Message from the Chair

The Academy Meeting is here!! I hope you are all planning to attend. The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies has a jam packed schedule that will provide great education and great fellowship for all Section members and Diplomates. We look forward to having you there. The complete schedule of Section events has been sent you already in the “Save the Date” announcement, but it is also published here in this newsletter.

As always, the first official event of meeting is the Orientation Breakfast which begins at 6:30 am. This year, the meetings are mostly at the Convention Center because of the great distance to the hotels. Please plan ahead for this reality. We will have bus service that will get you to the Convention Center in time for this early start on Wednesday, but you need to budget your time.

On Tuesday, prior to the meeting’s official beginning, is the Diplomate Preparatory Course. This course will be at the Palmer House Hotel, which is the headquarters hotel beginning at 11:00 am. This program has an outstanding faculty and agenda, and I encourage all who are serious about becoming a
Diplomate in the Section enroll and attend this course.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Section Awards Program will honor two very worthy recipients. First, the Founders’ Award will be presented to Lynette Johns. Few people have been more instrumental in getting the scleral lens revolution going than Lynette. She is very deserving, and I hope you will attend to fete her achievement. The Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award will honor Suzanne Fleiszig. Suzi almost needs no introduction. As a giant in the field, it is proper that we honor her this year with this award, and I look forward to hearing her lecture. Also of note on the awards side, our dearly departed friend and colleague, Harue Marsden, will be honored posthumously with the Academy’s Eminent Service Award. The AAO Awards program will take place on Friday, October 13, from 8:00-10:00 AM, in E315 of McCormick Place. We should all be there to stand with her family as we honor Harue one last time.

Our Section Program this year is again on Friday, and the subject is, “Ocular Surface Disease and Irregular Cornea Grand Rounds: A Multidisciplinary Approach.” This program will be very educational, and I hope you plan to attend.

Finally, for the Diplomates of the Section, we have the Section Business meeting on Saturday morning. Once again, a grand rounds presentation will get you an hour of CE along with a full breakfast.

I look forward to visiting with the members and Diplomates of the Section and the candidates, and, as always, the Section Suite will be the rallying point for Section activities. Come join us!
From the Diplomate Award Chair

The diplomate process is a challenging yet rewarding experience. It takes a lot of work on behalf of the candidates and dedication from those Diplomates who help us in the process. A few reminders that we ask all active candidates to follow:

- Please read through the diplomate guidelines as located on the AAO website http://www.aaopt.org/Fellows/Sections/CCLRT/Diplomate
- Active candidates are required to attend the Section Breakfast On Wednesday
- It is your responsibility to contact me if you are are taking the practical or written tests during the annual meeting in Chicago
- If you are attending, I would like to meet with all active candidates to discuss your progress and any questions that you may have regarding case reports and tests. I will be contacting all active candidates via email by 9/25/2017, but please reach to me if you have not heard from me. louisesclafani@yahoo.com

I look forward to seeing all at the meeting and hoping that we will be inducting new members to our elite group.

Wednesday AM Breakfast

Start the meeting “Bright and Early” by joining established Diplomates and brand new candidates for all the pertinent and “last minute” details as well as great fellowship and friendship.

Written Examinations

Those who have fulfilled the requirements to sit for written examinations will have this great “pleasure” on Wednesday.

Practical Examination

The practical examination will be held at the ICO campus. This tradition brings together current Diplomates of recent and vintage in a clinical setting to discuss the care of the patients we all enjoy so much!

Oral Examinations

Calling all Diplomate Candidates! We have one candidate sitting for their oral examination this year. Let’s ”get busy” working on your case reports. Let’s see if we can set a record for oral exams at ACADEMY 2018 SAN ANTONIO.
2017 Awards Presentations

The CCLRT Section Awards Ceremony celebrates our shared passion for excellence in corneal or contact lens research and technology. This is rare opportunity to celebrate three leading women, two in our midst and one who has recently left us. One of the founders of modern scleral lens fitting, Lynette Johns, will be honored for her worldwide dissemination of scleral lens knowledge. Suzi Fleiszig will then deliver the coveted Shapero Lecture; don’t miss this rare opportunity to hear such a prominent international optometrist and scientist present her groundbreaking work in Pseudomonas keratitis including unbelievable videos unraveling the mechanisms of contact lens infection. One of the traditions of the Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technology Section is honoring very special individuals and their accomplishments within our field.

The Eminent Service Award

The Eminent Service Award honors those persons who have rendered extraordinary and/or distinguished long-term service to the Academy. It was first presented in 1960. Nominations can be made by any member of the Academy to the Chair of the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee then makes its recommendation to the Board of Directors. Harue Marsden, OD, MS will be presented with this award posthumously at the awards program for the entire Academy family on Friday morning.

The Max Schapero Memorial Lecture

The Max Schapero Memorial Lecture was established in 1972 to honor the memory of Max Schapero who was a dedicated member of the Section and the Academy. The award is given to a clinician, researcher, or scholar who has made a significant contribution to the cornea and contact lens field by virtue of their publications, lectures, or research efforts. Suzanne Fleizsig, OD, PhD will be receiving this recognition and presenting at the Section award presentation on.

The Founders Award

This award is in memory of, and in honor of, those Academy Fellows who founded the Contact Lens Section of the American Academy of Optometry. The award is to be presented to an individual, group, or company who has made an outstanding contribution to the clinical aspect of the art or science of contact lens fitting. Lynette Johns, OD will be presented with the Founders Award at the Section Awards meeting as well.
Ocular surface disease with or without corneal irregularity is challenging to treat both optically and physiologically. This expert “all-Chicago” panel will present challenging cases and treatment approaches including medical, surgical, and contact lens management of corneal disease. The multidisciplinary approach to management of these patients will be evident as AAO Diplomates and Fellows present cases shared with internationally recognized corneal surgeons.

Each Case will present the underlying disease process, systemic manifestation in eye disease, medical, surgical and contact lens treatment approaches.

**Objectives:**

- Learn of different ocular surface conditions that benefit from contact lens management
- Understand the pathophysiology of various ocular surface diseases: Limbal stem cell disease, herpetic corneal disease, ocular manifestations of rheumatoid arthritis, and Stevens-Johnson Syndrome
- Learn the medical and surgical management of the above conditions

**2017 Section Symposium**

**Ocular Surface Disease and Irregular Cornea Grand Rounds: A Multidisciplinary Approach**

Friday 10:00 AM - Noon Lakeside Center 353

- Ann Laurenzi-Jones, OD
- Loretta Szczotka-Flynn, OD, PhD
- Dmitri Azar MD
- Charlotte Joslin, OD, PhD
- Louise Sclafani, OD
- Tim McMahon, OD
- Marian Macsai MD
NO WATER!

The Section has embraced the movement to bring a solid, clear and lasting message that “Water and Contact Lenses do Not Mix!” The Section has once again made it possible for Section members to obtain contact lens “Stickers” to be used as our members continue to pass this important public health message to the patients we care for. Stickers are available for “boxes” (One roll marked “R” and one roll marked “L”) as well as a roll of stickers unmarked for solution boxes, bottles or to use on training sheets as a reminder, documentation that the discussion took place.

Come to the Section Suite or the Business Meeting to receive your supply of “No Water Stickers.”

Recognizing a Friend, Servant & Leader

Harue Marsden, OD, MS - 1960-2017

Our CCLRT Section family has one less shining star with the loss of Dr Harue Marsden after a long battle with cancer. As noted above, she will be presented with the Eminent Service Award at the Academy family awards presentation Friday morning.

It is the Section leadership’s hope and desire that there is a LARGE number from the cornea, contact lens and refractive technology family that will be present at the award presentation as a show of our love and affection for her.

In addition, there is a special “Gift Basket” being put together that reflects some of Harue’s “Favorite things.” If you have a suggestions of items to include in the basket from your times with her, let us know.

Also, please attend the AAOF auction and BID on the basket and other items to help support theAAOF.

CCLRT Mission Statement

Fostering professional growth and advocating excellence in patient care through leadership in education and research.
Getting Ready for the Meeting

Diplomate Preparation Course  TUESDAY October 10, 2017

The Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies (CCLRT) Section is offering its fifth annual symposium to assist current and potential candidates in preparing for, and completing, their diplomate requirements. Topics have been selected to enhance preparation for a successful completion of the various portions of the CCLRT diplomate process. This includes topics that will assist you in writing case reports and in taking the written, practical, and oral examination portions.

Five hours of continuing education credit will be awarded (COPE Approval Pending). Early registration for the day long course is $160; after September 7, 2017 the registration will be $225. Select this course when you register for the meeting. If you submit your application for starting the CCLRT diplomate process during the symposium, the $100 application fee will be waived.

See here for detailed information:


Diplomate Renewal Points

It is always best to obtain a maximum amount of points AT the Academy meeting.

See this page on the Academy website to discover how you might best complete your requirements for the coming renewal cycle.

http://www.aaopt.org/Fellows/Sections/CCLRT/DiplomateRenewal

Diplomates NEEDED to be present at the Academy “booth” in Exhibit Hall!

It is very important that we have a Diplomate from the Section at the Academy booth every hour the Exhibit Hall is open!  Please CALL (214-908-6113) or EMAIL cdnewman@earthlink.net Section Chair Clarke Newman to reserve a spot that will work with your “Chicago Schedule” - here are the times we need to “cover”:

• Wednesday, October 11, 2017: 4:00 to 7:00 PM (Opening night Welcome Reception)
• Thursday, October 12, 2017: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
• Thursday, October 12, 2017: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Attendee Reception)
• Friday, October 13, 2017: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Call or Email Clarke to reserve a time to help in the exhibit hall
The Section THANKS our Sponsors from last year 2016:

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Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

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