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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Members of the Iowa Eye Association are invited to submit abstracts for free papers on any subjects to be presented at the next annual meeting of the Iowa Eye Association in June 1990.

Interested parties should send a proposed title and brief abstract to:

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Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is February 1, 1990.

## DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD

The University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology was presented with the 1989 Distinguished Service Award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology at the Academy's recent annual meeting in New Orleans. The award was bestowed in recognition of the program's contributions to medicine in training many

excellent ophthalmologists. The University of Iowa has an international reputation for training ophthalmologists who are involved not only in patient care, but who have become leaders in academic centers around the country. Since the program was established, the department has trained 274 residents and 267 fellows.

## ACADEMY GIFT

The Iowa Academy of Ophthalmology has contributed \$10,000 to the Charles D. Phelps Memorial Fund. The fund was established in September 1989 and will be the source of an annual research award presented to a junior faculty member, fellow, or resident in the department selected by a faculty committee. The first recipient, named

on September 13, 1989, is Dr. Lee Alward, Director of the Glaucoma Service. (See story in the September 1989 issue of the Iowa Eye News.)

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# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## GRADUATING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

Three residents and one fellow will graduate from their post-graduate training programs in the department in December.

**Lee Birchansky, MD**, who is completing his residency training, will go only a short distance to join the Eye Surgeon Associates in the Quad Cities.

**Mark McCarthy, MD**, who is also completing his

residency, will begin a one-year fellowship in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**James Ruben, MD**, who is finishing a one-year fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology, will return to Northern California as pediatric ophthalmologist for the Northern California

Permanente Medical Group in Sacramento.

**Edwin Stone, MD, PhD**, who is completing his residency, will remain in the department continuing research in the Molecular Ophthalmology Laboratory until July 1. He will then begin a two-year retina fellowship here.

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## GRANTS AWARDED

Dr. Randy Kardon, Assistant Professor in Neuro-ophthalmology, and Dr. Alan Kimura, Assistant Professor in Vitreoretinal Service, have each been awarded \$5000 grants for their respective projects by the College of Medicine Research Committee. Dr. Kardon's project is entitled "Objective Pupil Perimetry." The title of Dr. Kimura's project is "Pattern Electroretinography in Benign Intracranial Hypertension." These grants are intended as seed money to aid researchers in developing projects. As the projects grow and progress, outside funding is applied for to enable their completion.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Dr. Irene E. Loewenfeld, retired Professor of Ophthalmology at Wayne State University visited the department for 3 days in September. Dr. Loewenfeld, who is a world-renowned expert on pupillary physiology, acted as a consultant to Dr. Randy Kardon and Dr. Stan Thompson on their pupillary perimetry project.

Dr. Anders Bill, an internationally acclaimed ocular physiologist, visited the department October 22-26. He is a Professor of Physiology at Uppsala University in Sweden. Uppsala University is one of the oldest universities in Europe, having been established

approximately 500 years ago. Dr. Bill consulted as a co-investigator with Dr. Sohan Hayreh on an NIH sponsored grant concerning ocular/vascular disorders. He also presented a lecture on the physiology of ocular circulation.

# COMING EVENTS

- December 6      **Lee M. Jampol, MD**, Professor & Chairman  
Retina-Vitreous, Northwestern University, Chicago
- January 10, 1990      **Richard L. Lindstrom, MD**, Clinical Professor  
Cornea/External Disease, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
- February 7      **Allan E. Kolker, MD**, Professor  
Glaucoma, Cataract, Washington University, St. Louis
- March 7      **Forrest D. Ellis, MD**, Professor  
Pediatric Ophthalmology, Indiana University, Indianapolis
- April 4      **Robert C. Kersten, MD**, Associate Clinical Professor  
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati
- April 29-May 4      ARVO
- June 7, 8, and 9      **IOWA EYE ASSOCIATION**  
Holiday Inn-Downtown

*Braley Lecture:*

**Marshall M. Parks, MD**, Clinical Professor  
Pediatric Ophthalmology, George Washington University, Washington, DC

*Guest Speakers:*

**Paul R. Lichter, MD**, Professor and Head, W.K. Kellogg Eye Center  
Glaucoma, Cataract, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Robert C. Drews, MD**, Clinical Professor  
Cataract, General Ophthalmology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

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## CONCURRENT CONFERENCES FOR NURSES AND TECHNICIANS

- December 6      Networking Session (9:30-12:00, O'Brien Library)
- January 10      To Be Announced (9:30-3:30)
- February 7      Networking Session (9:30-12:00, O'Brien Library)
- March 7      Networking Session (9:30-12:00, O'Brien Library)
- April 4      To Be Announced (9:30-3:30)



# UPDATE

## "Eye Care Provider"

Have you phoned a "colleague's" office lately? The voice at the other end puts you on hold and you get an earful. It used to be you heard inane music from a local FM station. That was bad enough, but now it's the latest information on refractive surgery or flexible intraocular lenses. God forbid a moment should be lost. You are captive. They've got you by the eyeballs and they won't let go. It's excruciating. No wonder other physicians have their secretaries do all the phoning. I've often wondered whether they purposely keep you on the line until the pitch is over, but then they come on and say "I'm sorry, I didn't know it was you." Do patients really want to be treated this way? It's an intrusion, worse than call-waiting.

Does anyone ever say "I'm an eye care provider," or is that just advertising jargon? Ophthalmologist, optometrist, optician -- it's all so confusing. "See Your Eye Care Provider" the advertisement says in bold print. That says it all. Brothers and sisters, we are losing ground. The lines of distinction are becoming fainter. We are not eye care providers, we are physicians, we are ophthalmologists. I tell you, people of River City, there's trouble, yes, we have trouble; they say they reduce eye strain, treat dyslexia and lumbago, and there is more. "Lasers cause fewer side effects than eyedrops." Yes, that is what it is coming to.

## On a cheerier note:

Alumni and friends of the Department of Ophthalmology must be among the most generous and supportive of any group within the College of Medicine and the University. Following the fall issue of the *Iowa Eye* newsletter there was an outpouring of support for the newly renovated C.S. O'Brien Learning and Resource Center and the Charles Phelps Memorial Fund. The Frederick C. Blodi Professorship now has over one million dollars and is still growing as the final pledges are completed. Your continuing support and loyalty are greatly appreciated by the faculty and staff. On behalf of all of us, many thanks. We wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday season and we are looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

*Thomas A. Weingeist*

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