EARN CHOROMOKOS, PROMOTED TO FULL PROFESSOR!

Mr. Earl A. Choromokos, C.O.P.R.A., F.O.P.S., Director of the Ophthalmic Clinical Laboratories at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, has achieved what no one in the profession of Ophthalmic Photography has ever accomplished: the attainment of the pinnacle of the academic ladder; namely, a full professorship in Ophthalmology. Professor Choromokos is not unknown to this membership, nor to the profession. His career as an ophthalmic photographer spans nearly three decades. The year 1964 bore witness to the earliest days of a fledgling sub-speciality and Earl's modest claim to a slice of participation among the pioneers in this rapidly blossoming industry. Armed with the knowledge gained from a one year course in medical photography, Earl accepted a position at the Bascom-Palmer Eye Institute as a "research and clinical photographer." This launched what was to become a most illustrious career.

Five years passed, and Earl began a lengthy tenure at Northwestern University in Chicago, where he ultimately earned the position of Instructor in Ophthalmology. Looking toward more fertile ground on which to further his academic career, Earl found a permanent home at the University of Cincinnati in 1979. Appointed as an Assistant Professor, he has progressed steadily through the ranks to his most recent, and quite unprecedented achievement.

Simultaneously and consistently Earl Choromokos has also contributed to the founding, development and professional growth of our Society. Over the more than 20 years since its founding, Earl has served the Society in many ways, including positions of considerable responsibility as Vice President, President, and most recently, Chairman of the Board of Certification. It is largely through Earl's efforts that the Society now boasts a second level of certification, namely, Certified Ophthalmic Photographer and Retinal Angiographer. At present, his efforts are directed at the validation of current certification processes to comply with universally accepted procedures.

As an academician, Professor Choromokos has distinguished himself both locally and nationally as a leader in the education of ophthalmic photographers, residents and practicing ophthalmologists. His specialty courses uniformly elicit high praise. His list of presentations and range of topics is singularly impressive. His extensive bibliography describes an individual with a curious and innovative mind; someone who has tenaciously pursued knowledge and practical experience in both theoretical and clinical applications.

Perhaps the best summary of this gentleman's career, to date, may be found in four simple entries in his curriculum vitae. Namely:
2. Award for Outstanding Contributions to Ophthalmic Photography, Ophthalmic Photographers' Society, 1982.
3. Award for Excellence, University of Cincinnati, 1984.

A list that speaks most eloquently, indeed, of a unique individual's accomplishments. Our Congratulations!

Csaba L. Martonyi
POPS, COPRA

CORRECTION

JIM GILMAN'S NAME WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER COVER THANKS TO JIM FOR THE WONDERFUL PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE SINGAPORE MEETING!

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OPS ISSUES

SUPPORT GROUP
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join the support group to help monitor lecture rooms, collect evaluation forms, run audio visuals, and assist in the overall educational program. In exchange for your help you will receive free CE credit for the classes monitored as well as a valuable collectors item momento of this meeting. You will also have the satisfaction of being part of a great group of involved members who will help to make this 1990 meeting a success! Please contact James Gilman as soon as possible so that assignments can be made. His address is Director of Ophthalmic Photography, Emory Eye Center, 1327 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30322, (404) 248-3423.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A round of applause and thanks this month goes to Lawrence M. Merin, RBP and Bernard C. Szirth. Larry was Chairman and Ben Co-Chairman of the International Congress of Ophthalmic Photography (ICOP '90). Larry and Ben spent the past two years of their lives organizing this meeting!

A tremendous amount of time and energy was expended by many individuals to run this successful meeting. Thanks to everyone involved and especially to Larry and Ben for the overall organization of this meeting. YOU DID A GREAT JOB!

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

CHANGE IN FORMAT
IMPLEMENTED FOR THIS YEARS
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The OPS Board of Directors, during the January Board meeting, discussed and made changes to the format of our annual business meeting. These changes are being made in an effort to efficiently conduct society business in a professional manner. They are as follows:

2. Csaba Martonyi has been appointed by the Board of Directors as the official OPS Parliamentarian.
3. Committee and Board reports must be submitted to the President by Friday, October 19th. Copies will be made available at the registration desk and at the business meeting. Board and Committee chairs will be present at the business meeting to answer any questions regarding their reports.
4. Any general member interested in submitting new business to be included on the business meeting agenda will need to send it to the president, in letter form, before October 19, 1990.
5. Time limits have been established for the length of the meeting (two hours) and the time each individual will be allowed to present motions and the discussions that follow.

A. Each general member, having formally submitted in writing an agenda item will be given a maximum of three minutes to present their question of motion.
B. Should the motion be seconded, discussion will be limited to three minutes each by general members.
C. The general member originating the motion will be given three minutes to respond before any action is taken on the motion or question.
6. Open business from the floor will be entertained, time permitting, after all agenda items have been addressed. The business meeting is scheduled for two hours and discussion will be cut off promptly at the end of that time.
7. A closed business meeting, open only to dues paid general members, has been discussed by the Board of Directors and is being considered for possible implementation at this year's meeting.

One thing that every general member should remember is that this is your society. You have the right to attend and submit for discussion issues concerning any of the three boards (Directors, Certification, Education) or the Editorial Committee during their scheduled meeting times. The times and locations for each of these meetings being held during our annual meeting are listed in the program you received this summer. If you have an issue you would like to see addressed, contact the chairman and formally request the issue be placed on their meeting agenda. Even if you do not have any business you want to see discussed, make plans to attend one of these meetings during the week. By doing this, you will become more aware of the current issues facing our profession and how your society is planning to deal with them. All these meetings are open to general members, except at the times they go into executive session.

Finally, as most of you probably already know, I have agreed to serve a second two year term as your president. Along with the Board of Directors, I hope to continue to guide the OPS in the same direction we have been going the past few years. As always, if you have any suggestions, comments or questions, feel free to contact me.

Mark Maio

THE EVOLVING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The annual educational curriculum is continuously being evaluated and re-worked in an effort to meet the varied and growing
needs of our membership. Certain courses are repeated every year for those entering the field or working for CRA certification. However, a growing part of our program is designed to address the needs of our experienced members as they attempt to grow professionally or prepare for COPRA certification. A great deal of thought and effort goes into the preparation of the course brochure as we attempt to achieve clarity and accuracy. A few minutes spent carefully reading this brochure will help you determine the courses best suited to your individual needs, and will help clarify the course structure. Courses are coded as to their CRA and/or COPRA subject content.

The Atlanta course is divided into three course lines.

Subjects offered in course line "A," covering fundus photography and fluorescein angiography, begin on Saturday with an OPS Certification Seminar. These courses continue all day Sunday. Workshops are offered, and line "A" ends with a stereo photography workshop on Wednesday morning. The subjects are relevant to those interested in CRA certification as well as those perfecting asic fundus photography and fluorescein angiography skills.

Course line "B" covers slit lamp and general photographic topics, many of which are part of the COPRA subject content. This line begins Sunday morning with Anterior Segment Anatomy and physiology, continues with workshops and ends with a Goniphotography workshop on Wednesday morning.

"C" offers more advanced subjects and subject matter relevant to professional advancement and management. This line starts Saturday afternoon with a course in writing for the Journal of Ophthalmic Photography, and continues Sunday with several topics not offered before or at annual courses. It concludes Sunday evening with a round table on advanced computer use.

We in the Board of Education are excited about this curriculum and believe you will agree we have opened a few "new" doors. We have tried to bring you not only CRA and COPRA courses, but also innovative courses to stimulate and increase your professionalism. We hope to see you in Atlanta participating in this exciting meeting.

Emery E. Billings, CRA, FOPS
Chairman, Board of Education

REPORT ON THE OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY

Board of Education Meeting
Orlando, Florida, April 6, 1990

Presiding Officer: Emery Billings, Chairman

Members Present: Mark Croswell, Mark Maio, Larry Merin, Kirby Miller, Paula Morris, Patrick Saine, Marshall Tyler, Don Wong

Members Absent: Mike Copping, Don Enkerud

Board of Certification Liaison: Earl Chornomos

1. Meeting called to order at 4:24 P.M. Friday, April 6, 1990.

2. Mark Croswell accepted the position of secretary, replacing Don Enkerud.

3. Old Business:

A. The minutes from the 1989 BOE meeting held in New Orleans were reviewed and accepted with two corrections. Paula

Morris has replaced Don Enkerud as Educational Chairman of the Atlanta 1990 meeting. Mark Croswell is the Co-Chairman. The "typo" error of the BOE yearly meeting expenses is corrected to read $5,500 and not $55,000.

B. Continuing Education Credit Committee Report: Mark Croswell, Chairman. Management and professional growth courses have not been granted JCAHPO CEC credits. However, the Board feels they are important and should continue to be offered. Attempts will be made to highlight courses which are continually repeated and have always been given JCAHPO credit, so that prospective attendees may be assured of credit status prior to registration. A list of deadlines needed by this committee will be mailed to all concerned. Methods for facilitating the rapid tabulation of student evaluation forms were considered. Don Wong will contact Paul Montague to define procedures for achieving prompt course evaluation results. Mark Croswell offered to write a letter for the Newsletter explaining the differences between OPS and JCAHPO credit approval criteria.

C. Course Evaluation and Advisory Committee Report: Don Wong, Chairman. Don reviewed a procedure he has employed to extrapolate objective information from the course evaluations turned in after each OPS course. This will enable the committee to recommend specific courses and instructors based on their past performance as graded by the students.

D. Rochester 1990 Meeting Report, Mark Maio, Paula Morris, and Kirby Miller. Martin Scott is no longer with Kodak and has been replaced by Sally Robson. She has offered Kodak's assistance at a meeting every year even if that meeting is held elsewhere. Kirby Miller reports the educational component is finalized and on track.

E. ICOP '90 Report, Larry Merin, General Meeting Coordinator: The Singapore OPS meeting was an educational and financial success. Larry reported 120 to 125 attendees. The trade exhibit and scientific poster session were well received. Ben Sitz's site visits were very helpful and the Dynasty Hotel provided good services.

F. Atlanta 1990 Meeting, Paula Morris, Education Coordinator: This year's program will include a 90 minute round table on patient management, a BOC one-hour forum and a one-hour seminar on writing for the journal as well as a wide offering of courses for CRA and COPRA preparation. The meeting will begin on Saturday, October 27, 1990. Last year's photography exhibit winners will be displayed in the hotel at this year's meeting. Mark Maio, at the suggestion of the BOD, is looking into holding an information booth at the academy. There will, for the first time, be a panel of judges to evaluate the scientific papers and award the new Don Wong award.

G. Membership Survey, Paula Morris: There were 160 responses to our recent OPS educational survey. Although this was not a statistically significant survey due to the number responding, several useful insights were gained. It was noted that there appears to be a lot of interest in digital imaging. It is felt that courses in digital imaging must be a part of future courses but commercialism must be avoided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m., Friday April 6, 1990.
PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHER: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has an immediate opening for an Ophthalmic Photographer in the Dept. of Ophthalmology. Includes fundus, FAs, SL, XT photography, maintaining complex and detailed records, performing related clerical tasks and organizing and conducting slide review sessions. Basic knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pathology, medical terminology, training in 35mm and related photographic techniques and processes necessary. Certification preferred. Excellent benefit program. Please contact: Pamela Juergens, Human Resources representative, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, One Clinic Center, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195. (216) 444-6426.

OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHER: The Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA has an open position for an ophthalmic photographer. The candidate for this position should have at least three years experience with fundus photography and FAs. Certification in national studies and/or a CRA are preferred. Position available August 20, 1990. For more information please call or write to Dennis Thayer, Director of Medical Photography, Jules Stein Eye Institute, 200 Stein Plaza, Rm. 2-525, Los Angeles, CA 90024-7001. (213) 206-6300.

POSITION DESIRED

POSITION DESIRED: Seeking full time, entry level position as ophthalmic photographer/angiographer. Three years experience running U. of Iowa Ophthalmic Dept. photo lab. Extensive knowledge of all photo lab functions, including E-6 proc. and color printing. Experience in slit lamp photography, stereo fundus photography. Recently completed training in FAs. Write or phone for more information: Mark A. Klinefelter, 74 Golfview Tr. Ct., North Liberty, Iowa 52317. (319) 626-6837.

CLASSIFIED MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: Canon Fundus Camera, CF-60ZA with power supply CF-CUA. Contact Rick Coffin (212) 920-5221.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 26, 1990.
OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY

Board of Education Meeting
Orlando, Florida, April 7, 1990

Presiding Officer: Emery Billings, Chairman

Members Present: Mark Croswell, Mark Maio, Larry Merin, Kirby Miller, Paula Morris, Patrick Saine, Marshall Tyler, Don Enkerud

Members Absent: Mike Coppinger, Don Enkerud

1. Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m. Saturday April 7.

2. New Business:

A. Dan Enkerud, due to duties at work, has offered to cycle off the BOE after two years instead of completing his 3-year term. The chairman accepted this offer. Marshall Tyler will serve a three-year term thereby effectively switching terms with Dan.

B. Committee appointments: At the request of the BOD, appointments of BOE representatives were made to the following BOD committees: Don Wong to the Ethics Committee and Marshall Tyler to the Bylaws Committee.

C. 1991 Mid-Year Meeting: After consideration of several options the board decided to present a comprehensive course in St. Louis in late Spring of 1991. This course is to be held at the Bethesda Eye Institute and will be similar in content to the Park City Meetings. It will offer basic CRA courses and some anterior segment, endothelium and other courses. Jim Stoutenburg was chosen for General Meeting Chairman with Paula Morris as Educational Chairman. Mark Maio will serve as General Meeting Co-Chairman. Mark will seek the BOD's approval for the course and will contact Jim to plan a site visit for himself and Paula.

D. Long-Range Planning Committee: Pat Saine, Chairman. In recognition of the need for a meeting planning committee Pat was appointed chairman with Paula and Don Wong as committee members. After much discussion of various meeting levels, locations and forms, it was decided that short specialized "regional" meetings should be strongly considered for 1992. A three-day comprehensive computer course was discussed as were video and endothelium courses or small regional CRA preparation courses. The prospect of alloying ourselves to existing meetings such as Cornea, Contact lens, ARVO and the BPA was discussed. The committee will explore several options and submit their recommendation at the BOE meeting in Atlanta. The 1994 International Meeting will be held in Toronto in March 1994. Several BOE members expressed interest in holding an advanced course at this meeting as the OPS mid-year meeting.

E. Standing Rules Committee: Paula Morris has agreed to chair the Standing Rules Committee assisted by Mark Croswell and Marshall Tyler. Marshall is presently serving as the BOE member of the Bylaws Committee chaired by Sheila Smith-Brewer. Paula will acquire copies of the BOD and BOC Standing Rules and will send copies to all BOE members for their input and suggestions. She will then present a proposed BOE standing rules to the BOE for their approval or revision.

F. The Rochester Institute of Technology Ophthalmic Photography Workshop: The BOD has expressed the desire that the OPS continue to participate in the Ophthalmic Photography Workshop offered second year Bio-Med students by Mark Maio, Mike Coppinger and others. As long as the OPS does not lose money on these workshops are OOPS sanctioned with BOE approval of the curriculum.

G. BOE Vacancies: Some BOE members will be cycling off this fall at the Atlanta meeting. Those completing their initial 2-year term are Mark Croswell, Mark Maio, Kirby Miller, Don Enkerud, (see item A, New Business), and Mike Coppinger. Emery Billings will solicit BOE candidates in the June Newsletter. Outgoing members desiring to be considered for another term along with new candidates will be included in a ballot held after the general OPS election. All current BOE members will vote. Pat Saine will conduct the balloting. New members terms begin at the Atlanta BOE meeting and are for 3 years. The point was made that several BOE members are active in other OOPS offices and that rather than increase the BOE beyond 11 members, non-members can be asked to serve on education committees.

H. Business Seminars: Patrick Saine informed that information was gathered and presented on several business seminars and will be given to future meeting chairman for their consideration.

I. BOE Operating Budget: The BOE spent very little of its 1989-90 budget. This was largely due to the fact that some anticipated travel expenses had not been necessary and no mid-year BOE meeting was held. The 1990-91 Budget of $6,000 was approved at the January BOD meeting. Paul Montague, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is working on financial protocols which will establish financial procedures for the BOE and all boards.

J. Lecturer CECs: Following up on a question raised by an OPS lecturer, a discussion was held concerning the appropriate credit to be awarded a multiple-lecture participant. It was decided that any multiple-speaker course would earn each lecturer credit for the full course time.

K. B.S. Degree in Ophthalmic Photography: Mark Maio: Mark Maio is implementing a Bachelor of Science degree in Ophthalmic Photography at the State University of New York at Buffalo. The board decided there was no conflict of interest at present.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, April 7, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Croswell, CRA
Secretary, Board of Education

In literature as in love,
we are astonished at
what is chosen by others.
— André Maurois
1988 OPS SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT POSTERS

Start your collection of OPS Scientific Exhibit posters! A limited number of offprints of the 1988 OPS Scientific Exhibit first prize winning prints that appeared in THE JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY, Volume 11, Number 1 are available for purchase. The posters measure 11" x 17" and cost $7.50 plus $2.50 postage and handling. For orders, contact Marlene Fishman, Managing Editor, 1011 Cromwell Ave, Westchester, Illinois 60154. (708) 345-5171.

RIT NEWS RELEASE

Electronic Photography Heralds a New Age of Image Management —

Electronic still photography (ESP) — a combination of photography, design and printing made possible by state-of-the-art technologies — heralds a revolution in image capture, editing, manipulation and creation. The process includes use of still video, digital imaging and image scanning.

Recognizing the growing public interest in ESP, Rochester Institute of Technology will present a free teleconference — to be broadcast to nationwide sites — on this new field Oct. 23 and 30.

RIT, a pioneer in still photography research and education, offers unique sources of information on electronic photography. "We provide open lines to our photographers, artists and printers who are rapidly becoming the source of professional expertise for electronic photography," said E.C. McDevine, dean, College of Graphic Arts and Photography, announcing the teleconference.

The first-of-its-kind teleconference, funded by a grant from Eastman Kodak Company, will consist of two, three-hour segments describing in detail the applications, techniques and equipment for ESP. The program, presented by RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, will air both days from 2 to 5 p.m. on C and Ku satellites band. Viewers with questions will be able to call a toll-free number during the presentations.

Photographers are very excited and curious about this field. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity and a chance to get a dialogue going among those who want to be more involved with this area, especially artists, photographers, prepress professionals, educators and business people," said RIT Associate Professor Douglas Ford Rea, who will conduct the program.

Rea has taught RIT's "Introduction to Electronic Still Photography" course for two years and has just created an advanced course that will be offered in the 1990-91 school year. His students, who range from photography majors to those in graphic design and printing, produce a quarterly publication, "espRIT" — unique in its entirely electronic creation. This year, students will produce a full color magazine.

The 1990 teleconference aims to educate a broad audience, from educators to students, photographers, designers, researchers and law enforcement professionals across the nation. Registered reserve sites may videotape the programs for use within their institution or company for the life of the tape. Packets of reproducible, instructional and promotional material will be available at registered sites.

For more information, and to register and receive satellite coordinates, interested parties should call RIT's Office of Distance Learning, (716) 475-5077.