Brooks Institute of Photography

"Advanced Imaging Techniques for Ophthalmic Photographers"
1992 Mid-Year Course-June 16-20, 1992

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society in collaboration with Brooks Institute of Photography is presenting an educational program for experienced ophthalmic photographers. Located in Santa Barbara, California, Brooks Institute is a leader in advanced photographic techniques. This course will be presented by Brooks faculty members and experts working in the field of ophthalmic photography.
OPS Issues

What Benefits Does The OPS Have To Overseas Members?

Some ophthalmic photographers I have spoken to say, "Why join an American society - we live too far away to receive any benefit!" To this I say, "GARBAGE! You only get out of an organization what you put into it and this requires just a little more effort when you live overseas".

In 1989 I was fortunate in being granted a study scholarship with my hospital to attend a CRA certification examination in Philadelphia and then to visit other hospitals to compare techniques and learn new procedures. I first contacted the membership director, Jim Stoutenburg, to obtain names of members and their institutions to visit once completing certification. It was quite surprising how quickly word spread throughout the organization that not only was a foreigner visiting but certifying as well, and I received several invitations from OPS members.

Another surprise was the goodwill with which these people went out of their way to arrange accommodation details and personal transport. Mark Maio, President of OPS and with whom I was billeted for ten days, contributed much of his time imparting information about the workings of the Society whilst introducing me to the sights and sounds of Buffalo.

As mentioned earlier just a little more effort needs to be made by the overseas member. In my case this involved incurring a phone bill of approximately $600 whilst comparing differences between the two countries in ophthalmic terminology and procedures. Csaba Martonyi was one who devoted a lot of time on the phone helping with my queries. I would suggest that overseas members requesting information on any procedures, techniques, or terminology will obtain it readily through a willing and helpful network of OPS members.

To me the OPS is more like an international "fellowship" of ophthalmic photographers than an organization. During my three months of traveling through the United States in 1989 this fellowship was always evident; quite a few friendships were formed and most of these were maintained upon return to Australia. In March 1990 I was able to renew friendships in Singapore at ICOP '90. One friend attending was Dennis Thayer from UCLA who, following the conference, accepted the hospitality I extended for a short visit to my city, Adelaide, in the state of South Australia. Although his visit was brief we were able to exchange observations about each country's life-style and culture, as well as giving him the opportunity to quickly view my work surroundings. Also at ICOP '90 for the first time I met other Australian ophthalmic photographers, as the vast distances between cities here do not exactly encourage meeting each other.

December 1990 saw me returning to America for three and a half months to participate in a field study being conducted by the Johns Hopkins Hospital. This study was concerned with cataract formation in watermen on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay and the experience I gained was invaluable. The friendships, old and new, made me feel totally at home; this created the desire for other overseas photographers to enjoy similar opportunities as those offered to me - thus instigating this correspondence.

So I would encourage other ophthalmic photographers to try to put some money aside to travel and take advantage of what the OPS has to offer. The benefits are obvious in terms of possibilities for broadening career experiences and providing a friendly medium through which another country can be viewed. I would also like to reciprocate and show my thanks by extending a warm, personal welcome to all members wishing to visit Australia - I am sure some other Australian peers would enjoy meeting you.

ANTON DREW, CRA
Adelaide, South Australia

OPS Chicago Chapter
July Meeting

The July Meeting of the O.P.S. Chicago Chapter was held at the Evanston Hospital. Our host for the evening was Andrew Wheeler, C.R.A. The program consisted of a short lecture by Jon Ruderman, M.D., Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Northwestern University, on his research into Optic Nerve Measurement and a demonstration of his image digitizing system.

The second part of the program was given by Dennis Dowell, M.S., the Product Manager and Director of Imaging for Nidek, Inc. Mr. Dowell gave a presentation on the Nidek 3Dg Simultaneous Stereo Fundus Camera followed by an opportunity for the meeting attendees to use the camera with dilated subjects.

The entire chapter thanks Andrew Wheeler, Jon Ruderman, and Dennis Dowell for their participation in this meeting.

September Meeting

The September Meeting of the O.P.S. Chicago Chapter was held at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. Our host for the evening was Elsa Dennis, O.D., C.R.A. The meeting was held in conjunction with the S.O.M.A.C., the Society of Ophthalmic Medical Assistants in Chicago. Our program for the evening was presented by Maurice Rabb, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, Mercy Hospital. His presentation was on the descriptive interpretation of Fluorescein Angiograms. Dr. Rabb discussed the stages of fluorescein circulation, pseudo, auto, hyper, and hypo fluorescence, and their significance. He then demonstrated window defects, pooling, staining, and filling defects, and how to determine which was occurring. The program was concluded with unusual ocular manifestations of AIDS, and a comparison of several tumors as seen in the eye.

ALAN FROHLICHSTEIN, C.R.A. • President • Chicago Chapter
Dear Editor,

In the April/May 1991 OPS newsletter, there is a notice regarding the availability of ophthalmic films from Main Line Foto. I recently purchased 50 rolls of Tri-X from Main Line Foto, and was surprised to find that the frame numbers run from 1 through 44. When it is repackaged in 36 exposure cassettes, it is unlikely that the first frame will be number 1 in fact that has happened only once in the 14 rolls I have used thus far. The frame numbers on the fluorescein angiograms start at a random number, proceed to 44, then start over at 0 or 1 in the middle of the study. While Main Line Foto claims to have over 2,000 newspaper customers without any such complaints, I find this incorrect frame numbering to be annoying, and it detracts from the accuracy of the angiogram. Furthermore it could be confusing to someone other than the person who processed the angiogram.

I appreciate the Newsletter's new product information. However, I do think the readers should be alerted to the fallacy in this particular product.

DALE W. CHAPMAN, C.R.A.

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VIDEOS

Basic Fundus Photography and fluorescein Angiography

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BOOKS RELEVANT TO OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY

2. TEXTBOOK OF OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY, Don Wong, R.B.P., F.O.P.S., Inter-Optics Publications, Inc., 222 Centennial Blvd., 90 Bagby Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209
3. OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY (Ophthalmic Technical Skills Series), J. Michael Coppening, M.A., CRA, Mark Maio, Kirby Miller, CRA, Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086
4. CLINICAL SLIT LAMP BIOMICROSCOPY AND PHOTO SLIT LAMP BIOMICROGRAPHY, Csaba L. Martonyi, F.O.P.S., C.O.P.R.A., Charles F. Bahn, MD, Roger F. Meyer, MD, Time One Ink, Ltd., Box 4477, Arcade Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48106
5. THE OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL ASSISTANT, 5th ED.; Harold A. Stein, M.D., M.Sc. (Ophth), F.R.C.S. (C), Bernard J. Slatt, MD, F.R.C.S. (C), Raymond M. Stein, MD, F.R.C.S. (C), The C.V. Mosby Co., P.O. Box 28430, St. Louis, MO 63146
6. OPHTHALMIC TECHNOLOGY, Stephen J. Rhode, COT, Stephen P. Ginsberg, MD, Raven Press, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10036
7. ATLAS OF SLIT LAMP PHOTOGRAPHY, Ernst-Martin Meyner, MD, Ferdinand Enke Verlag, Stuttgart, Germany.
Professional Opportunities

Ophthalmic Photographer: Growing retinal practice in southeast Missouri desires full time retinal photographer. Responsibilities include fundus photography, fluorescein angiography, black and white processing and printing and E6 slide processing. Excellent interpersonal communication skills and technical ability essential for the position. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume to: Stephanie Kasten, Cape Retinal Surgery Center, 19 Doctor's Park, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or call (314) 335-3577.

Ophthalmic Photographer: Experienced, full time for Retinal practice located in Southeast. Please send replies to the editor.

Certified COT or COMT: Includes refractometry, visual fields, A-scans, etc. in busy university setting. Photography experience preferred, but not required. Contact Jean Denham at (612) 625-4677 or send resumes to: Department of Ophthalmology, University of Minnesota, Box 493 UMHC, Minneapolis, MN 55455. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Classified Marketplace

For Sale: Canon 60S with table. Best offer. Contact: Ocular Images, Inc. P.O. Box 1594, Highland Park, IL 60035

For Sale: Zeiss Photo Slit lamp. Upgraded with new power supply. Contact: same as above. $9950 or best offer.


OPS ADVERTISING STRUCTURE

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- **Positions Desired**: Space available for members looking for positions - No charge to OPS members.
- **Educational Resources**: Meetings, Courses, Books and Certification information relevant to Ophthalmic Photography - No charge.

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