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## Hola Puerto Rico!

**T**he 2001 annual AOCLE workshop was held on May 31st to June 3rd in San Juan Puerto Rico. Our host was the School of Optometry of the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and the program chairs were Drs. Iris Cabello and Manual Conde. Attendees had the opportunity to visit the school and the nearby sites in the city of San Juan. As part of the social events, attendees were introduced to cultural and social aspects of the Latino culture.

At this year's annual workshop the educators learned about a "living library" concept (the most up-to-date information on selected topics of interest) and were presented with different useful web-based course instructional tool. Unique to this year's workshop was a presentation on the characteristics of a latino patient.

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## AOCLE Founding Member retires

**D**r. Les Caplan, founding member of the AOCLE and a consultant for the AOCLE has officially retired from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), School of Optometry.

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## Newsletter goes E!

**Y**ou've asked for it !  
Now its here ! The AOCLE Newsletter is also available electronically as a trial run !  
Check it out !



The AOCLE address and e-mail listing is available electronically as a PDF file and has been updated frequently since early January 2002. Please advise the editors of any e-mail changes as soon as possible to keep our records current.

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## In Memorium...

**I**t is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of two AOCLE members, Dr. Harold Schnider and Dr. Terrence (Terry) Ingraham (NOVA).

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## AOCLE Newsletter Highlights

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## Workshop 2002: NYC



Well its already here ! Its time for the annual AOCLE workshop and our gracious hosts will be the folks at the State University of New York (SUNY), School of Optometry. The workshop will be held on May 30th to June 2nd 2002 in New York City. Attendees will be staying at the Clarion Hotel in NYC (43rd and fifth) and most of the workshops and lectures will be held at the school. Drs. Terry Scheid, Evan Kaplan, Ralph Gundel ad David Libassi are the program chairs for the workshop. Dr. Scheid notes that the highlights of this year's workshop include Cornea and CL Residencies (training and recruitment), a workshop on comparing CL lab manuals and hand-held technologies (ie. Palm Pilots). This year's program promises to be yet another exciting experience. A tentative agenda has been included for your information.

### AOCLE Workshop 2002: NYC, NY May 30 - June 2, 2002 Tentative Agenda

#### Thursday May 30, 2002

all day Arrivals  
evening Welcome reception (Clarion Hotel)

#### Friday May 31, 2002

day: Welcome by Dr. Haffner, President (SUNY)  
Residencies: recruitment and training  
Library Technology  
Custom Soft Lenses: Pat Caroline  
Handheld Technology (Palm Pilot, etc)  
Business Meeting (2 hrs)  
evening: Dinner and Broadway Show (42nd Street)

#### Saturday June 1, 2002

day: Industry presentations  
Prosthetics (soft opaques & traditional)  
Lab manual comparisons

afternoon: free time

evening: Dinner/Bus tour of the city at night

#### Sunday June 2, 2002

day: Departures

Industry sponsors that have committed to the upcoming workshop (at the time of this printing) include; Alcon, Allergan/AMO, B&L, Ciba, Cooper, Ocular Science, Paragon, Vistakon and X-Cel Contacts. AOCLE would like to thank all the sponsors without which these workshops (and other programs) would not be possible.

## Message from the chair

This year my major project was the creation of a CD ROM on fitting soft toric lenses. I am happy to report that the project has been completed and the CD should be available to the schools/colleges and students later this spring. It was a fun project that merged didactic information with practical case reports and video clips. I would encourage your comments and thoughts on this CD and future projects of this type.

As my two years as chair of the group comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for your cooperation and help. During the past two years, I was able to give something back to a group that has certainly done alot for me both personally and professionally. I encourage all the educators to consider running for office within the AOCLE in the future. I look forward to my continued involvement in AOCLE in future years. Best of luck to all the educators and your programs at each school.

Gary Gunderson (ICO)  
Chair, AOCLE

## 2002-2004 Elections

Elections of the 2002-2004 AOCLE Officers will be held during this year's business meeting, being held in conjunction with the annual workshop in New York. If you would like to get involved in the AOCLE, please submit your name to the present chair, Dr. Gary Gunderson, prior to the workshop.

## Dr. Caplan

Dr. Caplan has held several positions on the AOCLE board of Officers, including Treasurer, which he held the longest (and became the most sought-after during the annual workshops). AOCLE attendees at the last annual workshop in Puerto Rico, expressed a few words of good wishes on a card that was sent later to Dr. Caplan.

Aside from being the past Treasurer of the AOCLE, he remains as a consultant to the AOCLE and many other organizations such as ASCO (Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry) and the APHA (American Public Health Association). Dr. Caplan is also a historian. He has written the history of the beginnings of several organizations including the AOCLE (appeared in a previous AOCLE Newsletter # 12 & 13) and ACDASCO (Association of Clinic Directors and Administrators of Schools and Colleges of Optometry). Dr. Caplan has been named Professor Emeritus of UAB, School of Optometry.

AOCLE wishes Dr. Caplan the very best on his retirement and we hope to see his smiling face and hear his jokes at a meeting in the near future !

## In Memorium

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### Harold Shnider, O.D., F.A.A.O. (1923-2001)

**H**arold Shnider, an active member of the AOCLE during the eighties passed away on September 27, 2001. Harold was a dear friend and respected colleague to all who had the opportunity to interact with him over the years. He had been ill for a number of years with a neurological condition of unknown etiology, later diagnosed as Parkinson's.

As many of you may remember, Harold was Chief of Contact Lenses at InterAmerican and was instrumental in developing an excellent contact lens program at the school. Unfortunately, he had to retire in 1989 to take care of his terminally ill wife, Raynor. After Raynor's death he settled in Sarasota, Florida and several years later met and married a wonderful St. Petersburg lady by the name of Diane. Arlene and I have had the good fortune of visiting with Diane and Harold many times and even though Harold was quite ill over the past 4 or 5 years, his keen, dry sense of humor was still with him and he always wanted to know about AOCLE and all of you. Can we ever forget his witty comments and sage advice at our many meetings and workshops?

Harold graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry in 1948 and had a very successful private practice in East Lansing, Michigan prior to entering academia. He was a guiding light for optometry in Michigan and elsewhere. He frequently published articles on practice management, many emphasizing the importance of never forgetting the past while pursuing the future. He wanted to make sure that optometry, with its ever expanding scope of practice, would never forget its heritage and turn away its pioneers. Harold was a veteran of World War II, having received four battle stars, a silver star and a purple heart. I know that Harold's passing leaves a deep void in my heart and I'm sure in the hearts of many of you.

-submitted by Les Caplan



### Terrence "Terry" Ingraham, O.D., F.A.A.O. (1951-2002)

**T**errence N. "Terry" Ingraham, OD, FAAO, passed away suddenly in January 2002, after a brief illness. This has been a shock to the whole profession especially to those who saw him as recently as the last Academy meeting in Philadelphia in Dec. 2001.

Dr. Ingraham received his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1978 from UAB. He was bright, articulate, energetic, optimistic, and had a desire to make the world a better place in which to live. After his active duty years in the Army, he remained in the Army reserves and also became a research optometrist at Vistakon in Jacksonville, Florida. He ultimately was promoted to the position of Manager of Professional Affairs in that corporation. In 1992, he joined the faculty in the Cornea and Contact Lens Service at the NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry. He eventually became the Associate Dean for Student Affairs at that optometric institution.

He was very active in the American Optometric Association, the National Optometric Association, the American Academy of Optometry, and the AOCLE, to name a few.

He was a gifted optometric clinician, researcher, teacher, administrator, and volunteer. He was liked and respected by everyone who knew him. He was a man who loved his profession and went to work everyday to help educate future optometrists and to make the world a better place for all of us.

-excerpt from Bob Newcomb, AAO President

Dear Dr. Watanabe:

On behalf of the College of Optometry at Nova Southeastern University, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your organization's generous donation to the Terry Ingraham Student Activities & Scholarship Fund. As you can imagine we miss Dr. Ingraham sorely and in establishing this Fund we hope to keep his memory alive by providing support to those who were his top priority, the students.

Once again, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and contribution.

Sincerely yours,

David S. Loshin, O.D., PhD.

## *CL Educators Have Access to Teaching tools on the Web !*

### **INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM: UPDATE**

In a previous edition of the AOCLE Newsletter (February 2000, #15) an information retrieval system was described entitled VISIONET. VISIONET, a library information retrieval system, is a database which covers over 380 subjects areas in optometry, ophthalmology, vision science, contact lenses, eye disease and practice management. The literature citations date from 1976 and are updated weekly.

VISIONET includes all of the journals pertaining to contact lenses, whether they are on medline or not. VISIONET has been set up and is run by the library staff at the Southern College of Optometry. Nancy Gatlin, SCO's Library Director presented to AOCLE members a sample of the rapidity and thoroughness of this system during the 1998 annual workshop in Memphis.

The Communications Committee of the AOCLE promised to keep you informed on any new developments concerning this important resource for CL educators. Since many CL journals are not indexed in other databases, VISIONET is a very valuable resource for updating courses, student research projects and acquiring the latest information for patients on contact lenses and its associated topics.

Thanks to an educational grant from Vistakon, Division of Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, Inc., VISIONET is now accessible via the internet ! This unique database can now be shared with the worldwide ophthalmic community 24-7 ! (ie. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

You will need to register once as a new user and obtain a login ID and password. You can search initially on VISIONET for titles and subject searches. Once you have completed your search and require the full citation information (ie. author, title, journal name, date published and page numbers), a minimal. The system is user friendly and accessible anywhere ! So check it out today ! For more information, please contact Nancy Gatlin, Library Director at SCO, Tel: 901-722-3237.

**website: <http://www.visionet.sco.edu>**

### **RGP LENSES- WHAT'S NEW ?**

Here is a great tool for CL educators, students and patients to learn more about Rigid Gas Permeable (RGP) contact lenses! The RGP Lens Institute (RGPLI) has improved their website with even more interactive and user-friendly features. Clearly labelled headlines include "Resources for Students", "Resources for Practitioners" as well as OnLine Chats.

OnLine Chats feature a different RGP-related topic on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00pm EST. The first hour of the chat is moderated by Dr. Ed Bennett, president of the RGPLI and a guest faculty member, while the second part is open to discussion. Previous online chats are summarized including valuable clinical pearls. So log on today and check it out.....

**website: <http://www.rgpli.org>**

### **New Website on Silicone Hydrogels**

The Cooperative Research Center for Eye Research and Technology (CRCERT) in Australia and the Cornea and CL Research (CCLR) Center at the School of Optometry in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada have established a website on silicone hydrogels. This collaborative effort to create an informational/educational tool is intended both for the professionals as well as the public on selected CL topics, such as silicone hydrogels. There will be information for patients and practitioners, links to abstracts and publications on the topic, a section on frequently asked questions (chat room), a brief history of EW, fitting information, aftercare, etc. There may even be continuing education possibilities (phase 2 of the project).

Questions on high Dk EW may have a synchronous (ex. chat room) or asynchronous (delayed) response. The website is active and has loads of information for students, patients and clinicians who want to know more about silicone hydrogels. Interested individuals need to log on and register. A password will be sent to you via e-mail so that you can have access to the professional domain. E-mail newsletters are also available with the latest information to keep you updated with the latest developments.

**website: [www.siliconehydrogels.org](http://www.siliconehydrogels.org)**

### **Other Interesting Links**

[www.wwwcops.com/glossary.htm](http://www.wwwcops.com/glossary.htm)

Glossary of contact lens, contacts and related words and phrases

[www.blackboard.com](http://www.blackboard.com)

Blackboard: allows you to create a free online course Web site

[www.monoptica.com/monoptica/cl\\_centre/](http://www.monoptica.com/monoptica/cl_centre/)

Manoptica Contact Lens Center for Practitioners

[www.nerf.org/clhist.html](http://www.nerf.org/clhist.html)

National Eye Research Foundation (NERF) - Contact Lens History

## AOCLE Exec Board Meeting (South Carolina, March 8, 2001)



The AOCLE Executive Board met on March 8, 2001 for its mid-year planning meeting in Isle Palms, South Carolina. In attendance were the chair, Gary Gunderson (ICO); the vice-chair, Neil Pence (Indiana); the secretary,

Jennifer Smythe (Pacific); Treasurer, Ron Watanabe (NEWENCO); and immediate past chair, Julie Schornack (SCCO). Others were invited to attend included the annual workshop program chair, Manuel Conde (INTER) and a representative from the Communications Committee, Ety Bitton (Montreal).



AOCLE mid-year planning meeting held at the Wild Dunes Resort, in Isle Palms, South Carolina

The meeting was presided by the chair and covered a variety of topics. One of the topics that took center stage was the annual workshop which was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico and hosted by the INTER-American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry. Dr. Conde was on hand to discuss details of the workshop. The agenda highlighted, amongst other things, web-assisted courses.

As part of a continued exchange of teaching ideas, it was thought beneficial to identify at each school, the people involved in the different facets of CL education. The communications committee has agreed to put together a list of all AOCLE representatives and identify, in the near future, who works in the clinic, who teaches the didactic CL courses and who is involved in the CL labs and research. This new information will hopefully provide a network for new and seasoned faculty to exchange teaching modalities with colleagues teaching similar areas of CL education.

Other business discussed at the mid-year planning meeting included reports from the Treasurer, the Communications Committee and the IACLE representative.

The AOCLE would like to take this opportunity to thank CIBA Vision for sponsoring the mid-year planning meeting.

-reported by E. Bitton

## Speakers Bureau

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) - Section on Cornea & Contact Lens Speakers Bureau was established in 1993 through an educational grant from CIBA Vision. The program was created with the goal of sharing the Section's knowledge and expertise with contact lens residents and future Doctors of Optometry. The Speakers Bureau Program allows faculty at Schools and Colleges in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico to supplement their curriculums with presentations by Diplomate speakers on a variety of cornea and contact lens related topics.

Interested faculty members should contact the Speakers Bureau chair, Dr. Douglas P. Benoit, for more information at; Tel: 603-228-1104 or by e-mail at: [kdbenoit@attbi.com](mailto:kdbenoit@attbi.com)

## Resources for students

Contact Lenses Today, the free, weekly e-mail newsletter edited by the Contact Lens Spectrum team can be a valuable resource for your students. CLToday can provide you and your students:

- => up-to-the-minute news about contact lenses
- => expert fitting pearls
- => contact lens article abstracts
- => new product information
- => interesting and helpful website links
- => other clinical information from the eyecare field

There are more than 7,400 subscribers to CLToday in 73 countries. Most subscribers are practitioners, but the hope is to increase the scope of the distribution to benefit as many students as possible.

Toward that end, the CL educators can;

1. Inform students of the CLToday newsletter and give them the web address of the free subscription signup form.
2. Do a ONE-TIME e-mailing to your student list offering CLToday.
3. Contact CLToday to discuss other ways to inform students of this free service.

The website and signup form can be found at <http://www.CLToday.com>.

For more information contact the Editor Contact Lens Spectrum & CLToday;

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## What's new at the AAO-CL Section ?

Several people received their Diplomate and Fellow status at the 2000 and 2001 AAO meetings. In 2000 and 2001. Dr. Jan Jurkus (ICO, AOCLE communications committee and past-chair); Dr. Jennifer Smythe (Pacific, AOCLE Secretary) and Dr. Vinita Henry (St. Louis) became Diplomates of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section. Dr. Etty Bitton (Montreal, AOCLE Communications Committee and Newsletter Editor), Dr. Nadia-Marie Quesnel (Montreal) and Dr. Renee Reeder (ICO) obtained their FAAO. Congratulations to all !



Dr. Karla Zadnik (past chair of the AAO-Cornea and CL Section, second from left) congratulates Drs. Jennifer Smythe (Pacific), Jan Jurkus (ICO) and Etty Bitton (Montreal) during the 2000 AAO banquet in Orlando.

(photo by S. Kronish)



Dr. Joseph Shovlin (chair of the AAO-Cornea and CL Section) congratulates the new Cornea and CL Diplomates Drs. Lisa Badowski (Ohio), Shelley Cutler (PCO), Susan Resnick (NY) and Mary Jo Stiegemeier at the 2001 AAO Banquet in Philadelphia.

(photo by E. Bitton)

During the 2001 AAO meeting, Dr. Joe Shovlin awarded the Diplomate status to 5 new members (Dr. Dwight Akerman from Ciba Vision being the fifth and not appearing in the photo). Also during the meeting the Cornea and Contact Lens Founders

Award was awarded to Joe Goldberg and Donald Brucker for their lifelong dedication in the contact lens field.



Dr. Joseph Shovlin (left) presents the award to Dr. Joe Goldberg.



Dr. Doughty (left) receives a plaque and is seen here with Dr. Cullen.

(photos by E. Bitton)

The Max Schapero Memorial Lecture was awarded to Dr. Michael Doughty, PhD, FAAO from Caledonia University, in the UK. An introduction on Dr. Doughty's research interests and accomplishments was given by colleague and long time friend, Dr. Anthony Cullen (Waterloo). Dr. Doughty's lecture was entitled: Corneal Thickness Control-Theories, Measures and Correlations. Dr. Doughty's research on the cornea has mainly been done on rabbits.

For more information about the Cornea and CL Section of the AAO contact the chair, Dr. Joseph Shovlin at [jshovlin@aol.com](mailto:jshovlin@aol.com)

## What's new at IACLE ?

Things are still buzzing following the big success of the Second World Congress on Contact Lens Education held in June 2000 hosted by the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo. As promised, IACLE has produced a pamphlet and a CD of the Congress. The pamphlet provides an overview of the program and highlights via its numerous pictures. The CD is a compilation of the lectures presented during the World Congress and will allow the attendees as well as those who were not able to attend to benefit from the updated material presented. The booklets and the CDs to all North American Schools and Colleges of Optometry at the annual AOCLE workshop last June in Puerto Rico. Thank you IACLE!

Other changes at IACLE over the past year have included the retirement of Pamela O'Brien, Global Coordinator of IACLE. Many thanks to Pamela for her years of dedicated service and for keeping in touch with AOCLE. Congratulations Pamela !

Most recently, Bonnie Boshart has assumed the responsibility of the editing of News and Views, the electronic newsletter of IACLE. Bonnie has been at the School of Optometry, University of Waterloo for many years and has assumed several different responsibilities. She was also very involved in the organization and scheduling of the attendees to the 2nd World Congress. Good luck with the new appointment and congratulations Bonnie!

### MENTOR-UNDERSTUDY PROGRAM & MOCK EXAMS

Other programs offered by IACLE include the Mentor-Understudy program and the Student Mock exams. The objective of the Mentor-Understudy program is to pair individuals seeking information, such as references for a specified topic or available educational tools, with individuals who have access to that information. The understudy has the opportunity to take advantage of the knowledge and resources of their mentor. At first most of the information requests will come via e-mail. Although many references are available on-line, some still remain uncited. Hence an individual in another part of the world may ask for your assistance with photocopying and possibly forwarding a reference from your library which they cannot obtain on their own. To date there are 53 mentors and 85 understudies which have enrolled in the program. The Mentor-Understudy Program can be a mutually beneficial program for AOCLE and IACLE, so get involved !

The student mock exams are examination questions that deal with contact lenses and can help give students as well as educators a feedback on the areas of strength and weakness of the CL knowledge of your students at your institution. The scores are tabulated by IACLE and are strictly confidential and will be sent directly to the school.

For more information about IACLE, and the programs discussed, check out their website at;

**[www.iacle.org](http://www.iacle.org)**

## *What's new at the AOA-CLCS ?*

**T**he Cornea and Contact Lens Section of the American Optometric Association (AOA) held its annual meeting during the 104th AOA Congress in Boston on June 29, 2001. It was also during that time that the CLCS celebrated its 20th anniversary ! The AOCLE congratulates the CLCS on this milestone accomplishment !

The election of Section Council members and distinguished awards was also held during the meeting. The AOCLE congratulates the new 2001-2002 council members:

Chair - P. Douglas Becherer, O.D., Belleville, IL  
 Chair-Elect - Douglas H. Kay, O.D., Davis, CA  
 Vice Chair - Carmen F. Castellano, O.D., St. Louis, MO  
 Secretary - David B. Seibel, O.D., St. Louis, MO  
 Council Members -  
 Arthur B. Epstein, O.D., Roslyn, NY  
 Jack L. Schaeffer, O.D., Birmingham, AL  
 Immediate Past-Chair - Roger Shaw III, O.D., Plaquemine, LA

The electronic newsletter of the AOA CLCS entitled "Making E-Contact" is chalk full of the latest contact industry developments and information. Edited by Louise Scalfani, O.D. with the assistance of contributing editors Stephanie Baba, O.D., Mary Jo Stiegemeier, O.D., and Loretta Szcotka, O.D. The newsletter offers a topic of the month section with a Clinical Pearls section as well. In addition, press releases from the contact lens and related industries are included for the latest up to date information and developments. If you wish to be on their mailing list or wish to send comments or suggestions, contact the editor at [lsclafan@uchospitals.edu](mailto:lsclafan@uchospitals.edu)

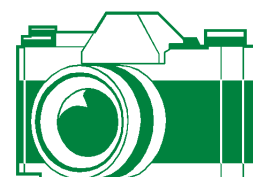
### **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

Student membership to the AOA-CLCS has once again been waived, thanks to a grant from CIBA Vision. Students can become members by calling the CLCS Office at Tel. 800-365-2219 ext. 224 or 137.

### **SLIDE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The AOA-CLCS sponsors a slide photography contest in conjunction with the annual AOA meeting. In order to promote clinical photography, the contest has been added to the clinical portion of the AOA program. A panel of judges reviews the entries and selects 10-15 best submissions which are put on display in the Exhibit Hall at the meeting. The selected photographs will be screened for the following criteria;

- Clinical information value
- Teaching / educational value
- Photographic quality of presentation
- Unique nature of photograph subject
- Biomicroscopic skill required to capture photograph



First, Second and three honorable mentions will receive prestigious plaques. For more information contact the CLCS office for entry forms. Submission are usually received in the spring.

For more information on this section, please contact Lila Rickard (Manager, Contact Lens and Cornea Section) at Tel. (800)365-2219 ext. 137 or by e-mail at [ljrickard@theaoa.org](mailto:ljrickard@theaoa.org)

## *What's new at the RGPLI ?*

**T**he RGPLI offers once again a variety of programs to assist the contact lens educator in enhancing RGP education at their respective schools and colleges. Included in these academic programs are;

- Optometry Student Workshops
- Contact Lens Resident Meeting
  - Third weekend in August, location to be announced
- RGP Diagnostic Sets for Students
- RGP Lens Fitting Aids
  - RGP Contact Lens and Material Guide
  - RGP Fitting, Evaluation and Problem Solving CD-ROM
  - Fluorescein Pattern Laminated Card
  - RGP Lens Management Pocket Guide
  - Bifocal Laminated Card (January 2002 release) - similar to the Fluorescein Card, but with bifocal fitting tips and fluorescein patterns.

Website [www.rgpli.org](http://www.rgpli.org) offers the;

- Lens and Material Product Guide. It is in the form of a searchable database, where the user is able to search by lab, design category and brand name
- An RGP Solutions page has been added
- Fluorescein Pattern Laminated Card and the RGP Lens Management Pocket Guide
- Monthly Chats (second Tuesday of every month - 9pm, EST, on the [www.rgpli.org](http://www.rgpli.org) site)

Video Library includes the following titles;

1. RGP Fitting & Evaluation
2. Problem Solving, Part I
3. Problem Solving, Part II
4. Modification & Verification
5. Advanced RGP Fitting
6. Keratometry
7. Reception Room Promotional
8. RGP Care & Handling
9. Building Your Practice
10. Biomicroscopy
11. RGP Bifocal Fitting

Clinical Excellence Awards (2 students at each school chosen annually (one 3rd and one 4th year student). The selection is made by CL faculty members at each school. The candidates should be students who exhibit enthusiasm for fitting RGP, demonstrate eagerness for learning more about RGP lens designs and materials, and want to improve their fitting skills, promote RGP use as well as recruiting patients for this lens modality.

#### Latest Development:

The RGPLI is pleased to announce that a new patient brochure is available on GP lenses. This 8 page brochure was developed to help educate patients about the features and benefits of GPs, including important information on myopia, presbyopia, astigmatism and more. It answers all the most common questions and addresses well-known perceptions about GP lenses with key facts.

The RGPLI and CLMA is offering complimentary copies of this patient education brochure about GP lenses. In addition to placing these new brochures in the clinic you may also find them useful as a teaching tool for your students. To order please call Pam at 1-800-344-9060 or e-mail your request for quantities, along with your full name and address, to: rggpam@aol.com

For more information concerning the programs offered by the RGPLI please contact Ursula Lotzkat, Academic Program Coordinator, at 219-277-0718 or email: ulotzkat@aol.com

## *AOCLE at World Conference*

**T**he AOCLE presented a poster at the fourth session of the World Conference on Optometric Education in Atlanta Feb. 17-21, 2002. This conference is held every two years at various locations around the world. The poster was also displayed at the SECO meeting Feb 18-21. The poster summarized our projects and workshops over the past 20 years. It also featured two examples from our living library. Gary Gunderson and Ron Watanabe were on hand to answer questions. Our Web Site was made available to a number of practitioners around the world.

Sessions each morning involved 10 speakers discussing eye care in their country. Our own Des Fonn gave a presentation on IACLE. The afternoon sessions featured breakaway discussion groups on curriculum development, clinical training sessions on basic topics and specialty workshops in the areas of contact lenses, binocular vision and prescribing PAL's. It was interesting to observe the differences between countries. One can get a good picture of the great need there is to bring eye care to patients around the world. Global political and economic conditions make this reality a real challenge. Several deans of US optometry schools were present to see how they might get involved in global education.

Thank you's go to Neil Pence (Indiana) and Etty Bitton (Montreal) for have worked on the poster.

-submitted by Gary Gunderson

## *Vistakon Educators Panel* *(Jacksonville, FL: March 2001)*



**V**istakon's Educator's Advisory Panel Meeting, with consultants from North American schools/colleges of optometry was held on March 2-4, 2001 in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Stan Yamane, vice-

president of Professional Affairs at Vistakon officially welcomed the group and then updated the educators on industry trends and corporate updates. A product review was then delivered by Dr. Howard Purcell, Director of Professional Affairs at Vistakon.

A very interesting educational software demonstration was given by Mr. Steve Rosenbaum, CEO of Eyemaginations. The software consists of a 3-D animation of ocular anatomy, clinical procedures, ocular anomalies and ophthalmic equipment intended primarily for patient education. The software can also be used for students as well as for staff training.

Combining the images with sound, voice and 3-D moving animation, the developers believe that this multi-media approach will enhance the retention of the information given. A demonstration of the software also revealed that using a SnapShot Draw Program, one can draw on the animation and print or export it to be included in your patient's clinical record.

Specific animations can be preselected to play as a loop in the reception or other waiting areas. The 3-D multimedia animation includes information on the following subjects; anatomy of the eye, refractive errors, ocular pathologies, clinical procedures and dispensing. For more information on this educational tool, check out the company's website at; [www.eyemaginations.com](http://www.eyemaginations.com)

Dr. George Mertz, Director of Academic Affairs at Vistakon, concluded the final session with an overview of the academic programs available.

Congratulations and thank you Vistakon for offering this venue for educators to discuss several issues pertaining to contact lenses.

## *AOCLE needs you !*

**T**he AOCLE is looking for people to get involved in the writing of articles and columns for the AOCLE newsletter. If you would like to exercise your writing skills and contribute to the AOCLE, please submit your name to the editor or the current chair. Submissions are always welcomed for short reports of events, workshops, special programs that you've tried at your institution....so get involved and share your success stories with other CL educators today !



## AOCLE members on TV !

I saw my eye doctor on television today!!! Wouldn't that be a cool thing for your patients to say ? Well, "Eye Have a Question" is the name of a weekly television show that is airing on cable TV in Chicago. Dr. Jan Jurkus is the host of this live interactive talk show. Each week, she has a guest from ICO who take viewers phone calls and answer questions about a highlighted topic. AOCLE members Drs. Neil Hodur and Pam Boyce have joined Dr. Jurkus on live TV.....Oprah better watch out !

## Congratulations !

The AOCLE would like to congratulate our Treasurer, Dr. Ron Watanabe and his new bride, Dr. Nadia Zaltimo on their wedding, held last fall on October 15, 2000. The ceremony was held at the Scituate Country Club in Massachussets and the reception was held several weeks later in Burbank, California. We wish you both the very best ! Congratulations! For those of you who want to see more pictures of the happy couple, check out their website at; <http://people.ne.mediaone.net/rkwatanabe/wedding/home.html>



The AOCLE would also like to congratulate Dr. Chris Snyder (UAB) for becoming the editor of the journal International Cornea and Contact Lens (ICLC). Along with Dr. Barry Weissman as co-editor, they would like to build on the wonderful reputation of ICLC and plans to add even more features helpful to practitioners, educators and student clinicians. He calls on AOCLE members to support the ICLC with short articles and reports on their research.



The ASCO board has just named the new editor of its journal, Journal on Optometric Education. Dr. Lester Janoff, professor of Optometry at NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry will be the next editor beginning July 1st, 2002 for a three year term. Dr. Janoff has served for a number of years as a member of the JOE Review Board. He brings to the position of editor a wealth of experience in writing and lecturing in optometric education. Congratulations Les !

## Soft Toric CD available !

The AOCLE in cooperation with Cooper Vision and Dr. Milton Hom have developed an educational CD rom on soft toric fitting. It was designed for 3rd year, 4th year students and new graduates. It includes information on rotation and stability, lens design, lens selection, dispensing and supplemental fitting techniques. It also includes video clips of fitting several different lens brands along with 10 different cases examples from AOCLE members. The CD also has ToriTrack, a cross cylinder program as well as Total Toric e-Guide, an educational portion on soft torics.



Dr. Hom practices in California and is a Diplomate of the Cornea and CL Section of the AAO. He has authored numerous texts and articles on LASIK and CL prescribing. Several educators from Schools and Colleges of Optometry provided caveats, experiences and expertise on the video clips included on the CD.

"We are excited about this innovative comprehensive educational tool and plan to offer it to all practitioners with free CE credit through UAB" reports Sharon Teague, manager of Academic Affairs at Cooper Vision.

The Total Toric e-Guide is incorporated into the CD-ROM and is available in PC and Palm OS versions. Practitioners and students may request copies from CooperVision at Tel: 800-341-2020. Each school will receive one at this years AOCLE workshop in New York.

-submitted by Gary Gunderson (AOCLE chair)  
and Sharon Teague (Cooper Vision)

## AOCLE History

Ten years ago, in April 1992, Dr. Chris Snyder, as vice-chair of the AOCLE wrote and published the first Newsletter of the AOCLE. He said that , "effective communication is a key to the vitality and effectiveness of any organization." Chris started the tradition of publishing a list of individual participants involved in the AOCLE workshops. This action was instrumental in facilitating inter-collegiate interaction and communication with our industry partners. The unselfish sharing of teaching & research ideas/techniques and identification of future CL educators has characterized the AOCLE organization as well as our colleagues supporting us in related industries. In August 1992, the AOCLE Newsletter was officially established and its editor was named. We look forward to the June AOCLE workshop for ETTY Bitton and Neil Pence to lead us on the next steps, our AOCLE e-newsletter & website.

-submitted by Bill Edmondson

## Campus/Industry News

### SCO

Chris Lievens has recently joined the CL/primary care faculty at SCO. He was recently named chief of the Eye Institute's Adult Primary Care Optometric Service. Congratulations Chris !

SCO Board of Trustees approved construction for a new 46,000 square foot eye and vision center to be located adjacent to the existing optometry building. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 2002.

### TOSU

Please note the new address for OHIO State University:  
320 West 10th Avenue  
PO Box 182342  
Columbus, OH 43218-2342

Dr. Richard Hill, dean emeritus at the TOSU received the American Optometric Association's Contact Lens and Cornea Section Award during the AOA meeting in Boston this summer. Congratulations Dr. Hill !

### Montreal

Please note that e-mails with "ere" in them are no longer in use. Please note the changes updated in the listing at the end of this newsletter.

Dr. Etty Bitton has recently been promoted to associate professor.

### PACIFIC

Dr. Pat Caroline, assistant professor at Pacific, received the Honorary Recognition Award "in appreciation for a lifetime of dedication and service to the contact lens profession" during the 39th annual Contact Lens Manufacturer's Association (CLMA) meeting. Congratulations Pat !

### CIBA

The FDA has recently approved Focus Dailies to obtain an allergy labeling. Researchers found that patients with seasonal allergies had fewer symptoms and claimed to be more comfortable in the Focus Dailies than in a new pair of their usual lenses.

The FDA has also recently approved Focus Night and Day for 30 day extended wear.

Focus DAILIES Progressives have recently been added to the CIBA armamentarium and feature a smooth, continuous increase in power and are made using CIBA Vision's Lightstream(tm) Technology.

Carcola Tippit has recently joined the team at CIBA Vision. She will be in charge of all academic requests such as literature, promotional items, diagnostic sets, etc. So if you have any requests for your school, please contact Carcola directly, her contact info is found in the address listing at the end of this newsletter.

CIBA Vision has published the latest issue of Contacts, an 8-page, quarterly magazine for patients to read in reception areas. The articles are designed to help educate patients about their contact lens and contact lens care options. To order a copy, contact your CIBA Vision sales representative or Sally Dillehay.

### B&L

The Renu Multiplus Multipurpose solution has recently (March 13) been labelled effective as a storage solution for up to 30 days, in addition to its current daily storage use.

### Sunsoft

The company has recently been taken over by OSI (Ocular Science). More information will be available soon.

### Specialty Ultravision

The company has closed its California office and now distributes out of Quebec, Canada. The full address and other contact info is in the mailing directory.

A monthly replacement soft toric lens (Specialty T-FRP) has recently become available from Specialty Ultravision. According to the company the demand for toric planned replacement has increased over the past 4 years and these lenses will be able to answer to this rapidly growing market. Free diagnostic trial lenses are available to assist the practitioner prior to ordering the six-pack.

### X-Cel Contacts

Linda Glover, Sales and Marketing Manager, reports that the Flexlens is now being manufactured at the Atlanta facility. School programs are experiencing a great success and for more information contact Linda at tel: 1-800-241-9312.

### CooperVision

Nikki Iravani, O.D., former Director of Clinical and Professional Services at Specialty UltraVision, has joined CooperVision as Director of Professional Relations and Clinical Research.

Frequency 55 Aspheric--A front aspheric surface that focuses light better to a common focal point, giving greater image resolution and an increased depth of focus. Frequency 55 Aspheric minimizes the size of the circle of least confusion and provides improved vision for patient with low amount of astigmatism. Available in two base curves from +6.00 to -8.00.

Expressions--Opaque lenses for monthly replacement. The Frequency 55 Aspheric design in five natural-looking colors promises to provide outstanding comfort and vision. Available 8.7/14.4 +4.00 to -6.00.

Ascend--Aspheric design you order and we ship directly to your patients.

Frequency 55 Toric--Monthly toric to soon expand power range to custom parameters.

Cooper Prosthetic Lens--Fast delivery available in both open or closed pupil designs.

CV/Encore Toric--A disposable toric that performs equivalent to CooperVision's complete line of soft toric lenses. The new disposable toric lens, CV Encore Toric has recently expanded its parameters. The CV Encore Toric features a stable back-surface prism ballast design. The parameter range now includes; Base Curve/Diameter: 8.6/14.4; Sphere powers: +4.00 D to -6.00 D (in 0.25 steps); Cylinder powers: -0.75, -1.25, -1.75; Axis: 10 to 180 (in 10 steps)

Disposable lenses for your CL labs are available. For more information on CooperVision's line or products or for any faculty wishing to wear any CooperVision product, please contact: Sharon Teague at steague@CooperVision.com.

## Paragon Vision

Paragon Vision Sciences prepares for the future with several new additions to its' marketing team to support eye care practitioners and authorized laboratories worldwide. New team members include Jan R. McGlothlen, Product Manager, RGP Core Products; Sally Cecil, Customer Marketing, Cooperative Advertising and Promotion Program (CAPP) Manager; Marcia Goodrich, Marketing Coordinator CRT Global; Valerie Darding, Marketing and Sales Coordinator, International and Sabrina Moser, Marketing Coordinator, Core Products, are creating a more efficient and productive marketing team at Paragon Vision Sciences. Information on Paragon Vision Sciences or Paragon products may be obtained by contacting Paragon Vision Sciences at telephone number 800-528-8279 for US and Canada. You can also contact Paragon by Email: [paragon@paragonvision.com](mailto:paragon@paragonvision.com) or visit the Paragon Vision Sciences web site: [www.paragonvision.com](http://www.paragonvision.com).

## Vistakon

Dr. George Mertz, Director of Academic Affairs of Vistakon was named AOF (American Optometric Foundation) President for the 2001-2002 term. Congratulations George !

By June 2002, there will be expanded parameters of the Toric Acuvue lens. Plus powers will be available to +6 D and minus powers will be expanded to -9 D.

The enhanced 1 Day Acuvue lens has improved handling and comfort characteristics. The new 1 Day has a 1-2-3 inversion indicator and a visibility tint.

The Acuvue colors, available only in the US since Nov 2001 is available in 7 colors; 3 enhancing colors (blue, green, aqua) and 4 opaque (blue, green, grey and honey). The diagnostic lenses have the word "TEST" on them and should after lens stabilization be under the upper lid. After the blink, the word TEST will be seen to rotate. The enhancers are available in 2 base curves (8.3 and 8.7) whereas the opaque are available only in 8.3 as trials have demonstrated that this helps centration without any limitations to movement. The lenses are available in plano and from -0.50 to -6 D at this time. The color design consists of three layers sandwiched between the etafilcon material. The first layer is a translucent color, followed by a feathered colored layer and then a striated colored layer to achieve a natural looking appearance. The pupil size is 5.4mm which has also been designed to optimize vision in varying lighting conditions. A CD ROM is available to highlight some of the fitting and design features of this lens.

## Allergan/AMO

Complete with HPMC (hydroxypropyl methylcellulose) is the only solution that has a conditioning claim on its label. Its *moisture lock* formula offers more comfort for dryness related symptoms.

Complete Blink-N-Clean lens drops helps prevent protein build up during lens wear. The combination of special surfactants and buffering agents (tromethamine, tyloxapol and HPMC) helps remove protein and lipid build up on a lens. Company representatives from R&D report that this lens drop is ideal for EW patients, including silicone hydrogels.

## CL Residents meet in Ohio

The third annual RGP Lens Institute (RGPLI) CL Resident Weekend was held at the Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, OH on August 18th and 19th, 2001. In attendance were 22 residents from 15 Optometry schools/colleges in north america. They all participated in two days of intense RGP education.

The guest instructors included Drs. Keith Ames, Tom Quinn, Loretta Szczojka, Joe Barr and Ed Bennett. They each gave a lecture as well as offering hands-on assistance to the attendees during the workshops.



Throughout the weekend the Residents also worked with local instructors (Drs. Jeff Walline, Mo Merchea, Randy McLaughlin, Carla Mack and Lamar Zigler) examining 10 to 15 patients wearing various types of RGP lenses. The workshops are set up as grand rounds with patients and instructors at each station. The workshop topics included spheres, torics, bifocals, keratoconus and post-surgical fittings. Also, every attendee got the opportunity to fit a presbyopic patient from scratch.

The RGPLI thanks the OSU doctors and staff for their time and effort in contributing to an awesome educational and social program.

-submitted by U. Loztkat



## Workshop 2001: Gracias Puerto Rico!

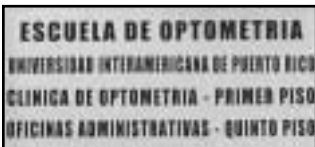
**H**ola and Gracias Puerto Rico! The annual workshop held in San Juan, PR last June was unforgettable. What an opportunity to not only visit another optometry school but to also obtain a glimpse into the Latino way of life in beautiful San Juan. AOCLE would first and foremost like to thank our hosts, Dean Hector Santiago, program coordinators Drs Conde and Cabello and the folks at INTER-American School of Optometry (IAUPR) for the organization of the workshop and heart felt hospitality during the event.

During the workshop, 57 attendees were presented with numerous workshops and lectures, but it was clear that throughout all that, the lesson retained was that friendship and family are important aspects of the Latino culture. A special thanks goes to the program organizers, Drs. Manuel Conde and Iris Cabello which poured their hearts into the AOCLE workshop, held for the first time in PR, to make it as special as possible.



Attendees included representatives from the 19 North American Schools/Colleges of Optometry, industry sponsor representatives, an IACLE representative and representatives from Venezuela and Uruguay.

As part of the program, a visit to the School of Optometry was very informative to the group. Dean Santiago and Dr. Conde, along with other faculty members offered a tour of the Escuela de Optometria (School of Optometry) in Hato Rey. The School also has another clinic in Bayamon. The Inter American University is housed on a large campus and plans are in the works to move the optometry clinic onto this modern, large campus in the near future.



Attendees in front at the IAUPR campus

One of the main focus of the workshop was web-based course instructional tools. Dr. Julie Schornack (SCCO) presented to the attendees a hands-on workshop on the use of a web-based survey tool called Zoomerang. Attendees were able to connect and follow step-by-step user-friendly instructions to obtain, edit and send a survey on the web. Several templates already exist for surveying a course, or customer satisfaction or student evaluation. These can easily be edited to meet the demands of the user.



This educational tool is a great way to keep in touch with the needs of your patients, students or colleagues and most importantly it is free! Results of the survey are automatically managed by the software and can be printed out for personal use during a limited viewing period. An upgraded version is possible for a fee to obtain additional features of this survey tool. You can get more information on this valuable survey tool at: [www.zoomerang.com](http://www.zoomerang.com)

### First Time Attendee

Thank you AOCLE. The San Juan trip was my initiation into AOCLE and I had a wonderful experience. Everyone was cordial and welcoming. It was a pleasure to interact with optometrists from all of the other institutions. AOCLE is a great organization that is an asset to the educational profession. I am unaware of other optometric specialties that have the opportunity to meet as AOCLE does. I fully expect that the recently started efforts of the living library and the Toric CD-ROM will demonstrate to all how vital this organization is to the profession at large. Once again, thanks to everyone and I look forward to seeing you again.

Christopher W. Lievens  
Southern College of Optometry

Dr. Harue Marsden (SCCO) presented to the group another workshop on web-based instruction called Blackboard. This is a web-based course management tool. Attendees were shown how to place a course on the web with little technical support. The formats are already in place and once you sign up and register, you can import your syllabus, course notes and other information from other programs such as Word. It should be a timesaving tool for many educators. This tool is also available for free on the web at the following address: [www.blackboard.com](http://www.blackboard.com)

## Workshop 2001: Gracias Puerto Rico!



One of the most memorable highlights of the workshop was a lecture by Dean Santiago on the Latino patient entitled *Hispanics: Health care for a growing minority*. Dr. Santiago, offered the attendees some insight into the cultural, social and geographic aspects of the hispanic patient. Latinos are one of the largest minority group in the US, which accounts for more than 40% of new population growth. Latinos have their origins in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru. Most american latinos reside in California, others in New York, New Jersey, Florida, Massachussets, Pensylvannia, Illinois and Connecticut. Cultural and social aspects were also discussed which offered the attendees a better understanding of the latino culture.

As part of experiencing the Puerto Rican culture, attendees were offered Salsa dancing lessons by Dr. Conde. Salsa dancing is a big part of the culture and many learn this dance as children.



Competitions amongst salsa dance schools in the area make this a very competitive sport. Some of the AOCLE folks tried a few steps (some got into it more than others) !

### The AOCLE Living Library

Dr. Neil Pence (Indiana and vice-chair of AOCLE) presented to the attendees a conference on the AOCLE Living Library. The goals of this project is to provide a concise, quick resource for the most up to date information on a given contact lens related topics. A list of top CL related items has been identified and each topic will have two authors and two reviewers. The Living Library will be on the AOCLE website. This dynamic reference will be updated as new information becomes available and is meant as a resource for the profession, students and educators worldwide. It will also serve as a faculty development item for AOCLE. One of the highlights of this innovative project is that authors are usually from different institutions, hence promoting collaboration amongst CL educators. The list of identified topics includes;



- Epithelial splits (SEAL's)
- Vascular limbal keratitis
- 3-9 stain with RGP's
- Superior Limbic keratitis (SLK)
- CL induced peripheral ulcer (CLIPU)
- Infectious keratitis
- Infiltrative keratitis (SEI's)
- CL associated red eye (CLARE)
- Microcystic edema
- Meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD)
- CL induced dry eye
- Corneal neovascularization
- Keratoconus-eitiology, incidence
- Keratoconus-treatment, fitting
- Orthokeratology
- Bandage CL
- Pelucid degeneration
- Terrien's marginal degeneration

Topics will be added or deleted, depending on current need for updated information. A poster on the living library was presented at the Academy meeting (Philadelphia Dec 2001) and at the World Conference on Optometric Education (Atlanta Feb. 2002). So check it out today at [www.aocle.org](http://www.aocle.org) !!!



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Attendees were able to visit Old San Juan, a beautiful wall enclosed area of the city. Originally conceived as a military stronghold over 500 years ago, it is now a 7 square block historic site. The commercial and residential area is paved with cobblestone casts from furnace slag, brought over as ballast on Spanish ships. At the peak of



Old San Juan sits atop a fort called El Morro, with 18 foot thick sandstone walls rising 145 feet above the sea. The oldest part of the fort was built in 1539, it took over 250 years for the fort to evolve to its current dimensions. AOCLE attendees had an opportunity to experience this majestic part of San Juan's history .



In this year's column, some testimonials are offered from first time attendees to the AOCLE workshop. These are highlighted in the green boxes and offer a first time attendee's perspective as to the power of these workshops and the impact of

### First Time Attendee

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed being an IACLE representative at the AOCLE workshop in Puerto Rico last month. It was great to meet the AOCLE members, as well as the industry representatives and sponsors. The workshop program was certainly excellent! I think I enjoyed the workshops on web assisted courses and surveys most of all. I also found Dr Santiago's talk on "The Hispanic Patent" very informative. And I loved the social functions and the trip to the rain forest, of course!

The Virtual/Living Library project of AOCLE is extremely exciting! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and commitment of the AOCLE members. I want to also thank AOCLE for being willing to participate in the IACLE mentor/understudy program-hopefully we will get many more members to sign up.

I can assure you that Daniela and Gianfranco (the other IACLE representatives) enjoyed this workshop as much as I did. I sincerely hope I will be able to attend more of the AOCLE meetings in future. Looking forward to working with you and AOCLE in the years to come.

Sonja Cronjé  
Manager, International Education  
International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE)

networking in this somewhat informal, yet constructive venue. It is hoped that this will encourage newcomers to experience future workshops and to network and share educational challenges with other more seasoned educators.

The AOCLE business meeting is now a part of the workshop, whereby a report is given by the chair, the vice-chair, the treasurer and the communications committee. Discussions on future workshops were brought up with SUNY being the next school to host the workshop for 2002. Dr. Terry Scheid (SUNY) gave the group a brief overview of the upcoming theme and events for the 2002 workshop. Pacific University has offered to host the 2003 workshop. Other schools were encouraged to discuss hosting future AOCLE workshops with their respective institutions.

On behalf of AOCLE, Dr. Gunderson (chair) presented a plaque to Dr. Julie Schornack (SCCO) for her work and contribution to the AOCLE as chair between 1998-2000. Thank you and Congratulations Julie !



Many hours of work and energy goes into organizing a workshop. Although one tries to prepare for the unexpected, it is impossible to predict everything that may go wrong. As part of the social events of the workshop, an evening cruise was scheduled at the port of San Juan, and after some delay the boat finally arrived. However, it was when the bus broke down that Dr. Conde just couldn't believe it! Not to worry Manny, we all share the little frustrations of preparing and organizing a workshop and you and your team did great !



## Workshop 2001: Gracias Puerto Rico!

The following industry sponsors supported the annual workshop in PR; Alcon, Allergan, Bausch&Lomb, Ciba, Cooper, Ocular Sciences, Paragon, Vistakon and X-Cel Contacts. The AOCLE thanks them for their continued support, without which these workshops, and many other projects, would not be possible. As customary, the workshop allows time for the industry sponsors to update attendees on the latest programs and developments at their respective companies. Each



representative does an overview of academic programs available to the schools such as hands-on CL workshops for students or speaker sponsorship, etc. This overview is important to keep the educators abreast of available programs that may complement the didactic and clinical cornea/contact lens curriculum at the respective schools/colleges of Optometry. It is hoped, since not all CL related educators can attend these workshops, that this information is shared with other non-attending members at their respective institution.



During the 2001 workshop, several industry sponsors were offered special recognition certificates/plaques for their years of continuous support to AOCLE. Dr. Gary Gunderson, chair of AOCLE presented the awards to attending industry representatives.



(left to right): Drs. Rhonda Robinson and Steve Byrnes accepted a plaque on behalf of B&L for 27 years of continuous support and Dr. Sally Dillehay accepted a plaque on behalf of CIBA Vision for 20 years of continuous support. Phil Pivnik accepted a certificate on behalf of ALCON for 14 years of support and Dr. George Mertz accepted on behalf of Vistakon for 10 years of continuous support. AOCLE thanks you for your continued support of cornea and contact lens education !

### AOCLE Welcomes new sponsor !

The AOCLE is pleased to announce a new industry sponsor: X-Cel Contacts ! We welcome them to our extended family and thank them for their support towards furthering contact lens education.

X-Cel Contacts is an RGP manufacturer and a soft lens distributor for all major brands of soft contact lenses. They are a division of Walman Optical based in Minneapolis, MN, and are a 100% employee owned company.

Company Highlights: After three years of research and development, X-Cel launched Visions Ultrathin Contact Lenses in February 2000. This unique RGP lens product has been very well received by independent Eyecare Practitioners, as well as within the Optometry Schools and Teaching Institutions. With the RGP lens market continuing to decline at a slow but steady rate, we knew we would have to provide a better comfort enhancing design, and simplify the fitting process. Visions Ultrathin provides better initial comfort, is very simple to fit, shipped fully hydrated in a vial, and is an inventoried product for quick turn around time.



A O C L E representatives had a chance to meet two of X-Cel Contacts representatives, Mark Parker, Vice President and Linda

Glover, Sales & Marketing Manager at the workshop in Puerto Rico. For more information about the company, you can contact Linda Glover by e-mail at: [lindagxcel@mindspring.com](mailto:lindagxcel@mindspring.com)

## CL 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 30-June 2, 2002:	AOCLE Annual Workshop hosted by SUNY (NYC, NY)
June 26-30, 2002	AOA-CL and Cornea Section (in conjunction with the AOA annual meeting) (New Orleans, LO)
August 9-11, 2002:	Global Orthokeratology Symposium (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)
Oct 25-26, 2002:	Quebec Association of Optometrists' International Symposium on CL and the Anterior Segment (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)
December 2002:	American Academy of Optometry-Cornea and CL Section Symposium (in conjunction with the AAO annual meeting) (San Deigo, CA)
June 2003:	AOCLE Annual Workshop hosted by Pacific University (Forest Grove, Oregon)

## Residency Program in CL

The last AOCLE newsletter listed 12 residencies in contact lenses. This post-doctoral training is a very important part of Optometric education. Since assuming the position of coordinator for the Cornea Contact Lens Management Residency at the Illinois College of Optometry, I've uncovered a few areas that could be helped by AOCLE. Let me know your thoughts.

- Program emphasis:** Wouldn't be nice to know which program has an emphasis on clinical experience or didactic education or research or hospital-based training or precepting.
- Recruitment:** Many applicants apply to multiple programs. If we knew who applied where it could help the selection process.
- Names of the current residents:** Interested students always like to talk to the people who currently are in the program. We could be a source of information for the students.
- Accreditation:** Which programs completed the self study process and are accredited or reaccredited. Knowing what others experienced could be helpful.
- Selection:** Since students apply to more than one place, it is likely that they get more than one offer. Wouldn't it be nice to have an agreed upon decision date that is the same for each school so alternate applicants could be contacted if needed.
- Filling positions:** A communication network would be nice it let other schools know of great candidates that were not offered a position at a specific school.

- Resident who wants to continue teaching:** AOCLE members could help fill teaching positions in contact lenses with well trained residents if we knew who was looking.

I'm sure there are more areas we could cooperate on. Please let me know your ideas. I'd be happy to get the coordination of Optometry's contact lens residency programs started. With cooperation, we can assure the continuation of quality Optometric education in contact lenses. Let me know your thoughts!

Jan Jurkus, OD, MBA  
ICO CL Residency Director  
jjjurkus@eyecare.ico.edu  
phone: 312-949-7248, Fax: 312-949-7368

The following is a list of the available CL Residencies available.

### BERKELEY

Contact: Deb Orel-Bixler  
Tel. (510) 642-2402

### HOUSTON

Contact: Norman Leach, OD  
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### ICO

Contact: Jan Jurkus, OD  
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### INDIANA

Contact: Colleen Riley, OD  
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### NEWENCO

Contact: Douglas Hoffman, OD  
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### NSU

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### OHIO

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### PACIFIC

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### PCO

Contact: Susan C. Oleszewski, OD, MA  
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### SCCO

Contact: Tim Edrington, OD  
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### SUNY

Contact: David Libassi, OD  
Tel. (212) 780-5037 dlibassi@sunyopt.edu

### UAB

Contact: Jimmy Bartlett, OD  
Tel.(205) 934-3036

### UMSL

Contact: Ed Bennett, OD, MSEd  
Tel. (314) 516-6258 sebenne@umsl.edu



## More Teaching Aids

As a service to the AOCLE faculty members and friends, we try to review new teaching resources available to CL educators. If there are tools/aids that you have found useful in your course or lab, we encourage you to share your experience with others. Please submit a short description to the editor of the AOCLE Newsletter.

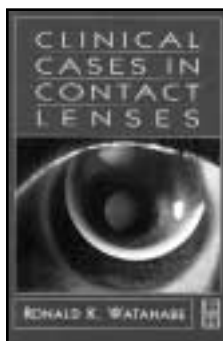
### New Books

Silicone Hydrogels: The rebirth of continuous wear contact lenses by Deborah Sweeney (IACLE) is available by Butterworth-Heinemann. This 280 page hardcover 2000 release book brings together authors from different parts of the world. There are eight chapters dealing with different areas of silicone hydrogels. The book covers topics such as a description of silicone hydrogel materials, the epithelium during EW, inflammation and infection issues under a closed eye environment, tear exchange, clinical performance and factors affecting success of silicone hydrogels and more. Tables, graphs, schematics and high quality colored photographs also compliments the book.



Although this second book has already been out for some time, it is included here as a reminder. The Anterior Segment Complications of Contact Lens Wear, 2nd edition by Joel Silbert (PCO), features new chapters on corneal topography, refractive surgery, corneal distortion and reshaping and more.

Other new releases include a softcover 232 page book by Ron Watanabe (NEWENCO) entitled Clinical Cases in Contact



Lenses which features common and not so common CL cases. Along with 6 contributing authors this book provides the clinician and student a range of CL complications that may be encountered in practice and how to manage them effectively. The book is divided into 4 parts including fitting dilemmas, optical problems, fit-induced complications and specialty CL fitting problems. Each case is presented with a case history, photo, clinical data and differential diagnosis so that the reader can develop his/her critical thinking skills. Following that the author offers a diagnosis and management section along with some clinical pearls. Thirty nine cases are presented in all.

Butterworth-Heinemann released in 2002 a 222 page soft cover book by Terry Scheid (SUNY) entitled Clinical Manual of Specialized Contact Lens Prescribing. This manual addresses rigid and soft toric contact lens design, fitting and modifications. Eight chapters address these and other topics of interest to the contemporary contact lens practitioner such as keratoconus, orthokeratology, and post-surgical fitting theories. The book includes charts, photos and photo color plates in the center of the book. This promises to be a useful and valuable book for any future or present contact lens fitter.



All these books would make valuable teaching resources and a great addition to the student's and clinic's reference libraries.

### CD ROMS

Two relatively new CD ROMS are available to enhance the fitting of contact lenses. The CD ROM modality makes it particularly attractive for students as they can access the information as many times as they wish. Furthermore this offers the educator a valuable teaching aid and resource tool. A CD entitled "RGP Fitting Evaluation and Problem Solving" is available by the Rigid Gas Permeable Lens Institute (RGPI). This CD does not require anything to be installed, since the programs run off the CD itself. It is compatible with both PC and Mac platforms as well.

Vistakon has made available a CD ROM entitled "Successful Communication Techniques for Managing Presbyopic Patients". This presentation is also available on audiocassette and offers practitioners, staff and future OD more complete treatment options for presbyopic patients. Testimonials and clinical pearls from leading professionals offer insight on how to offer patients presbyopic CL alternatives as a correction modality.

### Biomicroscopy Charts

The hand-held Biomicroscopy Chart shows several methods of illumination which are identified for the student or educator. The excellent photograph, donated to IACLE by Dr. Charles McMonnies, has been numbered and detailed so as to demonstrate six different illumination techniques. When teaching Biomicroscopy (or learning as a student) this photo-card can be a great visual resource.

Additional copies of these charts (in English, Chinese or Spanish) are available for use in laboratories, clinics, for student use, or as an additional teaching resource. Please contact the IACLE Secretariat for more information at;

[www.iacle.org](http://www.iacle.org)

## CL Clinics get a new look !



**M**any of our contact clinics are in need of an update, a fresh look to brighten up the spirit of the patients we attend to and the people who spend their days there as well (students, staff and faculty). Well some of the Schools and Colleges of Optometry have done just that and are willing to share some of their stories. Congratulations to all that have survived the remodeling !

### ST. LOUIS

University of Missouri, St-Louis (UMSL), School of Optometry has renovated its clinic space to offer students and clinicians a state-of-the-art Student Resource/Seminar Room complete with a computer, VCR/TV, reference books , videos, educational CDs. The room is also intended to serve as a contact lens seminar room.



The ribbon cutting inauguration of the room (from left) Dr. Ed Bennett, Acting Dean Dr. Larry Davis, Dr. Sally Dillehay (Ciba) and Dr. Vinita Henry

Thanks to a generous donation from CIBA Vision, the student's clinical experience will be remarkably updated and enhanced.

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Indiana University School of Optometry completed in late 2000 a remodeling project that involved the Contact Lens Clinic. Anyone who remembers the old block walls and wasted space will be pleased to see that they have all been torn down, and replaced by a more efficient room layout. In a space that formerly held 4 full sized lanes, 4 very small rooms, and two offices, we now have 9 lanes, a separate residents office and

lane, an office, reception desk area, and a lab area. 25 year old linoleum has been replaced by a fully carpeted clinic, and a number of new artworks adorn the walls.

Many thanks to the companies and individuals who helped make the new clinic possible by "purchasing" individual rooms.

Starting in May, the school will embark on a second phase of the remodeling project which will re-do the primary care and dispensary areas on the opposite end of the second floor clinic. When we are don in the fall of 2001, and if you are in Bloomington, we would love to show you around our new facility.



### MONTREAL

The École d'optométrie, Université de Montreal has also updated its CL clinic. Although no walls were moved or added a rearrangement of the trial lens inventory of lens was made and every CL room was fitted with a new CCLRU Grading Scale chart. These charts, provided by Vistakon, have given the students and supervising clinicals a valuable tool improve the standardization of clinical grading of cornea and CL related conditions.

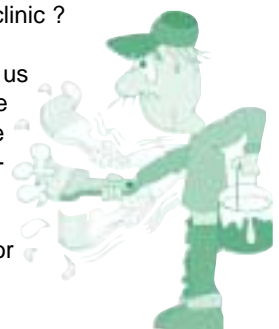


Brigitte St-Hilaire (left), Territory Manager for Vistakon and Dr. Nadia-Marie Quesnel, chief of CL.  
Photo by D. Latendresse

Did you recently remodel your clinic ?

Why not share it with the rest of us still seeking for that ultimate contact clinic efficiency ? Where did you place all those ever-expanding fitting sets ?

Send your pictures to the editor today !



## Workshops, workshops...!

### Montreal

**D**r. Steve Byrnes and Dr. Rhonda Robinson, both consultants for B&L were on hand in Montreal for a workshop on contact lenses.

The morning session included a theoretical review on RGPs and a problem solving section on Soft CL. The afternoon consisted of a hands-on fitting workshop with Multivision and Integral lenses on presbyopic patients. Twenty four students, mainly final year students, participated in the workshop and found it extremely informative.

The success to this workshop is in the vast video and still imagery that Dr. Byrnes has documented. This allows for the students to assess lens position and movement, lid apposition and centration in a static and dynamic view of several different fits. This offers the students an intensive experience with evaluating RGP fits in a relatively short amount of time and enhances their diagnostic fitting skills as a result.

The presentation by Dr. Robinson is extremely informative as well. She discussed problem solving of soft CL. She discusses simple solutions that are at times overlooked, such as a more in depth questioning of lens care, insertion and removal. Valuable information is obtained by such questioning and she points out that this is a great opportunity for patient education as well. She also provides the students with a list of CL divided by their FDA group. She reminds the students the clinical importance of this division in trouble shooting soft CL problems. For example, when opting for a lens change, she reminds them that students often change a lens for another in the same FDA group, without realizing it, and consequently wonder why the change had no effect on the patient's complaints.

If you have not had this workshop at your school yet, contact either Dr. Byrnes or Robinson and set one up for your students today! They'll love it !



(front row) Dr. Nadia-Marie Quesnel (chief of CL Clinic) with Drs. Byrnes and Robinson with final year students during the workshop held on October 20, 2000.

(photo provided by Dr. Quesnel)

### Ohio State

**D**r. Lisa Badowski at TOSU has recently completed student workshops on bifocal contact lens fitting, sponsored by Vistakon. Dr. Tim Poling from Clinical Research at Vistakon was on hand to offer a presentation on Acuvue bifocal fitting pearls. Following that a hands-on fitting workshop allowed the students to fit patients with this lens. Most of the recruiting of patients was internal. Incentive for patients included reduced fitting fees and complimentary lenses. A student to patient ratio was three to one which allowed students to work as a team and to pool their knowledge to gain experience with fitting bifocal CL.

Dr. Badowski recommends to other educators that the challenges of setting up such a workshop include;

- recruitment
- follow up (paper work, comprehensive examination prior to the workshop)-this should be delegated
- scheduling
- pre-order the fitting lenses-work with the rep !

Dr. Badowski also recommends that you have the company rep on hand for assistance and questions. The time of the presentation should be approx. 45 minutes, otherwise you lose the students' attention and they get anxious for the hands-on portion. A total of 3 hours for the entire workshop is preferable. The preferred instruction to student ratio is 1:3. At TOSU, the ratio was 1 instruction for 3 groups (3 students in each group), which was feasible, but a lower ratio is always preferred.

Student reaction was very positive, especially with respect to the hands-on aspect of the workshop. The 4th yr students also enjoyed listening to external professionals, which re-inforces issues discussed internally in class and/or clinic.

The Acuvue bifocal fitting workshop is available to all schools through the Academic Program at Vistakon. Contact Dr. George Mertz for more information.

Dr. Badowski has also organized other workshops following a similar format for soft toric and RGP contact lens fitting.

Structured and unstructured workshops are available from most AOCLE supporters. A recent RGP bifocal workshop is available from X-Cel Contacts. Contact your AOCLE industry supporter to learn more about available workshops for your students.

Have you done a workshop at your school ?

Share your experience with others and send a brief resume to the edirof today !

## Employment Opportunities

NOVA Southeastern University  
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Chief of Contact Lens Service

As a service to the AOCLE faculty members, we will be happy to make all members aware of professional opportunities in the cornea & CL area. We encourage schools/colleges and industry to let us know about professional opportunities and submit them to the newsletter editors, preferably by e-mail. We typically publish the Newsletter in the spring and in the fall.

### Vistakon

A division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products Inc.  
Manager, Clinical Research

Responsibilities of this position include;

- \* Reviewing and approving protocols and technical reports
- \* Building strategic relationships with key consultants, including contract negotiations with clinical research organizations on a global basis
- \* Managing a staff of technical professionals/technicians and performing all management related functions including conducting performance reviews
- \* Setting the direction for development of new instrumentation and test procedures
- \* Acting as the expert consultant on contact lens and clinical research issues
- \* Staying abreast of current developments and trends in the contact lens market and competitive product offerings
- \* Assisting with the preparation of scientific publications

The ideal candidate for this position would possess the following characteristics;

- \* Doctor of Optometry (O.D. or equivalent)
- \* Minimum of 10 years experience working in an ophthalmic/optometric related field with a minimum of 5 years supervising O.D. professionals
- \* Thorough knowledge, understanding and application of principles, concepts and practices of clinical research and contact lens prescribing
- \* Working knowledge of statistical principles for clinical research
- \* Ability to work in a highly flexible environment with changing priorities
- \* Willingness to take risks and think "out-of-the-box"
- \* Strong organizational, interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills, to include technical writing skills
- \* Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs
- \* Excellent analytical and problem solving skill

Candidates are encouraged to email their resume to visweb@visus.jnj.com Attn: 02-0000551-AOCLE MGR. CLIN RES.

Education & training requirements:

Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited institution plus an advanced degree and/or teaching experience and/or several years of documented clinical experience and/or appropriate residency training; must be licensed in at least one state, Florida license preferred; demonstrated commitment to scholarship.

Job scope & responsibilities: Direct the activities of the Cornea and Contact Lens Service/clinics; provide leadership to clinical faculty, students, and staff; expand the patient base; maintain industry sponsored learning seminars; teach in the Cornea and Contact Lens clinics and labs; some scholarly activity.

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## Newsletter goes E!

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Because not all faculty members at a given optometric educational institution are funded to attend all of the AOCLE functions, the AOCLE newsletter provides a vehicle for communication with all of the individuals who may be involved in CL education on their campuses. In addition, the newsletter can provide an effective summary of the educational programs and teaching materials available from the CL industry for use in CL education. We encourage companies involved in CL care, treatment of the anterior segment, or diagnostic evaluation of the eye to keep us informed of resources we can share with the Optometric Cornea and CL Educators of North America.

As AOCLE folks become more computer-savvy, it has been proposed that the newsletter adopt an electronic format and would save on paper, printing and mailing costs in the future. For the very first time, this newsletter will be available in an electronic format. As a trial period, the newsletter will be available on the AOCLE website ([www.aocle.org](http://www.aocle.org)) as well as sent to all the folks who have an e-mail address listed in the AOCLE roster. We hope to get a feedback from the AOCLE folks on this new format. For those of you who still do not have e-mail access, we hope the written version continues to be a useful option for you.

The members of the AOCLE Communications Committee welcomes any suggestions and/or assistance with the writing and/or contents of the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions please bring them to the attention of the AOCLE Newsletter Editors. We thank the many AOCLE members and friends which supply us with information for the newsletter throughout the year. Their contribution is greatly appreciated.

## Vistakon & Allergan/AMO CL Educators Panel (March 7-10, 2002) California



Vistakon's Educator's Advisory Panel Meeting was held for the first time outside Jacksonville area. The reason being that this was a joint meeting with their global strategic alliance partner Allergan/AMO. The meeting was held in sunny southern California

in Newport Beach. The meeting was called to order by Dr. George Mertz, Director of Academic Affairs at Vistakon. Official welcomes from both Dr. Stan Yamane, vice-president of Professional Affairs at Vistakon and Mr. Richard Scott, Director of Sales and Marketing of Allergan/AMO were offered to the attending CL educators.

Dr. Yamane presented corporate updates as well as national and International comparisons of industry trends which allowed the educators to stay abreast of the latest developments in the contact lens market. To emphasize the dedication to R&D and its importance in the company, he reports that Vistakon just broke ground on a new \$30 million R&D facility. Mr. John Chapman, Director of Professional Marketing and Dr. Howard Purcell, Director of Professional Affairs offered some insight on the latest marketing tools and product developments. As part of the Eye Health Advisor Program, patient education brochures and eye health posters were presented to the attendees. A new newsletter entitled "The Advisor", intended for reception areas to educate patients on eye health issues was also distributed. To further the importance of eye health promotion, Vistakon is offering a student award of \$1000 to a 2nd or 3rd yr at each of the Schools and Colleges who has demonstrated and helped promote eye health in the community. Look for these and new products at your institution over the next few months.

Allergan/AMO's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Mr. David Noon, presented to the group the changes which are occurring at Allergan/AMO. As of July 1st 2002, the company Allergan/AMO will be divided into 2 separate companies, Allergan and AMO (Advanced Medical Optics). Allergan will handle the specialty pharmaceuticals (eye Rx, dermatology, etc) and AMO will oversee the surgical products and the CL care products. Schools and Colleges will be kept abreast of these changes as they formalize.

Mr. Scott discussed the strategic alliance of Allergan/AMO and Vistakon with respect to their respective products and how this impacts patient and practitioner information.

During the course of this panel meeting, Vistakon and Allergan/AMO solicited input from CL educators on a wide range of educational topics. This allowed open exchanges on numerous topics and will further enhance the relationship between industry and the needs of academic administrators, faculty and students.

## CIBA Educators Panel (March 9-12, 2001: Isle Palms, SC)



The CIBA Educator's Panel Meeting was held on March 9-12, 2001 at the Wild Dunes Resort, Isle Palms in South Carolina. Apart from the great southern hospitality, there were a series of outstanding CE courses and lectures. The theme for this

year's educators panel was *Educational Odyssey 2001: Your Key to the Future*. Contact lens and primary care folks were invited to this panel. The acquisition of Wesley-Jessen by CIBA was discussed and the benefits this would have to the educators, in terms of consolidating academic programs.

A significant amount of time was dedicated to the discussion of silicone hydrogel lenses and the experience that the contact lens community has had with them. A panel ranging from practitioners to researchers on the topic shared their knowledge and experience with the attendees in a discussion entitled *Continuous Vision: Reaching the Final Frontier*. Panel members included Drs. Joe Barr (OSU), Des Fonn (Waterloo), Brien Holden (Australia), Jim Kerr (Canada), Joel Silbert (PCO), and Deborah Sweeney (IACLE president). Dr. Des Fonn (Waterloo) detailed the contents of a recent website on the subject (see website info on page 4) whereby educators as well as practitioners can keep abreast on the subject. A book entitled *Silicone Hydrogels* by Dr. Sweeney (Australia) was also available to update attendees (more on page 17).

Dr. Rick Weisbarth, Executive Director of Professional Services at Ciba offered an update on Innovations in Primary eyecare and Drs. Melton and Thomas discussed Glaucoma Drug Updates and Grand Rounds. Other conferences included Dr. Michael Harris' (Berkeley) *Legal aspects of CL prescriptions*; Dr. Jennifer Smythe and Pat Caroline (Pacific) discussed *Solution related Keratitis and Non-Keratitis* and Dr. Joel Silbert (PCO) discussed *Effective Use of TPA's in CL Practice*.

As part of the social activities, a tour of Charleston was offered by horse carriage to appreciate the relaxed atmosphere and take in some of the architectural details of the beautiful homes of the region. In the market we observed the agility and details of those that create hand woven baskets, common to this area.

Other social highlights included a costume party which carried the 2001 Odyssey theme. A hotel ballroom was transformed into a series of movie-like sets depicting different science fiction movies such as Star Wars, Star Trek, 2001 Space Odyssey, Men in Black, etc. Attendees had to come up with a science fiction costume and many were extremely creative.

The program was extremely informative and the costume party added a special twist of fun to the social events.

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