you heard….the OPS Annual Program is taking on New Orleans this fall and we would like for you to join us.

This year we have been assigned the Intercontinental Hotel of New Orleans, which is located in the Finance District and within a short walking distance to the French Quarter and Canal Street. The Inter Continental Hotel is an elegant hotel, newly renovated, and we will occupy meeting rooms on two of their convention floors. You will find the OPS Registration and all the lecture rooms on the 3rd floor. Most of the workshops will be on the 1st floor with only the two smaller workshops for slit lamp and ultrasound on the 3rd floor. Finding your way around should be easy. As a bonus this year, the hotel is providing free Wi-Fi access in all their meeting rooms for the duration of our Program. This will make it very easy for those with laptops and tablets to submit those CEC surveys on the go.

Speaking of CECs and lectures; this year’s Education Chair, Hoang Nguyen, CRA, OCT-C, has been busy all year finding engaging speakers, digging up new courses and dusting off old favorites. To quote Hoang, “we strive to keep up with changes in the ophthalmic imaging field, offer a variety of courses from beginner to those who are more advanced, with opportunities to analyze and experiment with the latest technology”.

We have several new speakers lined up and ready to share their insights: Drs. Natalie Afshari, Irene Barbazetto, Andrew Doan, Sander Dubovy, Jason Porter and Trexler Topping. We hope you will be there to take advantage of their knowledge and make it your own. However, we are no less pleased to welcome back speakers from previous OPS Programs, such as Drs. Sanjay Asrani, Stuart Coupland, Michael DellaVecchia, Dirk-Uwe Bartsch, Kathleen Digre, Yale Fischer, Gary Fish, Carl Glittenberg, Calvin Mein, William Mieler, and Rosalind Stevens just to list a few. It is very gratifying to have so many MD’s and PhD’s willing to participate in our program, but the OPS would be nowhere without our own Imaging Experts. We all have our favorites and I cannot list them all. Just know that we all appreciate your dedication year after year.

Let’s also not forget the highlights of our Program, the Scientific Session and the Keynote Speaker for the Gass Lecture which are both included with your registration. This year’s Keynote Speaker is Dr. Suber Huang, a world-renowned ophthalmologist and researcher and the driving force behind the newly launched ASRS Retina Image Bank.

Our educational needs are not the only thing we need to satisfy. It is not an OPS Program without some socializing and networking with others in the ophthalmic imaging world. Be sure to join us at the OPS Welcome Reception on Friday evening right after the Scientific Session and the Awards Presentations. Enjoy some New Orleans Cuisine, the Photo-Scavenger Hunt, and the Raffle for the OPS Endowment Fund which funds the Johnny Justice Jr. Scholarship. This is also the only other place where you can feast your eyes on the winning images from the OPS Scientific Exhibit other than at the AAO Conference Center. There will also be a second slide show featuring non-eyeball photography from our own OPS members.

So come and join us for stimulating talks, Cajun food, lots of CECs and good friends.

Kirsten G. Locke, RN, CRA, FOPS
General Chair, OPS Annual Program
New Courses: Short Topic Presentation Opportunities

The OPS is offering two new courses that provide opportunities for short topic presentations at this year’s OPS annual educational program in New Orleans. On Saturday, November 16th at 2:45 pm we will be offering Eponyms in Ophthalmology: What's in a Name? It will be a series of case presentations based on eponymously named conditions and findings. If you are interested in comparing Fuchs' corneal dystrophy with Fuchs' heterochromic iridocyclitis, or you have difficulty remembering whether it is Best's or Behcet's disease that has macular vitelliform lesions, be sure to attend this new course. We are still recruiting attendees willing to prepare a short (10 minute) case presentation based on an eponymous ophthalmic condition and share it with the rest of us.

On Sunday November 17, 2013 at 11:30 am we will be offering Pearls, Tips & Tactics. It will be a short paper symposium of practical and technical topics - like an ophthalmic imaging "show-n-tell". The program will offer a variety of practical tips, cool images, photo essays, solutions to challenging imaging scenarios, etc.

Both of these sessions provide a great opportunity to share with your colleagues in a friendly, welcoming environment. It's a great venue for first time speakers and experienced speakers alike. So if you have any short topic ideas you'd like to share in either one of these courses, feel free to contact Tim Bennett at tbennett1@hmc.psu.edu. If you are not quite ready to prepare a presentation, we still invite you to check out these new courses and support your colleagues as they share with the entire group.

Be sure to check out and subscribe to the Annual Program Highlights Blog at: http://www.opsweb.org/blogpost/977034/Annual-Program-Highlights to see features on the annual meeting as well as places to go and things to do while in New Orleans.

Room Monitors are still needed for the Annual Program in New Orleans on Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Room monitors receive CE credits at no charge for monitoring courses, handling paperwork and fulfilling a few other responsibilities. Besides helping with the cost of attending the Annual Program it is a great way to support your professional society and get to know others in our field. Room Monitor Training is done at the Program. Please contact: Laura Savage, COMT, CRA, OPS Board of Education Volunteer Committee chairperson at ops.roommonitor@gmail.com for more information and for a list of courses that still need room monitors.
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The OOPS Endowment Fund was established to provide funding for philanthropic activities such as the JJJ Scholarship. One way we raise money for the Endowment Fund is to hold a raffle at the Annual Education Program. Prizes for the raffle are usually donated by the vendors who support our educational programs. Anyone may purchase a raffle ticket for the raffle, even if you will not be attending the annual program. Winners not in attendance will be notified after the annual program. Here is a raffle ticket you may use to enter the raffle. Just complete your contact information, and mail the ticket along with your contribution to the OOPS Membership Office, 1887 W. Ranch Rd, Nixa, MO 65714 USA. Raffle tickets may also be purchased through the Online Store on the OOPS website (www.opsweb.org) by November 14th.

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You must visit the Recertification Page on the OPS Website: http://www.opsweb.org/?page=Recertification and PRINT your Application and Instructions. No application will be mailed.

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Invasion of the Parasites by Richard Hackel, CRA, FOPS
Adobe Lightroom by Tamera Schoenholz, CRA, OCT-C
Introduction to Fluorescein Angiography by Stephanie Attebery, CRA

For additional information, go to the Online Education for CECs page.

http://www.opsweb.org/?page=onlineedu4CEC
Interested in Cultural Exchange in Cuba?

Interested in Cultural Exchange in Cuba? Travel to Cuba for a cultural exchange is now possible, if we have a group of 8-12 people. You can get on the list to travel to Cuba as part of this project next winter.

Email me: Michael Coppinger to join the group and when we have sufficient numbers to receive more details.

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