Hi Y'All!
Greetings from the Educational Chair.

Grab your saddles and dust off your spurs - things are jumping down in Texas in anticipation of the 23rd Annual OPS Educational Program.

This year promises to be as lively as a hen on a hot griddle. In addition to our usual outstanding selection for beginning, intermediate and advanced students, this year will feature some unique courses I think you will enjoy.

Those with the entrepreneurial spirit should check out "Various Experiences in Different Types of Ophthalmic Photography Businesses" - a group presentation which will feature some very enlightening discussion!

Sharpen your interactive skills with "The Ophthalmic Photographer's Guide to Personal Image Enhancement". The ever popular "Professional Advancement Forum" has been restructured into a roundtable format to allow more direct access to the participants' area of interest. For answers of a more technical nature, look for the "Ophthalmic Photography Problems Clinic" for experienced troubleshooting.

Interested in public speaking? "Can We Talk?: Tips for Successful Slide Presentations" will share insider tips from the pros. Play "The Jeopardy Game" and test your ability to name and describe ocular anatomical landmarks and common diseases.

Computerphiles will enjoy "Developing a Database for Ophthalmic Photographs" and "Indocyanine Green Videography: The Greening of Ophthalmic Photography?"

The workshop sessions will offer many diverse opportunities to get your hands on Slit-Lamp Biomicrography equipment. This year will feature a full day of Black and White Developing and Printing sessions, utilizing skilled darkroom specialists.

Trot on down to the corral and join us in the education rodeo...

Denice Barsness, CRA, COT

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Annual Meeting News

Join fellow OPS members in Dallas from November 7 - 11 for the 23rd Annual OPS Educational Program. The Annual Meeting Team is gearing up for a truly tremendous meeting!

Paper Sessions
Discover the newest instrumentation at Ben Szirth's "Emerging Technologies Paper Session". Learn the latest techniques and tricks at Jeff Sobel's "Free Paper Session". The newest paper session premieres on Sunday night: George Weir will host "International Perspectives in Ophthalmic Photography".

Instructional Courses
A review of this year's educational program will reveal the innovative approach Denice Barness and Rhonda Curtis have taken. There are more new courses and new instructors than we've ever seen before.

Participate
Your chance to volunteer at the meeting is just a phone call away. Brad Clifton (equipment set-up), and George Weir (room and AV monitors) are looking for (quite) a few good people to help during the meeting. Give them a buzz.

Don't forget to send your best work to: Bruce Busse (stereo slides), Ditte Hess (prints), and Randy Verdick (videotapes).

Registration
Be sure to pre-register with Paul Montague before October 16. Additional registration materials are available from Pat Saine.

Many Thanks...
...to the members who have contacted me to Volunteer for Room Monitoring and to assist with projectors at the Dallas meeting.

We still need some more names. Don't be shy! Help make Dallas a success. Call or write to:

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325-A Kennedy Memorial Drive
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Business: (207) 873-2731 or (207) 873-6021 ext. 383
Home: (207) 764-4042

In the beginning there was only space...
...a great, vast and open space...
...needing to be filled so that all who would come could be enlightened. Be part of the "making of a workshop". Volunteers are needed to help set-up and tear-down equipment for the Educational Workshops at the OPS Annual Meeting in Dallas. If you would like to help please contact:

Brad C. Clifton
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Seattle, Washington 98195
(206) 543-4443

Personal Photography Salon Planned for Next Annual Meeting
Many of us do photography as an art form outside of our jobs and have discussed getting together during the annual meeting to show our photographs to one another. Last year in Anaheim, we had our second exhibit of personal work and an evening together where we discussed photography and our reasons for doing it outside of work. We learned from and about one another and had a good time, so once again we have reserved a meeting room in the hotel during the annual meeting. The date, time and room will be listed in the annual program. Stereo projection will be available for anyone using that format. If you are interested in participating or showing your photographs, please send me your name, address, and phone number, so I can keep you informed.

Mark Maio, FOPS
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10 Good Reasons
To Attend the 23rd Annual
OPS Educational Program

1. Learn the latest techniques.
2. Network with colleagues.
3. Prepare for certification exams.
4. Collect continuing Education Credits.
5. Participate in hands-on workshops.
7. Polish your photographic skills.
8. Share your clinical experiences.
9. Investigate the newest in instrumentation.
10. Come to learn - and join the fun!

Patrick J. Saine, M.Ed., CRA
Annual Meeting News (cont'

By now many of you have received the program for the 23rd Meeting in Dallas. Some of you have noticed the first annual Swap Meet for Tuesday, Nov. 10th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. I thought a brief explanation might be in order. The idea here is to provide an opportunity to clean your photographic shelves (ophthalmic or otherwise) of stuff you don't want and replace it with things you do want. The OPS is only providing the space, and does not assume ownership or responsibility of anything brought to the swap meet. It is further assumed that anything brought, sold, or traded is yours to buy, sell, or trade.

The way I see the Swap Meet working is for people to bring the item(s) or perhaps a photograph of each item. Table and bulletin board space will be provided. Buyers and sellers then start to haggle. Pricing decisions are yours, but remember that as long as an item is on your shelf, its value is zero. I will be available to assist people as needed.

If you can't make it to the Swap Meet, please feel free to send a photograph with a description to me. This would include a phone or address, whether you want to trade or sell, and the price. DO NOT send the actual item. The photograph and description will not be altered or edited, so send it the way you want it displayed.

Hopefully bargains will abound.

Jeffrey A. Sobel
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Kathryn D. Fairman Earns Photo Award

Kathryn D. Fairman, CRA, Senior Ophthalmic Photographer at Retina Associates in Jacksonville, FL, has earned an award for one of her photographs from the Biological Photographic Association (BPA). The photograph was entered in the Professional Exhibition held in conjunction with BIOCOMM '92, the Association's annual international meeting, held July 31 - August 7 in Portland Oregon.

Ms. Fairman received a Second Place award in the Ophthalmic category for her print "Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachment."

She is a Certified Retinal Angiographer (CRA).
Professional Opportunities

Position Desired: Seeking full time position as an Ophthalmic Photographer/special procedure technician-angiographer. Ten years experience in research and clinical settings, most recently with multi-specialty group practice. Proficient with FAs, SL, XT and fundus photography, ultrasound, specular microscopy and processing. Prefer position with a Mid-West university eye department or group large enough to permit continuing education. Would relocate for career or family setting. Please call (319) 391-8018.

Coordinator of Technical Training: Lansing Ophthalmology PC is seeking a COT/COMT to function as Coordinator. The main responsibility will be the clinical training for all areas of a group practice (10 Ophthalmologists). The qualified candidate will have two years of management experience and professional manner. Please contact Mike J. Severs, (517) 337-1668 or forward resume to: Lansing Ophthalmology PC, 1200 Michigan Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823. Attn: Mike J. Severs.

Grand Rapids Ophthalmology is seeking an individual to perform technical responsibilities in their progressive nine physician practice. Desire candidate with mature, positive, professional attitude. Ability to function as a Technician with experience in advanced procedures desired. Photography experience very beneficial but not mandatory. Please send resume to: Director of Diagnostic Services, GR Ophthalmology, 750 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Certified Ophthalmic Photographer: Excellent opportunity in ophthalmology department of large rapidly growing Southern California multi-specialty medical group network. Seeking responsible self-motivated professional to perform fluorescein angiography. Certification and experience required. Must have knowledge of limited camera and laser maintenance. Some limited equipment transportation required between sites. We offer good compensation and a full benefits package, including medical, dental and retirement plans. Send resume to: Pacific Physician Services, Family Medical Group of San Antonio, Attn: Office Manager, 1113 Alta, Suite 120, Upland, CA 91786.

Ophthalmic Photographer: Needed for coastal Florida practice. Must be experienced in FAs. Individual would be involved in all photographic and technical aspects of office. Please send CV and salary requirements to: Marriane, The Retina Institute of Florida, 901 North Flager Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

 Classified Marketplace

For Sale: 3 Allen Stereo Separators $200.00 ea., 1 Polaroid attachment for Zeiss fundus camera $500.00, 1 "Retinacam" power supply, eyepiece head and ignition unit $1,500.00. (818) 574-5810

For Sale: Zeiss photo slit lamp. Last of the "classic" old style with the new power supply. Excellent condition. Contact Mark Maio, (716) 898-3940.

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Deadline for next newsletter: OCTOBER 1, 1992
OPS Issues

"There is properly no history,
only biography. . .
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Where were you in 1969?, 1975?, 1980? . . . Do you have a story to tell? The Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society Historical Committee wants you!

A compilation of the history of the Society is being prepared for the 1994 Silver Anniversary of the OPS. Your contribution to this living document will bear witness to the evolution of our profession and the role of the Society in its recognition by the ophthalmic community.

I am appealing to all members with a desire to contribute to this very extensive project. Only the diversity of our collective memories will serve to create a complete, accurate document.

Narrative recordings will be conducted at the Dallas Annual meeting. Won’t you make arrangements to meet with the committee and provide your perspective?

Contact:
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Just a Reminder. . .

Brochures for the “TECHNIQUES FOR PHOTOGRAPHING THE LENS” Educational Program have been mailed to all Southwest regional OPS members.

This one day didactic program will be held in Houston, Texas, on Friday, September 11, 1992.

Any OPS member outside the Southwest region who wishes to receive a brochure should contact:

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Advanced Topics Provide Unique Educational Experience in Santa Barbara

From June 6th-20th, experienced ophthalmic photographers from around the country gathered in Santa Barbara for the 1992 OPS Mid-Year Educational Program held in collaboration with the Brooks Institute of Photography. As promised, Joe Warricki had designed a program loaded with a wide variety of photographic topics; some new to the participants, and some presenting more detailed investigation of subjects near and dear to the hearts of ophthalmic photographers. A unique blend of industrial photographers and imaging specialists as well as OPS members comprised the diverse faculty. The result was five days packed with lectures, workshops, bus rides, walks on the beach, Thai food, California sun, and FUN.

Special thanks go to the Brooks Institute of Photography for their great generosity in hosting the workshops; and especially to Jim Beckett who dazzled us with Astral photography, entertained us with Infra-red and Schlieren Field photography, and got us wet doing Stop-action photography. What would we have done without Tony Corbell who made the whole collaboration with Brooks possible? And what would Tony or anyone else at Brooks do without Norma Santoyo?

We are especially grateful to Sally Robson of Eastman Kodak who is steadfast in her support of all OPS educational programs, providing us with Martin Scott and Charles Alschul as Kodak sponsored speakers, as well as with financial support. We also appreciate the support given to this meeting by Kowa Optomed; and the good will and spirit of adventure exhibited by all the companies that participated in the Electronic Imaging Workshop.

Of course the greatest success of this meeting lies with our own OPS faculty, their expertise in our field, and their dedication to educating ophthalmic photographers. Thank you to Joe Warricki for his inspiration and hard work, Marshall Tyler for being the Renaissance Man, Kirby Miller for his brilliance and wit, Paul Montague for keeping us all in line, Brother William Nyberg for his inspiring performances, Mark Evans for his knowledge and humor, and Steve Burns, PhD, and Paul Zimmerman, MD, for offering us greater depth of understanding of the science of Ophthalmology.

Finally, thanks to all the attendees who joined us for this unique educational opportunity to explore beyond the basics of ophthalmic photography!

Paula F. Morris, CRA, FOPS
Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology's 1992 Scientific Meeting

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology was held July 10 and 11, 1992 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This physicians meeting offered an interesting mix of educational presentations, scientific papers, and workshops. The OPS Informational Booth was on display during the meeting and two of our members, both on the OPS Board of Education, exhibited scientific posters.

Denise Cunningham, CRA, and her colleagues at Penn State, reported the results of their clinical research, "Changes in Vital Signs During Fluorescein Angiography." Joe Warnicki and his co-authors from Pittsburgh's Eye and Ear Institute presented their "Assessment of Retinal Arterial-Venous Transit Time in Human Retinal Vascular Disease."

Gary Miller Earns Photo Awards

Photographs by Gary Miller, CRA, Ophthalmic Photographer at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, have received awards from the Biological Photographic Association (BPA). The awards were given for entries in the Professional Exhibition held in conjunction with BIOCOMM '92, the Association's annual international meeting. The meeting will be held July 31 - August 7 in Portland, Oregon.

Miller's photograph "Synechiae" earned a First Place Award in the Ophthalmic Slide category. Miller also received an Honorable Mention for his clinical slide "Shotgun Pellet Trauma."

Report on July 11, 1992
Penn State/OPS Specular Microscopy Meeting

Adrienne Danks, COT, Elaine Crammer, COA, Virginia Eyrich, COT, and Tim Bennett, COPRA. Joyce Zeiber, COMT is seated.

Penn State's Department of Ophthalmology hosted the July 11, 1992 OPS meeting, "Specular Microscopy: It's More Than Just Counting Cells," in Hershey, PA. An all Pennsylvania faculty, featuring lecturers Drs. George Rosenwasser and Robert Notz, and COPRA Jamie Nicholl educated and entertained the students with presentations on the anatomy and pathology of the corneal endothelium, clinical use of the specular microscope, and case presentations.

The workshop instructors, Bill Nyberg, RBP, CRA, Tim Bennett, COPRA, and Denise Cunningham, CRA, COA were also all from the Keystone State. Students, on the other hand, were from both Pennsylvania and Maryland with an interesting mix of ophthalmic assistants, technicians, technologists, eye bank technicians, working ophthalmic photographers, and a biomedical photography student.

A variety of contact and non-contact specular microscopes were available for hands-on training. All participants learned that cell counting was only one type of useful information obtained when performing specular microscopy. It truly is "...more than just counting cells."