“Outside the Frame”
INTO THE FUTURE!

Your Board of Directors just concluded its annual Winter Meeting, held this year in Memphis, Tennessee. During its 15 hours of deliberation, the Directors, with help from the Chairs of the Boards of Certification and Education, took care of regular Society business and approved a budget for the new fiscal year.

One of the more exciting activities was to forecast future trends and desired goals for the OPS. Facilitated by the Board’s own Pat Saine, this exercise was designed to focus our thinking about where we are headed as a professional organization. Pat is no stranger to this process, as he conducted a similar activity five years ago.

One of the challenges of administering an organization like the OPS is to avoid complacency. Based on feedback from our members, many facets of our programs and activities meet your current professional needs. However, without the desire to continually refine and improve what we do and represent, we will stop being relevant and may perish.

The exercise had each Director generate two short lists of projects: one that could be achieved within two years, the other in ten. These lists were then combined according to subject matter, assessed by the entire group, and a final short list of goals generated. In broad terms, the list pertained to issues of membership growth, new technologies, certification, the Journal and Newsletter, educational programs, growth of our financial reserves, and interaction between the membership and the OPS Boards.

This last item brings me to the most important reason for writing this report: please let us know YOUR ideas for future directions we should consider. Thinking about the destination makes for a more effective journey; planning for the future must be an inclusive process. Throughout our Society’s history, the most innovative and exciting ideas came from regular members who took the time to share them. Please drop me a line and let me know where you’d like the OPS to be in coming years. I promise that we’ll take a good look at your ideas!

-Lawrence M. Merin, FOPS
OPS President
Summer '99 Co-Op Program

The Biomedical Photographic Communication Program at Rochester Institute of Technology would like to invite members of the OPS to consider participating in the Co-op Program for the Summer of 1999. Students who have completed their first, second or third year of RIT’s Bio-Med. Photo Communication curriculum will be available for co-op assignments beginning in early June and continuing through August.

The Co-op program benefits both students and employers. Students are allowed the opportunity to confirm their chosen profession while gaining relevant experience. Co-op employers obtain a supply of staff coverage for special projects, employee leaves and seasonal peaks in work, create a partnership with an academic institution, and receive a fresh new perspective from an enthusiastic young professional.

Students are required to complete at least one co-op experience prior to graduating. At minimum, co-ops are eight weeks in length with the student working 35-40 hours per week. It should be noted that 95 percent of our co-op students are paid each year.

If you and your organization are interested, please contact: Lisa M. Vasature, Program Coordinator at (716) 475-5460; Fax: (716) 475-5476; or E-mail: LMVOCE@RIT.EDU.
Alternatively, please feel free to contact: Michael Peres, Chairman, RIT’s Biomedical Photographic Communications Dept. at (716) 475-2775 or mrrppph@rit.edu.

Excerpt from a Letter by Noble J. David, MD

Recently, the editors of the OPS Newsletter and Journal of Ophthalmic Photography received a letter from Dr. Noble David, Professor of Neurology and Ophthalmology at the University of Miami School of Medicine, regarding the retirement of Earl Choromokos. The following is an excerpt of his kind remarks.

"...I can say with pride that I knew him and Johnny Justice both when they were starting out. I can also say with gratitude that their energy and skills were important ingredients in my own development in the academic pursuits of ophthalmology and neurology.

In 1968 and 1969, Earl was on loan to Kuyuya Kogure, a remarkable physician and investigator from Japan who was working in Dr. Scheinberg’s laboratory. At a time when I was not very busy in my own experiments, he worked with Dr. Kogure and one day suggested that the indocyanine dye, which was used for cardiac output in humans and was known to be a very safe compound, be tried in the experiments that Dr. Kogure was doing on monkey brains. Thus, the first recording on infrared sensitive film of indocyanine images came in pictures of the surface of the monkey’s brain.

Let me emphasize that Earl Choromokos was individually and solely responsible for the idea, although the startling results in the first pictures of meningeal vessels led to a flurry of activity to further explore the use of the dye and to extend it to retinal photography. Thereafter, he worked with me on the vertically mounted Zeiss camera with which we took the first pictures of indocyanine contrast in the fundus of the human eye. It is clearly to his credit and his alone that we ever employed this substance in our experiments. I am writing these reminiscences because my earlier article about this failed to emphasize this important point of history..."
Upcoming OPS Board of Educational Programs

- **June 25, 26, & 27, 1999**: Essentials of Ophthalmic Photography hosted by Jules Stein Eye Institute (UCLA) and the Southern California Chapter of the OPS, Los Angeles, CA.
  General Chair: Paul Paquette, CRA, COMT
  Educational Chair: Lon Dowell, CRA
- **July 16, 17 & 18, 1999**: Iowa Ophthalmic Imaging Course hosted by the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
  General Chair: Paul Montague, FOPS,CRA
  Educational Chair: Randy Verdict, CRA
- **Date TBA**: Basics of Ophthalmic Photography hosted by University of Tennessee
  Educational Chair: Mark Greenwald
- **Date TBA**: CURSO - Ophthalmic Photography Basics hosted by Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
  Miami, Florida
  General Chair: Ditte Hess, FOPS, CRA

Watch for more information in next newsletters and on the OPS Web Page.

Congratulations New CRAs

The Board of Certification announces that the following individuals passed the Certified Retinal Angiographers examination in April.

Cheryl A. Mulloy - Green Bay, WI
Evelyn M. Tempel - Louisville, KY

The BOC, along with all Society members, congratulates these individuals for their hard work and success in achieving certification. Anyone interested in certification should contact:

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CRA Reminder Notice

Those (CRA) individuals who were certified or recertified in 1996, this is the third (1997-1999) and final year that your certification remains valid. Recertification packets outlining the 1999 recertification requirements have been mailed. The 1999 packet includes detailed instructions concerning the Continuing Education Credits, current CPR requirements, and current required fees. Please review your membership status (dues payments) with the membership office prior to mailing in your completed application. The OPS membership office can be reached at 1-800-403-1677.

Please check that your OPS mailing address is correct. If you do not receive a recertification packet by the end of February 1999, please contact me. Our goal is 100% recertification. Do not wait until December 1999 to address your recertification concerns. Certification is important and may someday be mandatory.

If I may be of any assistance, please call, write, fax or email me:

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OOOPPS!
Correction from OPS Newsletter Volume 28 No. 6: The photograph marked Ellen Stewart on page one was actually Linda Kelley, CRA. Our sincere apologies to both Ellen and Linda.
Professional Opportunities:
Retinal imager/ophthalmic assistant opportunity in the heart of Texas. Seeking organized responsible, self-motivated individual. Computer skills required: database management, digital archiving, hard drive maintenance. Send resume to Brian B. Berger, M.D., 3705 Medical Parkway, Ste. 410, Austin, TX or E-mail to bbbwk@aol.com.

Ophthalmic Photographer is needed at the King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital, a 263 bed western style teaching facility in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The position requires a degree in photography, 3 years of current experience, and CRA preferred. Benefits include: a tax-free salary, end-of-contract bonus; fully furnished housing/ utilities, 45 days of paid vacation with a round trip ticket back to your point of hire after six months employment, medical benefits and more. For more information contact Darlene: (800) 433-7791, KAMA Enterprises, Inc., 111 SW Fifth, Suite 2050, Portland, OR 97204; www.kamaenterprises.com

Equipment for Sale: Zeiss FF3 replacement parts: Nikon dovetail adapter rings, $170.00; Camera dovetail hanger assembly, $260.00; aux. filter holders, $135.00. Quality machining of other parts/cameras. For inquiries/illustrated parts brochure, contact Mike Gazzaway, 1673 Donlon, #207, Ventura, CA 93003 or Email: gazzaways@usa.net.

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