Optometry’s Meeting® 2013 Contact Lens and Cornea Section (CLCS) Photo Highlights

CLCS Residency Forum
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The CLCS Residency Forum was designed to augment contact lens residencies with targeted topics for incoming and outgoing contact lens residents. The program included an interactive agenda featuring key leaders in the contact lens profession. The program provided residents with a travel grant to the meeting and included an opportunity for networking with other residents. The program was held on Wed., June 26, 2013 at the San Diego Marriott and Marina.
This was the first year for the Residency Forum and the Council looks forward to continuing the program in coming years. The program was sponsored by CooperVision.
Student & Resident Photo Contest
Travel Grants & Award Winners

Overall Winner

Jemini Patel, O.D. (Northeastern State University – Oklahoma College of Optometry)

Research Topic: “Use of Multifocal Hyperopic Ortho-Keratology Contact Lenses in a Post Photorefractive Therapy Patient”

Runner-Ups

Grace A. Brown, O.D. (Illinois College of Optometry)

Research Topic: “Use of a Scleral Lens as a Drug Delivery Device for a Suture Abscess in the Presence of Neurotrophic Keratitis”

Joseph Lee, O.D. (Illinois College of Optometry)

Research Topic: “A Hybrid Approach to Ocular Surface Disease”

Yin Li, O.D. (University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry)

Research Topic: “Use of Scleral Contact Lenses in the Management of Extensive Scarring and Corneal Ectasia following Radial Keratotomy”

The award papers for the above are posted on the CLCS website at www.aoa.org/Sections.
CLCS State of the Industry Luncheon

The luncheon was held on Fri., June 28, 2013 at the San Diego Convention Center. Heavily attended by students and doctors, the luncheon featured Randall Fuerst, O.D. as the State of the Industry presenter.
The 2013 CLCS awards were also presented during the luncheon.

**The Dr. Rodger Kame Award** is presented annually to a CLCS member in appreciation of outstanding service and dedication to the AOA CLCS.

The Dr. Rodger Kame Award was presented to Dianne Anderson, O.D.

The **Luminary Award for Distinguished Practice** is presented annually to a CLCS member who is a distinguished clinical practitioner and who has developed a contact lens practice and who tirelessly contributes to the development of others.

The Luminary Award was presented to Steven Barry Eiden, O.D.

The **CLCS Achievement Award** is presented annually in appreciation of outstanding contributions to the optometric profession in the area of contact lenses and eye care.

The Achievement Award was presented to William Edmondson, O.D.
CLCS Annual Business Meeting

The 2013-2014 CLCS Council was installed by Louise Sclafani, O.D., at the annual business meeting on Fri., June 28, 2013.

2013-2014 CLCS Council (from left)
Shalu Pal, O.D., council member; Edward Bennett, O.D., council member; Jeffrey Sonsino, O.D., secretary; Jeffrey J. Walline, O.D., vice chair, Tom Quinn, O.D., chair-elect; Glenda B. Secor, O.D., chair; Randy F. Fuerst, O.D., immediate past chair.
CLCS Contact Lens Summit: Contact Lenses 2020 –

What's in store for the future?

The Contact Lens Summit was an interactive event that allowed the audience to vote on the answers to questions regarding the future of contact lenses. The results for each question were displayed on the screen and discussed with the panel.
CLCS Korb Award Reception

**CLCS Legends Award**
The CLCS Legends Award was created to distinguish individuals who have demonstrated intellectual depth and have a passion toward contact lenses, the cornea or refractive technology. Other qualifications include having a quest for continued learning and a firm foundation of the basic and clinical sciences of contact lenses and anterior segment. In addition to having exceptional leadership skills and mentoring, innovation and the desire to advance research is recognized in our awardees. Colleagues with high ethical standards, integrity and the desire for excellence are also acknowledged by this award.

**The 2013 Legends Award recipients are:**

Dwight Akerman, O.D.  
Dwight Cavanagh  
Dave Fancher  
David A. Hansen, O.D.  
Paul Michael Hawkins  
Brien Holden, O.D.  
Mohinder Merchea, O.D.  
Michael D. Pier, O.D.  
Kevin S. Roe, O.D.  
Randall Sakamoto, O.D.  
Dave Sattler  
Christopher Snyder, O.D.  
Harvard J. Sylvan, O.D.  
Kyoichi Tanaka  
Richard L. Wallingford Jr., O.D.  
Richard E. Weisbarth, O.D.  
Stanley J. Yamane, O.D.  
LaMar Zigler, O.D.
**Dr. Donald Korb Award for Excellence**

The **Dr. Donald R. Korb Award for Excellence** is given by the American Optometric Association (AOA) CLCS in recognition of an individual who has been a true innovator and leader in the field of contact lenses and anterior segment disease. The winner of this award also hosts a lecture during Optometry’s Meeting®. This year’s award recipient was Desmond Fonn, MOptom.

Desmond Fonn, MOptom, is distinguished professor emeritus and the founding director of the Centre for Contact Lens Research at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He is a graduate of the School of Optometry in Johannesburg, South Africa, and the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, where he also served as a consultant for the Cornea and Contact Lens Research Unit. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a diplomate of the Cornea and Contact Lens section. He is a past president of the International Society for Contact Lens Research and a founding member of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators where he served as vice president for 15 years. In 2003, Dr. Fonn received the prestigious Max Shapero Award from the American Academy of Optometry. The award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the cornea and contact lens field. He received the Wichterle medal from the Czech Contact Lens Society in 2003, the Kenneth Bell medal from the Australian Contact Lens Society in 2007, was the 2008 British Contact Lens Association Gold Medal recipient and received the Clair Bobier distinguished lecture award from the University of Waterloo School of Optometry. In 2011, he was awarded the Ruben Medal of the International Society for Contact Lens Research, which is awarded to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to contact lens research. He currently serves as editor-in-chief of *Eye & Contact Lens*. 
Korb Award Lecture: Contact lens induced end-of-day discomfort – still illusive after all these years
Desmond Fonn, MOptom

The development of products for contact lens wear in the last two decades has been quite remarkable. Almost anyone requiring refractive correction should be able to wear contact lenses yet only 20 percent of the potential 200 million North Americans who require some form of refractive correction wear contact lenses. The growth of the wearer base in the last decade has only been about 2 percent per annum and the reason for the stinted growth has been premature discontinuation of lens wear. Simplistically, almost as many abandon lens wear as new wearers begin. The primary reason for discontinuation is discomfort and more specifically the problem is end-of-day discomfort. Current etiological evidence of this age-old anguishing enigma and how to ameliorate and in some cases eliminate the problem will be presented.

The Korb Award Lecture was presented on Fri., June 28, 2013 and featured Dr. Fonn as well as CLCS council members Jeffrey Sonsino and Muriel Schornack.

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