FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Ray Areux, MD, was interviewed by KARE 11 on the ocular effects of virtual reality devices in children. KARE-TV

Sandra Montezuma, MD, was interviewed by the Star Tribune on the evolution from an eye scratch to major surgery. Star Tribune

Cheryl Zabrowski, OD, FAAO, attained Fellowship status at the 2016 American Optometry conference, a title given to less than 10% of optometrists.

PUBLICATIONS


FELLOWSHIP MATCH RESULTS

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Outgoing Residents - Fellowships begin Summer 2017

Benjamin Chaon, MD  
Fellowship: Uveitis and Ocular Immunology Fellowship, National Eye Institute (NEI)  
Residency: University of Minnesota

Niral Gandhi, MD  
Fellowship: Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus, Wilmer Eye Institute  
Residency: University of Minnesota

Phillip Radke, MD  
Residency: University of Minnesota

Peter Tang, MD, PhD  
Fellowship: Vitreoretinal Diseases, Stanford School of Medicine  
Residency: University of Minnesota

NIRAL GANDHI, MD  
FELLOWSHIP: Pediatric Ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus, Wilmer Eye Institute  
RESIDENCY: University of Minnesota

PHILLIP RADKE, MD  
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Pictured l-r, Sandra Montezuma, MD, Knobloch Professor J. Fernando Arevalo, MD, FACS, Erik van Kuijk, MD, PhD, and Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD.
Greetings,

As you have seen elsewhere in these newsletters this year, we have opened a new practice location in the new Clinics and Surgery Center, opened the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center at that location, started to expand the residency program from four to five residents each year, added three new providers, and the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank received a record number of donors. We are also very proud of our senior residents, all of whom matched in excellent fellowship programs at Stanford University (retina), Johns Hopkins University (pediatrics), National Eye Institute (uveitis), and in private practice in Seattle, WA with a renowned mentor (plastics).

On a sad note, our former Chair and Medical Director of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, Dr. Donald Doughman, passed away in May after a brief illness. Dr. “D,” as we used to call Don, was remembered in the Fall with both a scientific symposium at the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and a beautiful memorial service at the Basilica in Minneapolis. Don has been a very valuable resource for me since I arrived five years ago. We will miss him and cherish the legacy he leaves in our department.

On a personal note, I continue to spend one week each year at Moorfields Eye Hospital with my mentor, Professor Alan Bird. This year, the weather was exceptionally nice and we placed a photograph from the London Eye in the November issue. I have received more feedback on that photograph than any other news item reported in E-Vision; what is up with that picture?

With warmest regards for the Holiday Season,

Erik

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Incoming Fellows - Beginning July 7, 2017

Archana Gupta, MBBS
Fellowship: Cornea, External Disease & Refractive Surgery Fellowship
Residency: SUNY Buffalo

Joel Nelson, DO
Fellowship: Cornea, External Disease & Refractive Surgery Fellowship
Residency: Nova Southeastern University

Mehdi Najafi, MD, PhD
Fellowship: Medical & Surgical Vitreoretinal Fellowship
Residency: SUNY Upstate Medical University
PhD: SUNY Upstate Medical University

Ahmed Kassem, MBChB
Fellowship: Neuro Ophthalmology Fellowship
Residency: Alexandria University

Krista Stewart, MD
Fellowship: Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship
Residency: University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center

RECENT EVENTS

Pictured l-r, Erik van Kuijk, MD, PhD, and Chair of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, Lion Lyle Goff attend the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences Employee & Benefactor Recognition Event held earlier this month.