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Portland Workshop a huge success !

Pacific University, College of Optometry was the host school for the 2003 AOCLE Workshop. Over 50 attendees were present at this yearly event.

Elections for Officers

Elections for AOCLE Officers for the term 2004-2006 will be held in conjunction with the annual workshop in June 2004 in California. Interested parties should contact the present chair to submit their candidature.

Dillehay & Harris honored at AAO

Sally Dillehay (CIBA) and Michael Harris (Berkeley) received the Eminent Service Award at the AAO meeting in Dallas ! Congratulations to both of you !

AOCLE Directory

The AOCLE Directory is continually updated and continues to be a valuable networking tool for AOCLE. The updated version is sent as a pdf file to all AOCLE folks and is available on the website as well. Keep checking the website for a downloadable version for Palm pilot users.

On-line symposium at RGPI

RGPI has on-line symposiums on several topics concerning RGP lenses. You can obtain an e-mail reminder for these symposia, so check them out at;

www.rgpli.org/chat.htm

Students & Residents

Are your students and residents in touch with what's new in the CL field ? How do they keep updated ? Are they signed

up to receive electronic newsletters ? Many resources are available such as CL Today, RGPI newsletter and on-line symposium and of course this newsletter. Many more are available, maybe there are some that other educators do not know about. Let us know about them !

Meeting Schedule

So many meetings, so little time ! How can we better organize our time ? We have attempted to make a schedule of upcoming CL-related meetings for the next year as part of the AOCLE newsletter. If we forgot an important meeting, let us know !

Plans are underway for 2004 Workshop

The folks at SCCO are busy planning the next AOCLE workshop scheduled for June 3-6 2004. A tentative agenda is included.

From the chair



Welcome to the current edition of the AOCLE Newsletter. If one accepts the saying "information is power", this association's ability to keep us all periodically updated through this newsletter is indeed powerful. Our thanks again to Etty Bitton for all of her work spearheading its publication.

The opportunity to share ideas among contact lens educators is at the very heart of what AOCLE endeavors to be. When educators and representatives from our industry supporters gather in Southern California this June at our next workshop, much learning and sharing will occur both in and out of the formal presentations and workshop sessions. We know these annual workshops have benefited us all greatly, and we are indebted to our great corporate sponsors for recognizing the value of the workshops as well.

In addition to having an interesting, informative and all around great program planned, our colleagues at SCCO have also guaranteed less rain than occurred during their last time hosting the workshop. I look forward to seeing many of you in sunny southern California. Until then, I hope your start to 2004 is enjoyable and rewarding.

Best regards,

Neil Pence

2002-2004 Officers

Elections for new AOCLE officers were held at the annual business meeting, held in conjunction with the annual workshop in New York City (June 2002). New Officers for the 2002-2004 term are;



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2003 Workshop Highlights from Pacific

The AOCLE annual workshop was held in Portland, Oregon on May 28 to June 2, 2003. Our hosts were the folks at Pacific University, College of Optometry and Program coordinators included Peter Bergenske, Jenny Smythe and Pat Caroline. We wish to thank our hosts for well organized and rewarding workshop.



As part of the activities, attendees were shown around the Forest Grove campus including its academic and clinical setting. Of particular interest was the contact lens clinic. Every school-college is faced with the challenges of large contact lens inventory within a limited storage space.

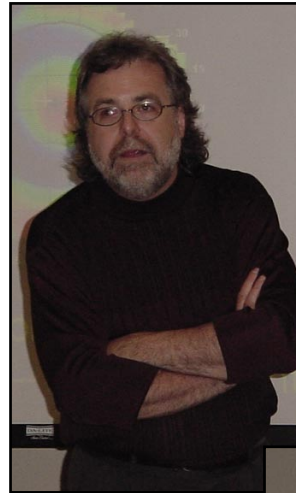


It is very valuable to see how other schools deal with these similar challenges in a creative way. Clinic tours remain a valuable aspect of these workshops.

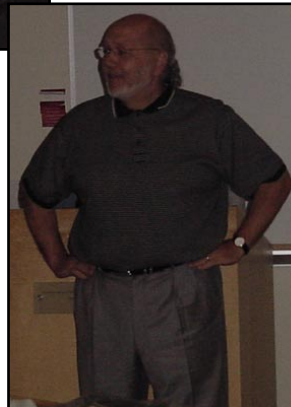
An impressive computerized system, named Compulink was outlined by Ken Eakland, Assistant Dean of the Clinical Program. The "paperless office" concept allows for a more efficient and accessible information for its clinic population.



A significant part of the program was dedicated to the topic of orthokeratology.



Norm Craig and Pat Caroline gave a overview of the available lens designs on the market highlighting strengths and pitfalls of each based on their clinical experiences. Contact lens fitting techniques were discussed with some clinical pearls from the Pacific team.



Taking in a bit of the local view !

As part of the social activities of the workshop, a walking trip was scheduled to the Multnomah falls. This event not only allowed the attendees to take in some of the local sites, but also offered a chance for the overworked educators and industry representatives to get a little exercise ! Most importantly this down time allowed most to make new friendships and rekindle old ones, while taking in some beautiful nature views. Multnomah Falls plummets 620 ft making it the second highest year-round waterfall in the US.



2003 Workshop Highlights from Pacific

A word from our sponsors...

These workshops would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors; Alcon, AMO, Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, CooperVision, Menicon, Ocular Sciences, Paragon, Vistakon and X-Cel Contacts. Thank you for your continued support and your dedication to the advancement of Contact Lens related education.

Cosmic Bowling !

A great way to meet new colleagues from other schools and from industry, is to combine them during an activity. This year, we tried Cosmic Bowling ! What is cosmic bowling, you ask ? Well, its bowling with a very tacky shirt in a bowling alleys that has fluorescent lanes and disco lighting of course! Attendees were divided into teams ahead of time and attendees submitted their "bowling name" to be printed on their own shirts. This was a great way for industry representatives

and educators to get together informally and have a little fun ! A great time was had by all and we quickly found out who our pro-bowlers were and who can manage to drop the ball on their own, or other people's feet !!!



We would also like to welcome back Menicon as a returning sponsor ! Dr. Randall Sakamoto was on hand from Hawaii representing Menicon.





What's new at other organizations ?

AAO- Cornea and CL Section

The Cornea and CL section of the AAO awarded its Founders Award to Drs. David Ewell and Robert Lohr for their outstanding contributions to the clinical art and science of contact lens fitting.

The Max Schapero Memorial Lecture was given by Professor Nathan Efron BScOptom, PhD, FAAO from the UK. His lecture entitled Do Contact Lenses Kill Keratocytes? offered



an overview of the function and possible physiological role of the keratocytes in the cornea. His latest research has focused on attempting to understand the reported loss of keratocytes with CL wear. So far, the research demonstrates that this phenomenon cannot be attributed to hypoxia or edema, but may be due to mechanically-induced effects (such as the physical presence of the lens) and may be mediated by intrinsic inflammatory factors (IL-8

and EGF). Ongoing research in this area will continue to uncover the role of keratocytes in CL wear and offer a better understanding of corneal physiology. Congratulations to Prof. Efron on this award.

IACLE

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) is dedicated to raising the standard of CL education and promoting the safe use of CL worldwide. By increasing the number of CL educators and improving the quality of CL teaching through provision of an educational infrastructure, the number of skilled CL practitioners is increased.

Becoming a Member: More than 530 educators at 284 institutions in 62 countries are members of IACLE and have access to training and resources. IACLE membership is

open to persons who are Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Opticians, and Contactologists who are active CL educators and are a) significantly involved either full-time or part-time in CL education in any form and b) a staff member of a recognized teaching institution. For more information about how to become a member, please visit

http://www.iacle.org/iacle_overview/membership.asp

The IACLE CL Course: This is a comprehensive program, consisting of lectures (100 hours), practical sessions (81 hours) and tutorials (32 hours) and covers basic, intermediate and advanced levels, making it suitable for students, graduate students, post-graduates, etc. Materials for the Course have been generously donated by the world's leading CL educators and have been edited by the IACLE Curriculum Team. Each module is presented as a high-quality black & white printed version of the slides and accompanying text lectures, practical sessions and tutorials. A CD-ROM of text and full colour picture and diagram slides accompanies each printed module. For more information:

www.iacle.org/education_page/programs/contact_lens_course.asp

The IACLE Student Reprint program was developed to make the Contact Lens Course an affordable textbook for students. Undergraduate and graduate students in Waterloo and Australia have been using the Course modules as a textbook for several years, and as more educators adopt the program into their curricula, the Program has been launched worldwide.

Student Trial Exams: IACLE encourages educators to conduct the Student Trial Exam for students nearing completion of their final theory course in CL. The examination is intended to serve as a good trial exercise for students before sitting for their final exams as it assists them in assessing their areas of proficiency, as well as identifying any areas of lack of knowledge. The trial exam consists of 100 MCQs (30 of which are VRICS), covering topics such as Anatomy and Physiology of the Anterior Eye; Design and Management of CL; Principles of CL Fitting; Patient Examination and Delivery of CL; Care and Maintenance of CL; Ocular Responses to CL; and Complications resulting from CL Wear

For more information on these programs and more, contact the IACLE Secretariat at iacle@iacle.org.

AAO

During the AAO meeting in Dallas, Michael Harris (Berkeley) and Sally Dillehay (CIBA) were honored with the Eminent Service Award from the AAO. It is often difficult to assess the behind the scenes work that these conferences require and we congratulate both of them for their hard work. Congratulations !



Also during the AAO meeting, Michael Harris served as the Master of Ceremonies for the annual President's Banquet. As part of the evening's entertainment was a live auction for art work being performed before the audience and whose proceeds would benefit the AOF. Michael added humour and entertainment to this annual event....possibly the beginning of a new tradition for the banquet !

During the banquet, Stan Yamane, VP of Professional Affairs at Vistakon announced his official retirement scheduled for April 2004. His relentless support of Optometric Education was honored by a standing ovation and well deserved lengthy applause from the attendees. He also named his successor at Vistakon, J. Pat Cummings will be the next VP of Professional Affairs. Stan would like to become an author of children's books during his relaxing years !



Meeting Schedule

As a service to the AOCLE faculty members and friends, we will be happy to make all members aware of Cornea/Contact Lens related meetings throughout the world. Please send your information to the editor.

May 21-23, 2004	British Contact Lens Association's (BCLA) Annual Clinical Conference (Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, Birmingham, UK) www.bcla.org.uk/conference
June 3-6, 2004:	AOCLE Annual Workshop hosted by SCCO (Fullerton, CA)
June 2004	AOA-CL and Cornea Section (in conjunction with the AOA annual meeting) (Orlando, FL)
July 22-25, 2004	Global Orthokeratology Symposium (GOS) (Sheraton Center, Toronto, Canada)
Oct 2004	International Contact Lens and Anterior Segment Symposium (Montreal, Canada, www.cpro.ws)
Nov. 17-21, 2004	The 4th International Conference on the Lacrimal Gland, Tear Film and Dry Eye Syndromes: Basic Science and Clinical Relevance (Fajardo, Puerto Rico) www.tearfilm.org
Dec 9-12, 2004	Cornea and CL Section in conjunction with the AAO meeting (Tampa, FL)

2004 Annual workshop

This year's annual workshop will be held in (hopefully) sunny southern California. Our host will be the folks at Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO) and the program coordinators of the workshop will include Harue Marsden, Julie Schornack and Tim Edrington. The workshop is scheduled for June 3 to the 6, 2004 and a tentative agenda is included. Attendees will be staying at the Marriott Hotel in Fullerton, California.

<http://marriott.com/property/propertyPage/LAXFL>

Workshop topics will include Ocular Prosthetics and Faculty Development. A lecture and workshop on molding and polishing of ocular prosthetics will be headed by SCCO's faculty, Sunny Sanders, OD. "Strength Finder" is a Gallup

organization which has an on-line survey of about 30-45 min. with forced choice questions which identifies an individual's top five strengths.

AOCLE Workshop 2004 Tentative Agenda

Thursday, June 3, 2004

day-evening: Arrivals
Tours with Welcome Reception
(heavy hors d'oeuvres)

Friday, June 4, 2004

8:00 - 9:30 am Ocular Prosthetics (Sunny Sanders, OD)
9:30 - 9:45 am Break
9:45 - 12:15 pm First Session Workshops
12:15 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 pm Sponsor's Presentations
3:00 - 5:30 pm Second Session Workshops
night dinner and evening activity

Saturday, June 5, 2004

8:00 - 9:30 am AOCLE Business Meeting
9:30 - 12:00 pm Third Session Workshops
afternoon Lunch/Activities
evening Dinner and evening activities

Sunday, June 6, 2004

day: SCCO CE Lecture Opportunities
Departures

Campus-Industry News

CIBA: Dwight Akerman, OD, FAAO, recently left his position as head of global medical marketing for Novartis Ophthalmics, based in Switzerland, to return to CIBA Vision in Georgia. Dr. Akerman fills the newly created position of director of professional marketing for North America. Welcome back Dwight!

SUNY: Terry Scheid became a Fellow of IACLE in June 2003. Congratulations Terry!

Menicon & Paragon: Menicon and Paragon have announced a strategic alliance which enables Paragon to offer the Paragon CRT lens in the Menicon Z™ polymer

(ISO Dk 163), the only GP Hyper Dk/t polymer that is FDA approved for up to 30 days of continuous wear. It will be called the Paragon Z-CRT and is expected to be launched in late 2004 or early 2005.

Vistakon: Cristina Schnider has been appointed to Director of Academic Affairs for Vistakon. Howard Purcell has also changed titles to Director of Entry Point ECP (Eye Care Practitioner) Marketing and Derrick Artis, OD, MBA will be Director of Professional Affairs as of March. Congratulations to all. We look forward to continuing the close collaboration. Vistakon launched its new lens, Acuvue Advance at the AAO meeting last December. This 2 wk daily lens combines the benefits of daily wear with the added oxygen transmissibility of silicone-based lens. www.ecp.acuvue.com

NSU: Latricia Pack had a daughter this summer which they named Morgan. Congratulations to the Packs!

Montreal: Langis Michaud and his wife are proud first time parents of a healthy girl named Anne-Sophie. Congratulations! The province of Quebec (where the Montreal School of Optometry is located) has finally received its TPA legislation on October 23, 2003.

RGPLI: Jane Beeman is now the new academic consultant for RGPLI. Her contact information is included in the AOCLE directory. Congratulations on this new venture and welcome back!

CooperVision: Want to show your patient what a pair of CrazyLens or Crazy NFL lens will look like? Check out the "LensStudio" at the Cooper Vision website and pick amongst several choices of colored lenses available. So click on "LensStudio" in the top right hand side of the screen at;

www.coopervision.com/us/patient_home.asp

Bausch & Lomb: The back surface Soflens 66 Toric lens is now available in 2.75 cylinder power. For more information on this lens;

www.bausch.com/us/resource/visioncare/soft/sftoric.jsp