

IACLE Educational Images Available

Members of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) now have access to a major new teaching resource following the acquisition of the Salazar Image Collection – work of the late Venezuelan optometrist Ralph Salazar, comprising images of almost 140 unusual anterior eye conditions.

IACLE's Director of Educational Development Dr. Lewis Williams explained that Salazar had extensive interests in contact lenses, the anterior eye, and ocular pathology. "Fortunately for IACLE, he also had access to hospital cases and an interest in recording, photographically, what he saw in practice. This collection is a selection of his work, a series he always intended to be used for educational purposes".

The acquisition of these images almost a decade

ACO National Conference 22–23 October

The Australian College of Optometry's National Conference will be held on 22 and 23 October at the internationally renowned Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Among a line-up of internationally regarded experts to speak at the conference is Clinical Associate Professor Nitin Verma, who will deliver a keynote address, recounting interesting experiences that relate to the delivery of ophthalmic services in our global village. Additionally, Professor Verma will provide his expertise on retinal vascular disease as well as presenting case studies on a number of topics

Dr. Heather Mack, an ophthalmologist who has accumulated a wealth of expertise in electrodiagnostics, will explain how this fascinating diagnostic procedure is immensely useful in the consulting room.

Adelaide-based optometrist and comedian Dr. Rachel Sommer will entertain guests at a Sunday breakfast session. Taking the conversation away from optometry, she will talk about her work as a comedian, how she got started, how to write jokes, perform on stage, and use these techniques when communicating with patients.

At a panel discussion moderated by Roman Serebrianiuk, Dr. Donald Collie, Assoc Prof. Morton Rawlin and Chris Katopodis will mull over clinical issues that illustrate the necessity

of devoting your undivided attention to your patients when they report their symptoms.

Professor Michael Ibbotson (Director of the NVRI), Ho Wah Ng (Manager of the Visual Functions Clinic) and Dr. Josephine Li (Manager of Community Eye Care Services) will provide an informative session about some essential roles that the ACO serves in the community.

Associate Professor Sharon Bentley, the ACO's Director of Clinical Services, will update delegates on low vision technology while Mae Chong will introduce exciting low vision applications for modern technological devices.

As usual, the ACO's national conference will also include topics with a 'therapeutic' focus. Dr. Joseph Reich will speak on ocular emergencies; Dr. Dermot Cassidy on the differential diagnosis of red eye; Dr. Ming-Lee Lin will discuss T-cells and B-cells and Dr. Simon Skalicky will urge delegates to look beyond the bottle and consider the merits of laser management of glaucoma. Associate Professor Alice Pébay, who heads the Neurogeneration Research Unit at the Centre for Eye Research (CERA) will encourage delegates to cast their gaze into the future as they learn about the marvels of stem cell treatment, and finally, Prof. Wilson Heriot will deliver the concluding lecture on the 'Oxymap'.

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