"Thank You, Thank You, Thank You"

Thanks to everyone (coordinators, moderators, on-site volunteers and attendees) for making the 22nd Annual meeting an overwhelming success! Thanks to Ben Szirth for helping as Co-Chair and for moderating Emerging Technologies. Thanks to Denise Cunningham and Paula Morris for planning an impressive Educational Program. Thanks to Paul Montague who took care of pre-meeting and on-site registration. Thanks to Bill Shields and Jeff Sobel for moderating informative Paper Sessions. Thanks to Susette Weiss for organizing and executing the A.V. Thanks to Paul Larson and Brad Clifton who procured, assembled and broke down the workshop equipment. Thanks to Jim Gilman for organizing room monitors and A.V. volunteers. Thanks to Bruce Busse and Ray Swords who organized and set up our annual displays at the AAO and the Registration Area. Thanks to all of our Lecture and Workshop Faculty, to our informative Paper Session Presenters and onsite Volunteers. A special thanks to those members (you know who you are) who worked in the "background", or who lent moral support.

A final thank you to the Attendees and the OPS Membership who support this important educational opportunity each year!

Patrick J. Saine, M.Ed., CRA
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Stereo Slide Division

Best of Show
Brad C. Clifton
Retinal Detachment
Fundus Photography

Retinal Angiogram
1st  Brad C. Clifton
2nd  Brad C. Clifton
HM   John L. Johnson

Anterior Segment Angiogram
HM   Dennis R. Cain

Fundus Photography
1st  Brad C. Clifton
2nd  Bill McMichael
HM   Brad C. Clifton

Gonio Photography
1st  Csaba L. Martonyi
2nd  Csaba L. Mortonyi
HM   Jay Forman

Slit Lamp Photography
2nd  John L. Johnson
HM   Debbie Adams

External Photography
1st  Bill McMichael
2nd  Alan Campbell
HM   Patrick J. Saine

Gross Specimen
1st  Patrick J. Saine
HM   Mark Croswell

Monochromatic
HM   Dennis R. Cain

Special Effects
HM   George Weir

Print Division

Retinal Angiogram
1st  Eileen Pierce
2nd  Ditte J. Hesse
HM   Mark Croswell

Anterior Segment Angiogram
1st  Keith Addicks
2nd  Michael Bono
HM   Michael Bono

Fundus 20
1st  Csaba L. Martonyi
2nd  Kenneth Julian
HM   Brad C. Clifton

Fundus 30
1st  Karen Ann Klima
2nd  Marshall E. Tyler
HM   Dennis Zukosky

Fundus Wide Angle
1st  Thomas P. Link
2nd  Jay A. Rostvold
HM   Victor S. Bruce

Slit Lamp
1st  Antonio V. Cubillas
2nd  Louise M. Carr
HM   Jay A. Rostvold

External
1st  Keith Addicks
2nd  Patrick J. Saine
HM   Patrick J. Saine

Gross Specimen
1st  Brad C. Clifton
2nd  Karen A. Klima
HM   Karen A. Klima

Monochromatic
2nd  Brad C. Clifton
HM   Lawrence M. Merin

Surgical
1st  Antonio V. Cubillas
2nd  Mark Croswell
HM   Mark Croswell

Special Effects
1st  Jeff Felkey
2nd  James P. Gilman
HM   R. Michael Clark

Corneal Endothelium
HM   Mark Croswell

Instrumentation
1st  Tracy Nichols
2nd  Walter Wipplinger
HM   Chris Barry

Clinical Setting
1st  Michael Bono
2nd  Chris Barry

Gonio Photography
2nd  Steven Blum
HM   Thomas P. Link

Generally:

60% of the things we worry about cannot be changed.
20% of the things we worry about never happen.
12% of the things we worry about are health oriented.
8% of the things we worry about are legitimate.
OPS Issues

Thank, Emery

During the Annual meeting in Anaheim, at the completion of his three year term on the OPS Board of Education, Emery Billings resigned as Chairman of the Board. The BOE is saddened by the prospect of not having Emery’s guidance and leadership, but also delighted for Emery that he will have more free time to spend with friends and family.

While serving on the Board of Certification, Emery was on the Education Committee, and acted as Education Chairman for several Annual and Mid-Year meetings. When the Board of Education was formed, Emery was the obvious choice to lead the fledgling group. He developed the BOE into a thriving educational component capable of producing quality programs. From the beginning, he guided the BOE with wisdom, tact, encouragement and humor. Emery set the standard for integrity that the rest of us have tried to or are trying to meet in serving the OPS.

While he has served the Society in various capacities, including serving on the BOD and BOC, we believe his efforts in establishing and inspiring the Board of Education are his greatest contribution.

Emery has promised that he will continue to attend and participate in OPS meetings, and share his knowledge and expertise as requested. We are confident that wherever we hold educational programs, he will be there supporting our efforts, and the local golf courses.

Thanks Emery.

How Do You Get Your Feet Wet???

How do you get the opportunity to show your speaking and teaching abilities to OPS members?

The best way is to make a presentation at one of the Society’s scientific papers sessions, “Emerging Technologies” or the “Instrumentation” session. Your paper can demonstrate your education, organization and public speaking skills, and can be a beneficial way for you to share your knowledge and expertise with your peers. This is an excellent way to show your interest in the educational pursuits of the Society, and it can be a great first step towards taking on more education responsibilities at future meetings.

So take the plunge - respond to the call for papers for the next Annual meeting!

International Members Take Note

The Board of Certification is considering conducting a (CRA) Certified Retinal Angiographer Examination in conjunction with the 1994 International Meeting in Toronto. Mark Maio has volunteered to host the examination at his facility in Buffalo, New York. The board is presently looking into the feasibility of offering such an examination. Photographers interested in this proposed examination please contact:

Jamie Nicholl, COPRA
GSDL - Wills Eye Hospital
900 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 10107

Did You Know…

The following tip was submitted by Jeff Jacobs, CRA. Jeff is a photographer at Eye Specialists of Nebraska in Hastings, Nebraska. Thanks for the tip Jeff!

Many patients do not have the central vision to see fixation targets that are on our cameras and other ophthalmic equipment. One suggestion is to ask the patient to look in the direction of where your voice is coming from. A second idea is to take the patient’s hand and move it to where you want them to look. They may not see the fixation light on the camera but they know where their finger is and can look in that direction. You may have to hold it there, or have something to rest their arm on. I often resort to these secondary fixation targets and find them very useful in directing patient gaze.

Jeff also has a request of OPS members…

Help! I am trying to put together a schedule of costs associated with producing a Fluorescein Angiogram. I would appreciate information from anyone who could help. Please tell me what your average 1991 costs are for producing one FA with one paper print. Assume camera and darkroom equipment last seven years (do not include cost of financing or depreciation). Please include the number of FA’s performed per year and which category of provider your lab falls under: independent contractor, solo practice, group practice, hospital large institution. Feel free not to disclose names or locations. Please include all material costs, but exclude overhead costs such as lights, electricity, space, etc. Personnel costs need to be shown separately from materials costs. Please send info to:

Jeff Jacobs, CRA
Eye Specialists of Nebraska
2115 N. Kansas
Hastings, NE 68901

Thank you all in advance. I will report the results of this survey as soon as I have it tabulated.
Professional Opportunities

Certified Retinal Angiographer: Lansing Ophthalmology, PC has an immediate need for a CRA to join a busy practice. The qualified candidate would join a ten physician group in Lansing, Michigan. Specialties within this practice include: Plastics, Retinal and Corneal Surgery. Currently recruiting a Vitreous Retinal surgeon. Responsibilities include Fundus, FAs, External and black and white processing. Candidate would also have a major role in organizing the formal photography dept. in new facility that is under construction. Please send resume to: Lansing Ophthalmology PC, c/o Mike J. Severs, 1200 Michigan Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823.


Internship Desired: Ophthalmic Photography position prior to seeking full time employment desired to provide RIT student concentrating in ophthalmic photography an opportunity to work in professional medical setting. Knowledge of anatomy, fundus, FAs, SL and XT. Very outgoing and self motivated with excellent patient skills and technical training. Send information to: Jill Lourie, 485 Averill Ave., Rochester NY 14607 or call (716) 461-9492.

Summer Internship: Needed for RIT students Summer '92. If you can offer RIT students work completing their specialty in ophthalmic photography, contact: Michael Peres, RDT, Chairperson, School of Biomedical Photographic Communications, RIT P.O. Box 9887, Rochester, NY 14623-0887.

Classified Marketplace

Wanted: If you have an old model Zeiss photo slit lamp that you would like to donate or sell to the OPS for use in educational workshops, please contact Mark Maio, (716) 898-3940.

For Sale: Zeiss FF3 Fundus Camera. Complete outfit, very clean. $10,000. (818) 574-5810.

For Sale: Kowa RC-2 Fundus camera hand-held. Like new condition with 35 mm back and standard power pack, case $2,250. Lamar Paris, P.O. box 928, Blairsville, GA 30512, (404) 745-5485 day or night.

New Phone Number:

Patrick J. Saine, M.Ed, CRA
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(608) 282-2180

Deadline for next newsletter: February 1, 1992

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The Newsletter is currently searching for an Assistant Editor. If you would like to participate in the publication of the OPS Newsletter, please contact the Editor.

Colleen Eardley Mulder
Grand Rapids Ophthalmology

Address, Name or Certification Changes???

Contact Jim Stoutenburg immediately to be assured the directory listing is updated. Only you can change the listing. Send changes to:

Jim Stoutenburg
OPS
3632 Blaine Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 773-0915

Opportunities

The slate of candidates is being compiled for the 1992 elections. We are searching for individuals interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We would like to see some new faces involved in the Society. We often hear the complaint that the same people are always running the Society.

An election is the opportunity for YOU to become involved. Send a letter stating your interest TODAY!

Colleen Eardley Mulder
Nominations Chairperson
Grand Rapids Ophthalmology
750 East Beltline, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Dallas '92 Classifieds

Do you wish to impact the educational program for the Dallas National Meeting?

Exciting opportunities await you at dynamic, non-profit educational society. We're looking for sincere individuals with good work habits who wish to contribute their talents!

GREAT BENEFITS!
(of the feel-good kind)

Participants needed for the following positions:

VOLUNTEERS: ground floor opportunity for new members, or previously inactive members who wish to become more involved. Many rewarding positions available.

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS: Basic Fundus, Slit-Lamp Biomicroscopy, Specular, Goniography, and Videography. Teaching experience preferred, but not exclusionary. Good management and strong communication skills are desired!

NEW COURSE DESIGNERS: Energetic, creative, self-motivated individuals with new ideas for educational courses wanted. Need not be a previous OPS program speaker to apply. Course abstract a must!

Deadline for applications: February 7, 1992

Apply by letter or telephone to:

Denice Barsness, CRA, COT
Educational Chairman
Dallas '92 National Meeting
2309 Olivegate Lane
San Jose, CA 95136
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