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DRS. HAIK AND FREEMAN REVIEW ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF THE AUDITORIUM

Dr. Jerre Minor Freeman and Mrs. Anne Freeman have presented the Department of Ophthalmology with a generous donation to underwrite the construction of an auditorium on the third floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute.

Dr. Freeman, who received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1963 and also completed his ophthalmology residency at UT in 1967, is the founder of Memphis Eye and Cataract Associates. In 1978, he also founded the World Cataract Foundation, an international, charitable, nonprofit organization, in response to the vast problem of cataract blindness in the developing countries of the world. He is currently Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

Acknowledging the Freemans' generous donation, Dr. Barrett Haik, Chair and Hamilton Professor of Ophthalmology, praised their humanitarianism and philanthropy: "Jerre and Anne Freeman have dedicated their lives to helping their fellow man in so

many ways: personal missionary efforts, support of physician/scientists who develop innovative medical techniques, and leadership in the strengthening of higher education. Their altruistic generosity is an inspiration to all."

The 99-seat auditorium is the keynote structure in a teaching facility that will include libraries for both medical and lay researchers, a skills-transfer laboratory for training in ophthalmic surgery, a distance-learning classroom, and a state-of-the-art telemedicine center. Completing the facility will be a pre-function area for social events related to courses and seminars and a museum centered around ophthalmic artifacts and the history of ophthalmology in Memphis.

Three Distinguished Visiting Professorships

Dr. Mukai is Seventh Williford Distinguished Visiting Professor

Shizuo Mukai, MD served as the seventh William N. Williford, MD Distinguished Visiting Professor on September 18 and 19, 2003. Dr. Mukai is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School. He undertook his residency training and two fellowships—one in eye genetics and pathology and another in vitreo-retinal diseases and surgery—at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. His areas of expertise include diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous, pediatric retina, and retinoblastoma.



DR. SHIZUO MUKAI

Dr. Mukai's Williford Lecture, "Management of Intraocular Retinoblastoma," was presented at a combined assembly of full-time faculty and resident staff of the department, members of the Memphis Eye Society, and faculty from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Dr. Williford, UT alumnus and staunch supporter of the department, was acknowledged for his generous endowment of the professorship. The morning following his lecture, Dr. Mukai observed department activities, and in the afternoon he attended lectures and case presentations with our residents and faculty.

Dr. Ellis is Third Arnold Distinguished Visiting Professor

George S. Ellis, Jr., MD, served as the third I. Lee Arnold, MD Distinguished Visiting Professor on December 5, 2003. Dr. Ellis is a renowned pediatric ophthalmologist and Clinical

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics at both Tulane University Medical Center and Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans. He is currently president of the American Academy of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and immediate past president of the New Orleans Academy of Ophthalmology. He has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles and 10 book chapters.

Dr. Ellis's Arnold Lecture, "Childhood Ptosis: To Lift or Not Lift? And How?" was preceded by a tribute to Dr. I. Lee Arnold, who recently passed away. Dr. Arnold established this Distinguished Visiting Professorship to honor his teachers and mentors during his training at the University of Tennessee.

The Arnold Distinguished Visiting Professorship was the centerpiece of the Seventh Annual Clinical Update for the Comprehensive Ophthalmologist, at which J. Brent Bond, MD was also an invited speaker. Dr. Bond completed his ophthalmology residency at Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans and his glaucoma fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He is currently Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Wake Forest Uni-

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DR. MATTHEW WILSON AND DR. GEORGE ELLIS

versity School of Medicine in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and as a nationally recognized expert in glaucoma, he has delivered over fifty invited lectureships. Dr. Bond's presentations were "Neovascular Glaucoma: Evidenced-based Medicine" and "Real Life Lessons from Recent Glaucoma Trials."

Dr. Kelman is Third Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor

Charles D. Kelman, MD was named the third Sir Harold Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor and was honored at a reception and dinner on February 5, 2004. Dr. Kelman completed his medical studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland and his residency in ophthalmology at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadel-



DR. CHARLES KELMAN



DR. SPENCER THORNTON RECEIVES HIS RIDLEY MEDAL FROM DR. FREEMAN

phia. He is renowned for his contributions to cataract surgery, in particular for the introduction of the cryoprobe for intracapsular cataract extraction and for development of phakoemulsification, which revolutionized cataract surgery, converting it from an inpatient to an outpatient procedure.

Dr. Kelman has received innumerable prestigious awards including the First Innovators Award in Ophthalmology, the Binkhorst Medal from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the "Inventor of the Year Award" from the New York Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law Association. Last year, he was named a Laureate of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has written hundreds of articles, papers, and scientific books as well as a lay book on cataracts and an autobiography entitled *Through My Eyes*. Due to poor health,

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Construction on Seventh Floor of Eye Institute Nears Completion

Vision researchers at various locales throughout the campus are preparing for their move into new laboratories on the seventh floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute. Effective completion of construction is scheduled for March 29, 2004, and shortly thereafter, Drs. Dianna Johnson, Eldon Geisert, Edward Chaum, Howard Jernigan, Monica Jablonski, Alex Iannaccone, Rajesh Sharma, and their post-doctoral students and research and support staffs will move into the new facility.

Each principal investigator will occupy approximately 1200 square feet of fully equipped laboratory space with access to shared resources located in the core. The common equipment areas include NEI-supported Vision Core facilities for molecular biology and imaging.

An opening celebration is planned for Monday, May 10, 2004. The Chancellor's Roundtable will be held in the 930 Madison Avenue location of the Eye Institute, and the university and community leaders who constitute the Roundtable will be introduced to the new facility. Deputy Secretary of Health Claude Allen will speak at the Eye Institute's opening luncheon on the topic of health disparities.



THE HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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Dr. Kelman was unable to attend, but he was honored in absentia with a tribute presented by Dr. Peter Netland.

This year, the Department of Ophthalmology introduced the Ridley Medal, an award to be presented to the Sir Harold Ridley Distinguished Visiting Professor in recognition of innovative contributions to medical science and ophthalmology. Dr. Spencer Thornton, the inaugural Ridley Professor, was present to receive his medal and thank Dr. Freeman for his sponsorship of this endowed professorship. Dr. David Apple, the second Ridley Professor, received his medal in absentia.

The Ridley Medal was designed by Denker Awards Company, the oldest awards company in Memphis. Denker worked closely with Dr. Freeman to translate his concept into a design for Medalcraft Mint of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who cast the medal. The sculptor responsible for the Ridley Medal also created the Inaugural Medal for President George W. Bush. The Ridley Medal is solid nickel sliver, and the antique finish enhances the portrait of Sir Harold on the face. Defining attributes of the Ridley Professor, "Creativity, innovation, perseverance, and productivity", are inscribed on the reverse.

Dr. Haik Serves on National Boards and Councils, Spearheads Mission and Telemedicine Activities

Dr. Barrett G. Haik, Chair and Hamilton Professor of Ophthalmology, has been named to the following leadership positions:

Trustee-At-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology

The Board of Trustees establishes policies and guides the activities of this professional organization of over 25,000 ophthalmologists.

Member, National Eye Advisory Council

The council determines the direction of research and training for the National Institute of Health and the National Eye Institute. Its main function is to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services along with the director of NIH and NEI on matters relating to the support of research and training related to our national efforts in vision research. Dr. Haik was named to this position by Tommy Thompson, the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Member, Board of Trustees, Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology

AUPO consists of all Chairs of Ophthalmology in the United States. It guides the education of ophthalmologists in training.

Chair, Ophthalmology Advisory Council of the American College of Surgeons

The American College of Surgeons promotes and assures the highest standard of surgical care. The Advisory Council sets the standards for each specialty.

Member, Advisory Board, CyberSight/ORBIS

CyberSight is an initiative of ORBIS International aimed at establishing extended pres-



DR. HAIK WITH RETINOBLASTOMA PATIENT AND MOTHER IN GUATEMALA

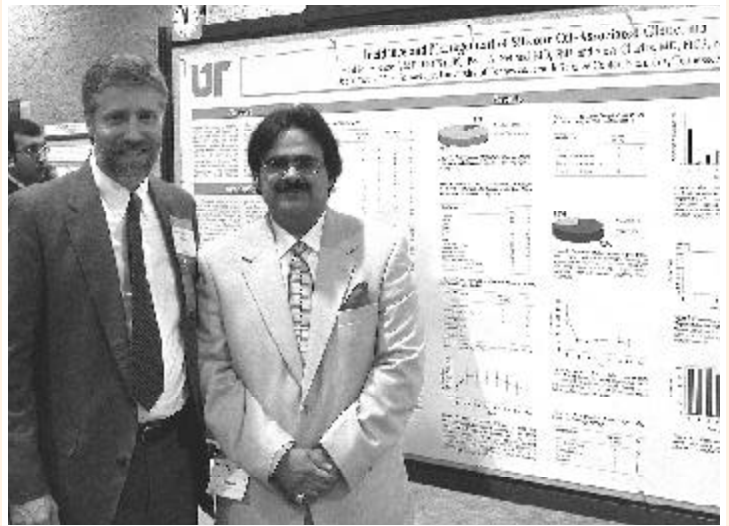
ence of volunteer ophthalmologists with partners worldwide and fighting blindness through clinical support and education. ORBIS vice president for telemedicine, Dr. Eugene Helveston, and ORBIS board chairman, Al Ueltschi, have been instrumental in implementing this outreach and telemedicine initiative. Dr. Haik initiated a cooperative agreement with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital that has led to the design of a comprehensive diagnostic and treatment program for childhood eye cancer in Central America.

As part of this initiative, Dr. Haik visited the Hospital Rodolfo Robles in Guatemala City, Guatemala, where he presented and instructed local physicians with imaging technology to examine patients and transmit information to partners at UT and St. Jude. This technology and access to consultation with leading experts in childhood cancers and other eye disorders will have a far-reaching impact on the effort to prevent blindness. A similar outreach program is planned for Honduras this spring.

Faculty Active in All Aspects of Annual Academy Meeting

The 107th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), held in Anaheim, California, was a busy and productive conference for the faculty of the Department of Ophthalmology.

Faculty members are active in Academy governance and administration: **Dr. Barrett Haik** was named a Trustee-at-Large (see related story, page 5). **Dr. James C. Fleming**, Professor and Clinical Vice Chair, represented the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons on the Academy Council, and **Dr. Peter Netland**, Siegal Professor and Academic Vice-Chair, served on the Program Selection Committee for Glaucoma.



DR. NETLAND AND DR. ADEL AL-JAZZAF AT THEIR POSTER SESSION

Dr. Matthew Wilson, Associate Professor, presented "Improved Ocular Survival for Retinoblastoma with a Two-Drug Regimen and Intensive Focal Treatments." At a joint symposium of the AAO and the American Orthoptic Council, **Dr. Natalie Kerr**, Associate Professor, presented "Management of Strabismus following Orbital Fracture Repair." **Dr. Fleming** chaired the scientific session on Orbit, Lacrimal, and Oculoplastics, and **Dr. Netland** was a Discussant of "Ahmed Valve Surgery in Refractory Pediatric Glaucoma."

Drs. Haik, Fleming, Kerr, Netland, and Wilson presented an instructional course, "Thyroid Eye Disease: Management from A to Z," **Dr. Haik** was an instructor in "Retinoblastoma 2003," and **Dr. Netland** was an instructor in "Complications following Glaucoma Filtering Surgery."

Scientific posters provide meeting-long presentations of clinical studies and permit attendees to meet and speak with the authors. The department was strongly represented in this forum:

- Dr. Fleming:** Iatrogenic Cryptophthalmos for the Treatment of Severe Eyelid Trauma
- Dr. Netland:** Incidence and Management of Silicone Oil-Associated Glaucoma; Long-Term Results of Ahmed Valve Implantation for Uveitic Glaucoma
- Dr. Wilson:** Secondary Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in Retinoblastoma Patients:

Second-year resident in ophthalmology **Dr. Viet Ho** also presented three posters at the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS) meeting.

The faculty additionally presented four courses at the Continuing Education Program of the Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology held in conjunction with the AAO:

- Dr. Natalie Kerr:** Understanding Strabismus: Terminology to Clinical Evaluation
- Ms. Mary E. Smith:** Diagnostic Imaging of the Eye and Orbit
(with Dr. Fleming, Dr. Netland, and Ms. Peggy Kearney)
- Dr. R. Christopher Walton:** Immunologic Diseases of the Anterior Segment
- Dr. Matthew Wilson:** Ocular and Adnexal Tumors

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UT Department of Ophthalmology Acknowledged for Clinical Care in National Survey of Top Ten Programs

The University of Tennessee Department of Ophthalmology has been listed in the top ten ophthalmologic institutions in the country for providing quality clinical care to patients. The rankings were determined by a survey of 75 department chairs of ophthalmology around the country and were published in the November 15, 2003 issue of *Ophthalmology Times*, the leading newspaper for the subspecialty.

Results of the survey were categorized as Best Clinical (patient care) Programs, Best Research Programs, Best Residency Programs, and Best Overall Ophthalmology Programs. The University of Tennessee's ophthalmology patient care program was ranked as the eighth best in the United States and highlighted as a newcomer to the annual list. Dr. Barrett Haik, Hamilton Professor and Chair, was quoted in the article regarding his reaction to the survey's results. He stated that being recognized for the first time in such a poll is both flattering and validating: "Our goals are excellence in clinical care, teaching, and research, and in all that, the focus is what excellence means towards what we can deliver to the individual patient."

Best clinical (patient care) programs

Rank	School or institution
1	Wilmer Eye Institute/Johns Hopkins University
2	Bascob Palmer Eye Institute
3	Wills Eye Hospital
4	Jules Stein Hospital/UCLA
5	University of Iowa
6	Cole Eye Institute/Cleveland Clinic
7	Duke University Eye Center
8	University of Tennessee-Memphis
9	Emory Eye Center (tie)
	Wake Forest University School of Medicine
	Cullen Eye Institute/Baylor College of Medicine
	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
	Columbia University

SOURCE: *Ophthalmology Times*, 15 Nov 2003, p 20.

It is an exceptional honor for the UT Department of Ophthalmology to be listed with long-established, internationally recognized, and extraordinarily well-endowed programs such as the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore, the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, the Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia, and the Jules Stein Eye Institute in Los Angeles. This recognition is a tribute to the excellence of our faculty and the continuing efforts of Dr. Haik to expand and improve the program.

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