



Low Vision News

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ISLRR's objectives:

- To stimulate scientific research in the field of low vision and in the field of rehabilitation of people with low vision
- To promote the exchange of information in these fields

President's Message

Now that the year 2008 is behind us, ISLRR can look back at the year that has past and recognize that we had a very successful Vision 2008 Congress. Not only was the program perfect, the number of attendees was higher then ever with over 1400 participants. Combined with our professional organization, the nice congress building, the beautiful and vibrant city with the most pleasant weather...it was a pleasure for me to be part of the entire experience. Photos of Vision 2008 have been posted to:
www.opto.umontreal.ca/vision2008/index.htm

If you missed the 2008 Vision Congress, we strongly encourage you to participate in Vision 2011 in Kuala Lumpur and Vision 2014 in Australia. While we realize for many members and professionals from Europe and America that the distance and travel costs can be a barrier to visit these Vision congresses, keep in mind that the cost of living in Kuala Lumpur is considerably less than in the western world, so the Congress fee and the hotel costs, combined with the travel costs will be equal for most, compared with the former Vision congresses.

Given the fact that it will take a while before the Vision congresses will be in America or Europe, we strongly support the organization of local ISLRR meetings. In October 2008, Susanne Trauzettel-Klosinski organized a wonderful meeting in Tübingen, Germany (From Eye to Mind), that

focused mainly on neuro-ophthalmology. There are plans to organize more of these small meetings in Europe. For example, Gus Colenbrander, Susanne, and I will host a meeting during the World Congress of Ophthalmology (Berlin 2010) and of course there will be the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meetings. Still, there are plenty of opportunities to organize local meetings especially meant for the professionals in our field. If help from the ISLRR Board is required to organize such a meeting, please contact us.

A last message regards our journal, Visual Impairment Research. We have been informed that the publication cannot sustain itself as before, so it will no longer be published. The ISLRR Board recognizes that new initiatives are necessary to give our field a medium for researchers and practitioners to publish their findings and outcomes. The ISLRR Board is working on this matter, and the possibility of an internet journal is being considered as well.

Warm regards,

Ger HMB van Rens



Ger HMB van Rens
President

Thank You to the Outgoing Board

Not only was Vision 2008 a successful conference, many exciting changes took place during the congress, including several actions during the ISLRR membership meeting, when the Society's members voted on a new slate of officers and executive committee members. The new Board, which is listed on the

front page of this newsletter, took office at that last July.

As we look forward to the future of the Society with its new leadership, we take this moment to reflect on the many achievements of the outgoing Board members. We thank the following outgoing Board members for

their hard work on behalf of the Society, and applaud them for their dedication and years of service to the Society:

Outgoing Officers: Aries Ardit, President; Susanne Trauzettel-Klosinski, Vice President; and Gregory Goodrich, Treasurer.

Outgoing Executive Committee Members: Örjan Bäckman and Anne Corn.

Annual Membership Renewals Due

It is time to renew your ISLRR membership. Renewal forms are in the mail and are due on March 15, 2009. Once you receive your renewal application, we ask that you please carefully review your contact information, making any necessary corrections. If your contact information has changed over the past year, please email the ISLRR administrator to ensure we have

the correct address and email for you. Please send your changes to Lorna Frazier-Lindsey (lornafl@verizon.net).

Are your colleagues members of ISLRR? If not, we encourage you to recommend ISLRR membership to them. A 2009 membership form is included in this newsletter and can be returned with your membership renewal or mailed or faxed separately.



Renewal and new membership forms can be mailed to: Lorna Frazier-Lindsey, Administrator, PO Box 1185, Urbanna, VA 23175-1185 or faxed to 1+01-509-355-3620.

ISLRR Members Have Access to Research Through Society's Website

ISLRR members have access to valuable research through the members portal on ISLRR's website (www.islrr.org). By gaining access through the use of user names and passwords, members can search Volumes 1 through 10 of the *Visual Impairment Research* journal, download the report of the Oslo Workshop on Low Vision and search abstracts from the Vision 2002 Conference. In addition, only members



have access to Low Vision: the Reference, a searchable bibliographic database of low vision literature with over 11,000 references and citations. This helpful desktop resource allows you to search by author, title and year.

Search results give you the name of the article, authors, date, publication, volume number, and page numbers, allowing you to easily find the publication and research paper.

The ISLRR's website has the ability to be viewed in Spanish, French and Russian, as well as in English.

Log in for a visit: www.islrr.org



Vision 2008—Review Available

Following Vision 2008: the 9th International Conference on Low Vision, which was held last July in Montreal, Canada, Ger HMB van Rens and Ruth MA van Nispen published a synopsis of the events on Expert Reviews, a gateway to commentary and

analysis in today's most exciting areas of healthcare on the web. The article can be found at www.expert-reviews.com, under the Ophthalmology link, in Volume 3 No. 5, and can be downloaded free of charge.

The review outlines the research and scientific presentations

given, gives an overview of the keynote addresses and posters presented, and a general idea of the overall conference. It is a good read for those interested in attending the Vision 2011 Conference, February 20-24, 2011, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Malaysia.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 3-7, 2009: Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Visit www.arvo.org

July 31-August 1, 2009: ARVO Summer Eye Research Conference, Ophthalmic Drug Delivery Systems for the Treatment of Retinal Diseases: Basic Research to Clinical Application, Bethesda, Maryland. Visit:

www.arvo.org

October 8, 2009: World Sight Day, annual awareness day to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. Visit: www.v2020.org

February 20-24, 2011: Vision 2011 Conference, February 20-24, 2011, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia.



To post an upcoming event that may be of interest to other

ISLRR members, please email the conference details to: lornafl@verizon.net.



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The International Society for Low-vision Research & Rehabilitation
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