Deborah Ferrington, PhD, presented her research at the University of Buffalo as part of the “Distinguished Lectures in Vision Science” on January 19, 2017. The title of her talk was “Mitochondria: The Retina’s Achilles’ Heel in Age-Related Macular Degeneration.” Maria Hytti, PhD, from the University of Eastern Finland, is doing a 3-month research visit in the laboratory of Dr. Deborah Ferrington. Dr. Hytti’s work involves investigating how damaged mitochondria can induce inflammation in cultured retinal pigment epithelial cells.

Caroline Hallbech, MD, by popular vote among faculty and residents, Dr. Hallbech will serve as the 2017-2018 resident representative.

Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD, was a recipient of the Allina HOPE (Hospital Outstanding Patient Experience) Award. The HOPE award recognizes excellence in service to patients as measured by the Press Ganey HCAHPS patient experience survey.

Michael Lee, MD, chair of the Neuro-Ophthalmology subcommittee, met with the Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC), in San Francisco, CA, on February 20. The AMPC determines all of the learning content (symposia, instruction courses, etc.) for the AAO annual meeting each fall.

Collin McClelland, MD, published an online only article for the clinical pearls section of the young ophthalmologists AAO website. At the time of E-Vision publication, the article has 3795 views (this updated value can be seen at the upper right hand of the article under the title). 7 Pearls for Managing Transient and Permanent Retinal Ischemia

Sandra Montezuma, MD, gave a lecture, “Update on the Argus II retinal prosthesis in MN,” to the Lions convention in Wilmar, MN, on January 28, 2017.

Joshua Olson, MD, gave a talk to the Minnesota Surgery Interest Group entitled: “Why Ophthalmology is the Coolest,” on February 6 in Minneapolis, MN.

Andrew Ritter, OD, FAAO, was featured on the M Health blog: Five Things You Should Know About Dry Eye.


Greetings,

It has been one year since the opening of the new Clinical Surgery Center (CSC) on Fulton Ave. Most of the subspecialty clinics moved out of the Phillips Wangensteen Building with the exception of the adult eye clinic on the 9th floor. We have started conversation with the University of Minnesota to develop a site for a permanent location of the Adult Eye Clinic and the Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences Departmental offices. At this time the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation is strongly considering making a naming gift to establish the Lions Eye Institute on campus. That new facility will also be the permanent location of the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center which was established last year. I will keep you posted as this exciting conversation moves forward.

Earlier this month, Virginia and I attended the Lions District 5M11 mid-winter convention in Mahnomen, MN. District 5M11 crosses the Southern border with Canada, and over 200 Lions from more than 30 clubs in two countries attended the conference. On Sunday morning, I was asked to give the Keynote address at the breakfast meeting, and a lecture entitled “A Vision for Vision” was presented about the potential for naming the Lion Eye Institute and what a tremendous resource this will be for the State of Minnesota. The concept was very well received and a straw poll at the conclusion of the lecture showed very broad support for this idea.

Other important news is that Lions International will celebrate its 100th Anniversary this year. In addition, Minnesota Lion Brian Sheehan has announced that he will seek the endorsement for his bid to run for 3rd Vice-President of Lions International, at the upcoming MD5M 2017 convention in Bemidji, MN. If Brian succeeds, he will be President of Lions International in 2021-2022, exactly 100 years after the last person from Minnesota, Ewen W. Cameron of Minneapolis, held this office. For more information, see [www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org).

With warmest regards,

Erik