28th Annual Educational Program in San Francisco

From the weather to the food, the education to the social activities—it would be difficult to put a negative spin on the 1997 Educational Program in San Francisco. Well, maybe the city is a little taxi-cab-challenged.

Whether you chose to spend some free time bicycling around the hilly bay area, visiting museums or exploring Chinatown for dim sum, there certainly was no end to choices. But for those with little free time for recreation, the rewards were equally plentiful from an education program that was up to the task.

The Saturday morning Scientific Session of stimulating viewpoints and technical insights set the stage for this five day event. As to the afternoon, the dozen lecture courses satisfied everyone’s quest for knowledge that day. And what better way to cap off such a first day than to have a banquet that offered a look at some of the best images in the field of ophthalmic photography, while recognizing those who produced them.

The following day, with its broad assortment of basic to advanced lectures, unwound with a cruise of the bay. Three hours of beautiful views of the city and passing through the “gate” with food, drink and friends should prove to be long lasting memories for all on board. The drawings and giveaways were a lot of fun too, and no one overboard—that we know of.

Monday and Tuesday were the days to get down to the nitty gritty of some real hands-on, and discover some new talents. Whether learning the idiosyncrasies of a new technique or piece of equipment, or looking to solve problems from the home office, the opportunities were there, in the forest of equipment and with a great gang of instructors.

This most rewarding aspect of the program continued throughout the next day and even included a bit of proprietary spices for those in need of more specific equipment tips.

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Both full workshop/lecture days did not just end with the last class however. They ended with extremely stimulating venues.

The International Symposium led by the friendly camaraderie of Dr. Lawrence Yanuzzi contained enlightening statistics and insights and some of the most beautiful angiography images imaginable from Dr. Kiocchi Shimizu. What a great way to see the heights to which these skills have been taken, both historically and in these 1990s.

In another vein (oh no), was the “Controversial Nineties,” a standing room only gathering dealing with some of the harsher realities of the trade. It was an engaging exercise on what being a professional in this field might mean to some. The need for being open to change was well illuminated, certainly providing food for thought while packing for the trip home and for possible future discussions. After all, with over 1200 of us out there, even without the above experience, there must be a lot more ideas in need of discussion. I can’t wait ‘til New Orleans.

John DuBois, CRA
Editor

“Thanks!
We Couldn’t have Done it Without YOU!”

The Random House definition of cliche is: “A trite, stereotyped expression that has lost originality and impact by overuse.”

To some people, the above headline could be deemed a cliche. But, when it comes to the OPS Annual Educational Program that took place in San Francisco, no other words or expressions truly convey our appreciation for all the hard work and commitment that went into making the meeting a success. The Annual program can only take place by virtue of the strong team work of experienced old timers and enthusiastic newcomers. That describes this year’s meeting team perfectly. The contributions of everyone involved in producing the entire OPS Annual Meeting cannot be overstated. It was a wonderful experience to work with such dedicated OPS members who devoted their time and efforts to making the 1997 educational program a high quality education experience.

Though I am in danger of inadvertently overlooking some hardworking folks, I’d like to give special thanks to the following:

THANKS to each and every lecturer and instructor, physician and photographer, who contributed their time and expertise to producing the most ambitious, state-of-the-art educational program to date. We appreciate all that you did.

THANKS to the entire Board of Education who engineered all of the educational programs for the OPS, and devoted much time to the development of the Annual Educational Program.

THANKS to J. Michael Coppinger for the firm groundwork he laid in the design and execution of this year’s meeting.

THANKS to Paul Montague for overseeing and trouble shooting all aspects of the meeting. He is a True champion, a real professional, and all around great guy.

THANKS, and thanks again to Barb McCauley for all she does to handle registration, mailings, printing, and innumerable other details that need attention. Her professionalism, common sense and good humor are blessings to the entire OPS. How did the OPS treasurer handle Annual meetings before Barb?

THANKS to the “Nixa Summit” crew: Barb, Paul, Larry Merin and Rhonda Curtis for their excellent work in breaking down the meeting production process into workable tasks.

THANKS to Bob Cavicchi for his hours of hard work and “know how” in procuring the instruments and equipment necessary for our workshops.

THANKS to Alan Frolieckstein for his hours of hard work, diplomatic skills and calm in the face of chaos while coordinating equipment on site.

THANKS to Ethan Priel for breathing new life and enthusiasm into the Scientific and Instrumentation sessions, making them some of the highlights of this year’s program.

THANKS to Randy Verdict for his expertise and patience in supervising the A/V support for the meeting under very challenging circumstances.

THANKS to Paul Paquette for his outstanding work in soliciting outside support for the OPS. The name “Golden Boy” come to mind.

THANKS to Janice Franco-Clipston for meeting the challenge and supervising the Room Monitor crew admirably. And thanks to each and every volunteer for their dedication to the task.

THANKS to Brian Busse and Tim Steffens for their excellent guidance and supervision of the Print and Slide Scientific Exhibits. Their commitment to excellence is obvious, and appreciated.

THANKS to Rosario Bate for her hard work, enthusiasm and support as Education Co-Chair.

THANKS to Cindy Skattebo for her efforts in the important job of pairing up roommates. Her services help make attendance at the meeting a financial possibility for some members.

THANKS to Peter Hay and Beth Ann Benetz for their hours of work on-site in assuring the integrity of the CEC process.

THANKS to Dr. Larry Yanuzzi for his time and support in recruiting the panel of experts for the International Symposium.

THANKS to the members of all the OPS Boards who were ready to step in and perform a variety of behind the scenes tasks that facilitated the success of the meeting.

Finally, THANKS to everyone who attended! The BOE worked hard to provide a comprehensive curriculum that contained new technologies, new educational opportunities and the core standards on which our profession is built. Next year, under Rosario’s guidance, the educational program promises all that and more. See you in New Orleans!

Paula Morris, CRA, FOPS
Chair, BOE

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The Annual Angiolith and Scotchchrome Sweepstakes were drawn while afloat in the middle of the San Francisco Bay during the OPS welcoming reception cruise this year. Perhaps the only sight more beautiful than the San Francisco skyline at night might be a surprise check for $1000! To find out we will have to ask Tracy Urley. Tracy was the lucky 4th Annual Angiolith winner. She joins the good company of Gary Vagstad, Rob Wolfson and Jim Watson, who were previous winners.

Michelle D'Amico holds the distinction of being the first $500 Scotchchrome Sweepstakes winner. Although Michelle did not have the good fortune of attending the meeting this year, she was lucky enough to have her entry form picked. And, since only 25 entry forms were submitted for the Scotchchrome sweepstakes, every contestant had a great shot at winning!

Good luck to everyone next year!
Congratulations New CRAs

The Board of Certification is pleased to publish the names of new Certified Retinal Angiographers from the 1997 examinations.

Rachelle D. Benner
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The BOC, along with all Society members, congratulate these individuals for their hard work and success in achieving certification. Anyone interested in certification should refer to page 6 of this newsletter for 1998 examination schedule and contact:

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Tina D. Bueltel, Topeka, KS
Anna M. Cambron, East Lansing, MI
Carole Claybourne, Dallas, TX
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Tom Young, Des Plaines, IL
A Mover and Shaker in Michigan

One might say that Colleen Earley Mulder does everything to the "MAX" these days—Max Mulder that is! Born in May of this year, he clearly outshines (in her opinion) all of her other accomplishments. This must be some baby as Colleen's accomplishments are many.

Colleen landed at the Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Group soon after college. Initially hired as a technician, she was quickly recruited as an angiographer with the arrival of a retinal specialist. Three other subspecialties later, she found herself all around ophthalmic photographer. She earned her COT in 1985, and CRA in 1987. With the help of Colleen's photographic talents and business acumen, this practice eventually grew to 11 ophthalmologists, 4 OD's and a staff of over 150. Let's see if she grows her family so quickly!

Her many legacies at GRO include the conception and development of a full-fledged diagnostic department as well as numerous satellite offices.

She returned to school for her marketing degree several years ago. Her clinical background and marketing skills are the perfect match for both GRO and Colleen in developing outreach programs for the practice.

The perfect match is described by Colleen as her husband Steven. She snap, crackle and popped him on Halloween evening (guess which one was her costume) and he rescued her from 31 years of singleness in 1991. She's been grinning ever since (smile enhancements courtesy of Steven's talents as a dentist and loving husband).

When she had spare time both she and Steven liked to ski, eat and enjoy the good life of outdoor Michigan. Colleen even has her own mushroom hunting boots. Candle light dinners and fine wines used to be the life. This author hates to be the one to break the news that Chuck E Cheese and Happy Meals are soon to become the norm. Colleen wouldn't have it any other way....

Submitted by Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT, FOPS

Blessed be the inventor of photography! I set him above even the inventor of chloroform! It has given more positive pleasure to poor suffering humanity than anything else that has "cast up" in my time or is like to—this art by which even the "poor" can possess themselves of tolerable likenesses of their absent dear ones. And mustn't it be acting favourably on the morality of the country?

-Jane Welsh Carlyle
Scottish poet
(1801-1866)

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Misc. Bits & Pieces of News

-The BOD distributed a salary survey at the annual program to all attendees. Every respondent was eligible for a $100 cash drawing. Out of 201 responses to the survey, Andrew Hoori from Wichita, Kansas, drew the winning number #672298 and was the $100 winner! The survey results are being tabulated and will be published this Spring.

-Congratulations and welcome “a board” goes out to Tom Link, the newest member of the Board of Directors. Tom agreed to serve the remainder of Paul Montague’s At-Large Term, which was vacated when Paul took on the Vice Presidency role under a unanimous vote by the Board. The 1996 election results placed Tom next in line for the position.

-Correction: The Business Meeting Minutes Summary posted from Oct. 28, 1996 and regarding Item V - JCAHPO Committee Report should have read “There has been a proposal to realign or merge ATPO with JCAHPO. It may or may not affect the OPG’s decision to be members.”

BOC Examination Test Dates

The Board of Certification would like to announce the 1998 examination dates for becoming a Certified Retinal Angiographer (CRA).

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Please note: To apply for a CRA exam test site the following Eligibility Requirements must be met:

1. Letter of satisfactory submission of portfolio from the Portfolio Committee.
2. A letter from the employing physician or institution addressed to the Chairman of the CRA Section verifying the applicant’s employment history as a retinal angiographer for a minimum of two years.

BOD Nominating Committee Seeks New Nominees

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee, chaired by Peter Buch, CRA is currently seeking new nominations for various BOD positions in the 1998 election. All officer positions (president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary), as well as three at-large board members will be elected this year. Nominees must be active (dues paid) members of the Society. Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible for proper consideration at the BOD Mid-year Meeting scheduled in early February. Final deadline for submissions is April 15, 1998.

Anyone wishing to submit petitions for any office of the BOD should contact:
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Sometimes you can tell a large story with a tiny subject.
- Eliot Porter
Photographer (1901-1990)

BOC News

-The Board of Certification (BOC) is holding its mid-year meeting in March. If you have any agenda items for the board to consider please contact:
Terrance Tomer, CRA, FOPS
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-The BOC is actively seeking application from anyone interested in serving on the BOC. Please send a current CV and letter expressing your desire to the BOC Secretary:
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Professional Opportunities:

Manager, Ophthalmic Photography The Cleveland Clinic Eye Institute, a world class provider of ophthalmic services has an opening for a Manager, Ophthalmic Photography. The Eye Institute is in the midst of constructing a state-of-the-art 130,000 square foot outpatient facility that will house all clinical, surgical, research and educational programs.

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Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor’s degree in Health Care Administration or related field experience, and three years of experience in a health care setting managing the administrative activities for a multiple physician practice. Proficiency in all areas of ophthalmic photographic techniques required. Certification as a retinal angiographer desired.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V. Smoke free environment. Please send or fax letter of interest and resume in confidence to: Ms. Lisa Ullman, Human Resources, W27, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195 Fax: (216) 445-2182

Ophthalmic Photographer Wanted: To join large retinal practice in Western Tennessee. Good opportunity for motivated person with at least two years experience. CRA not required. Competitive benefits. Some travel (day trips) required. Send resume to: Attn: Steve Moser, CRA, Vitreoretinal Foundation, Memphis, TN 38134.

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Ophthalmic Photographer: Doheny Eye Institute has a position available immediately for an ophthalmic photographer. CRA preferred. Must be proficient in all areas of ophthalmic photography. Digital experience a plus. Contact Tracy Nichols at (213) 342-7133 or send resume to: Human Resources, Doheny Eye Medical Group, 1450 San Pablo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

1998 NEOPS CE SKI WEEKEND

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