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HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share these highlights of the 2005–2006 academic year, which serve to strengthen our commitment to preserve sight and prevent blindness. This year we celebrated the Institute's 40th anniversary as a world-class facility recognized for providing the best in eye care.

Distinguished professorships acknowledged the contributions of Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, who was appointed to the Leonard Apt Chair; and Kevin Miller, MD, who was appointed to the Kolokotronis Chair. We are proud to present new faculty member, Raymond Douglas, MD, PhD who will contribute greatly to our clinical care and basic science activities.

During the year, several of our faculty were awarded special honors. Arthur Rosenbaum, MD, was honored with the prestigious Marshall M. Parks Medal and Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the field of Pediatric Ophthalmology. Important research grants led by senior faculty were renewed by the National Institutes of Health, and new grants were awarded to young investigators.

This year, more than \$6.8 million was raised to support our efforts to preserve sight and prevent blindness. Philanthropic gifts to the Institute were highlighted by significant endowment funds—The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology, The Brindell and Milton Gottlieb Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology, and the Paul J. Vicari Endowed Cataract Research Fund.

We are appreciative of these opportunities afforded to faculty and students and share the belief that we will contribute to a future full of promise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bartly J. Mondino". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bartly J. Mondino, MD
Bradley R. Straatsma Professor of Ophthalmology
Director, Jules Stein Eye Institute
Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology,
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

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JULES STEIN EYE INSTITUTE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year, the Jules Stein Eye Institute celebrates 40 years of excellence as a world-class facility for patient care, vision research and the training of future eye specialists. The Institute commemorated its 40th anniversary with a festive dinner on May 19, 2006. Founding members of the Institute were honored at the celebration which was held in conjunction with the annual Clinical and Research Seminar. UCLA Vice Chancellor of Research Roberto Peccei, and UCLA Vice Chancellor of Medical Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine Gerald S. Levey, MD, were among the guests who celebrated the occasion with faculty, residents, fellows, alumni and friends of the Institute. Earlier in the day, the JSEI Affiliates hosted a cake party to celebrate the anniversary with staff.

“Since its birth in 1966, the Jules Stein Eye Institute quickly evolved into a world-class facility recognized for providing the best in eye care, surgery, research and education,” says director Bartly Mondino, MD. Though one of the youngest eye centers in the country, the Jules Stein Eye Institute has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the best in the western United States for 17 consecutive years.



(From right) Drs Bartly Mondino and Bradley Straatsma with JSEI Trustee Gerald Oppenheimer and JSEI supporter Ernest Herman.



Gerald and Gail Oppenheimer (center) greet Drs Gerald and Barbara Levey.



Tenita Christensen (center), wife of the late Founding Chief of the Glaucoma Division Dr Robert Christensen with Dr Anne Coleman and Mr. Michael Kramer.



(From left) Ruth Straatsma, wife of Founding Director Dr Bradley Straatsma, with alumnus Dr Richard Elander and his wife Lois Elander.



Dr Bartly Mondino (center) with Dr Bradley Straatsma (left) and the Bradley Straatsma Lecturer, Dr Uwe Pleyer.



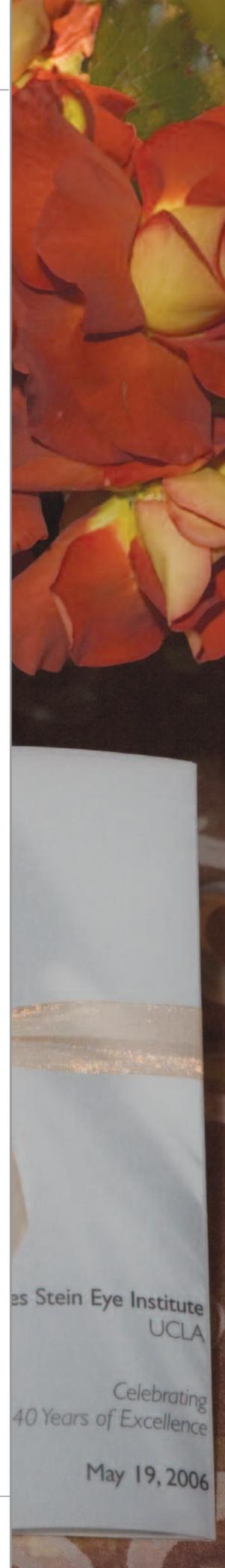
(From left) Founding faculty members Drs Joseph Horwitz and Allan Kreiger.



Dr Arthur Rosenbaum and his wife Sandi Rosenbaum (front) enjoy the evening with Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellows Drs Alejandra Roizen and Noa Ela-Dalman.



JSEI Affiliates Board President Cherie Hubbell with the 40th anniversary edition of EYE.



HONORS

Each year as part of their ongoing academic pursuits, faculty members achieve notable recognition derived from their accomplishments and contributions. They give invited lectures around the world; they actively participate in influential professional and community organizations; and they serve as editors and writers for a wide range of scientific journals. In some cases special honors are bestowed. This year distinguished professorships acknowledge the contributions of two faculty members with long-standing ties to UCLA, and faculty members were honored for their contributions to ophthalmology and visual science.



Drs Joseph Demer (left) and Leonard Apt

The Leonard Apt Chair

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, an active clinician-scientist and Chief of the Comprehensive Ophthalmology Division at the Jules Stein Eye Institute (JSEI) and Professor of Neurology at UCLA, has been appointed to the Leonard Apt Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology at UCLA.

Dr Demer was appointed to the UCLA faculty in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Neurology in 1988. He directs a National Eye Institute-funded research project that has enabled the development of new methods of magnetic resonance imaging of the eye muscles and their nerve connections. Dr Demer also investigates genetic causes of strabismus. In 2003, he received the Friedenwald Award, the highest honor given by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, for his work on eye muscles.

The Leonard Apt Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology was established in 2004 through a \$1-million gift drawn from the trust of Frederic G. Rappaport, Dr Apt's nephew. Dr Apt is Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology and Founding Director of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology.

The Kolokotronis Chair

Kevin M. Miller, MD, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, has been appointed to the Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology. Appointed to the UCLA faculty in 1991, Dr Miller published the first studies of visual and surgical outcomes of cataract surgery in functionally one-eyed patients; reported the outcomes of cataract surgery following posterior segment surgery and detachment repair; and studied the pressure response of normal and glaucomatous eyes to cataract surgery. For ten years, Dr Miller served on the writing committee of the book, *Clinical Optics* of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Basic and Clinical Science Course Series, and was Chairman of this committee during the past five years.

The Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology was established in 2004 with a generous gift from Theo and Wendy Kolokotronis. Theo Kolokotronis is President and co-founder of PRIMECAP Management Company. Wendy Kolokotronis serves on the Board of Directors for the Union Station Foundation, dedicated to helping the poor and homeless residents of Pasadena. Theo and Wendy have two children, Tom and Mark, both graduates of Harvard University. The couple have been loyal supporters of the Jules Stein Eye Institute since 1994.



Theo and Wendy Kolokotronis with Dr Kevin Miller (right)

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Dr Bradley Straatsma (left) receives the International Duke-Elder Medal.

International Duke-Elder Medal

Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology and Founding Director of the Jules Stein Eye Institute Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, was awarded the International Duke-Elder Medal during the World Ophthalmology Congress in São Paulo, Brazil, on February 19-24, 2006. The Medal is conferred

every four years to recognize an ophthalmologist who, by leadership, teaching and writing, has advanced international ophthalmology. In conjunction with this award, Dr Straatsma presented the Duke-Elder Oration at the Royal College of Ophthalmologists Annual Congress in Manchester, England, on May 22-25, 2006.

Prestigious Awards for Dr Arthur Rosenbaum

Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Division, received the Marshall M. Parks Medal from the Children's Eye Foundation in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the field of pediatric ophthalmology and to the care of children and adults with strabismus. It was presented at the American Academy of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) Meeting on March 15-19, 2006, in Keystone, Colorado. Dr Rosenbaum also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his career of leadership and service in AAPOS. He is one of only 12 ophthalmologists to have received this award.



Dr Arthur Rosenbaum





Dr Anthony Arnold

Straatsma Award for Excellence in Residency Education

Anthony C. Arnold, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of the Neuro-Ophthalmology Division, received the Straatsma Award for Excellence in Residency Education at the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Annual Meeting on October 15–18, 2005, in Chicago. Dr Arnold, who directs the residency training program at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, presented the Straatsma Lecture entitled, “U.S. Ophthalmology Residency Training 2005: An Assessment.” The Award was named after Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology and Founding Director of the Jules Stein Eye Institute. At the same meeting, Dr Arnold also received the AAO Secretariat Award for special contribution as editor of the “Basic Principles of Ophthalmic Surgery” manual for ophthalmology residents.



Dr Robert Goldberg

Irwin M. Weinstein Excellence in Medicine Award

Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division, received the prestigious Irwin M. Weinstein Excellence in Medicine Award from the Israel Cancer Research Fund, Los Angeles Chapter (ICRF/LA). The award was presented at the ICRF/LA’s Black Tie Gala on November 12, 2005. Dr Goldberg was honored for his many contributions to the fields of orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgery and, in particular, for his care of patients with orbital tumors.



Dr Anne Coleman



Dr Debora Farber



Dr Steven Schwartz



Dr Barry Weissman

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, Frances and Ray Stark Professor of Ophthalmology, was appointed to the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Board of Trustees. AAO is the largest national membership association of ophthalmologists. She will serve a four-year term from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2009.

L’Association Dégénérescence Maculaire Liée à l’Age gave the honorary title of “Marraine 2005” to **Debora B. Farber, PhD, DPhhc**, Karl Kirchgessner Professor of Ophthalmology, at l’Hôpital Intercommunal de Créteil in France, on September 29, 2005. Dr Farber also received The Visionary Award from The Vision of Children Foundation at the Fifth World Symposium on Ocular Albinism in Capri, Italy, on October 5, 2005, for her outstanding commitment and dedication to vision research.

UCLA Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology Samuel Masket, MD, assumed the post of 2006–2007 Presidents of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) during the group’s

annual meeting on March 17–24, 2006, in San Francisco, California. Founded in 1974, ASCRS has become a primary source of information on scientific developments within the field of anterior segment ophthalmic surgery, as well as the regulatory decisions that affect ophthalmic practice

Steven D. Schwartz, MD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Retina Division Chief, received the Morton K. Rubenstein Award from the Venice Family Clinic during its annual fundraiser in Venice, California on May 20–21, 2006. The award is bestowed upon an outstanding volunteer physician who provides quality care to those in need.

Barry A. Weissman, OD, PhD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of the Contact Lens Service, received the 2006 American Optometric Association (AOA) Contact Lens and Cornea Section Achievement Award at the AOA meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 23, 2006. The Award was presented in recognition of a lifetime of clinical and research contributions to the contact lens field.



RESEARCH

Research is a key component of the Institute's academic mission, and a high priority for faculty who have often devoted their life's work to furthering our knowledge of specific vision processes and eye diseases. Major research grants are routinely awarded to this effort each year. In 2005–2006, faculty members received important awards from both public and private organizations. Major new grants and grant renewals will enable faculty to substantially further ongoing vision science investigations that have shown promise. New clinical trials have direct application to some of the country's most common ophthalmic problems.



Dr Sherwin Isenberg

Research to Prevent Blindness Award

Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD, Laraine and David Gerber Professor of Ophthalmology, was honored with an RPB Physician-Scientist Award. This grant is designed to provide greater opportunities for physicians at medical institutions in the United States to conduct clinical eye research activities that have direct application to the human condition. Dr Isenberg will use the grant to prevent and treat infectious blinding conditions in children in developing countries using povidone-iodine; he will also test its effectiveness in preventing or delaying corneal scarring from advanced trachoma in adults.

National Eye Institute Grant

An NEI grant was awarded to Gabriel H. Travis, MD, Charles Kenneth Feldman Professor of Ophthalmology and Co-Chief of the Vision Science Division, to support his biochemical and genetic research studies of photoreceptor cells and their function. His laboratory is seeking a detailed understanding of the regulation of the visual cycle, an enzymatic process critical for the restoration of light sensitivity.



Dr Gabriel Travis





Dr Steven Nusinowitz

The Vision of Children Foundation Grants

Steven Nusinowitz, PhD, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, received a grant from The Vision of Children Foundation to investigate retinal structure and function in patients with mutations in the gene causing ocular albinism. The study will provide a better understanding of the underlying disease mechanism in ocular albinism and, perhaps more importantly, will define the most appropriate and sensitive outcome measure to be used in a human treatment trial.

Debra B. Farber, PhD, DPhhc, Karl Kirchgessner Professor of Ophthalmology, and postdoctoral fellow **Maria Orbuta, MD**, also received a grant from the Vision of Children Foundation to study the regulation of melanin levels in the retinal pigment epithelium of animal models of ocular albinism.

New Clinical Trials

Gary N. Holland, MD, Vernon O. Underwood Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of the Cornea-External Ocular Disease and Uveitis Division; **Ralph D. Levinson, MD**, Associate Professor

of Ophthalmology; **Susan Ransome, MD**, Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology; and **Anurag Gupta, MD**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, are conducting a study comparing two currently available treatments for uveitis. Systemic treatment utilizing medications (corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs) taken orally, by injection, or by intravenous infusion will be compared to treatment with an intraocular implant containing corticosteroid that is placed surgically. Both treatment approaches are known to be effective for treating uveitis, but have different potential adverse events.

Steven D. Schwartz, MD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Chief of the Retina Division, will collect information on all consenting subjects with macular telangiectasia. The routine data collection will focus on enhancing the understanding of the natural history, evaluating the physical and functional characteristics, compiling information on the possible genetic association and potential family history, as well as on the potential ocular and systemic associations, and determining appropriate management guidelines for the disorder.

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EDUCATION

Academic education is multifaceted, ranging from teaching medical students, residents and fellows to leading national conferences. In the course of their educational duties, faculty members mentor, counsel, lecture and demonstrate. They are responsible for hundreds of clinical and scientific publications each year, and entrusted with developing and sharing new approaches to science and medicine that will ultimately result in improved patient care. This year we are proud to introduce a new full-time faculty member, and applaud the efforts of our faculty members who have traveled across the country and abroad to present prestigious lectureships in ophthalmology.



Dr Raymond Douglas

New Faculty

Raymond Douglas, MD, PhD was appointed Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology in the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division. Dr Douglas received his doctor of medicine and philosophy degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and

stayed on to complete his residency in ophthalmology at the university's school of medicine. After completing a fellowship in orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgery at Jules Stein Eye Institute, Dr Douglas joined a private oculoplastics practice in Beverly Hills, conducted research at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and supervised residents in the UCLA ophthalmology training program. As a full-time faculty member, Dr Douglas divided his time between patient care for diseases and surgery of the eyelid and orbit, aesthetic reconstructive surgery, and research into thyroid eye (Graves') disease, for which he received the Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) from the National Eye Institute.

Prestigious Lectureships

Dolly Green Professor of Ophthalmology and Professor of Neurobiology at UCLA **Dean Bok, PhD**, delivered the Craig Lecture at Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland on September 16, 2005. The title of the lecture was "Gene and Small Molecule Therapy for Animal Models of Human Inherited Retinal Degeneration." Dr Bok also presented the Alcon Laboratories Lecture, "Current Insights into the Pathobiology of Age-Related Macular Degeneration," at the Third Annual Symposium on Frontiers in Vision Science, University of Illinois, Chicago, on November 4, 2005, and the Eldridge Green Lecture to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists in Manchester, England on May 23, 2006. The title of

the lecture was, "Contributions of Genetics and Animal Models to our Current Understanding of Inherited Retinal Disease."

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Leonard Apt Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Professor of Neurology at UCLA, was Guest of Honor at the New England Ophthalmological Society in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 30, 2005, where he spoke on the topic of pulleys. He also presented the Robb-Peterson Lecture at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 1, 2005. The title of the lecture was "Imaging of Extraocular Muscles and Nerves in Congenital Cranial Dysinnervation Disorders."

Director of the Jules Stein Eye Institute and Chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, presented the Francis Heed Adler Lecture at the Scheie Eye Institute's 132nd anniversary meeting on May 12–13, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The subject of the lecture was, "Pseudomonas Aeruginosa and the Anterior Segment of the Eye."



Dr Joseph Demer





(From left) Drs Uwe Pleyer, Gary Holland, Bartly Mondino, Bradley Straatsma, Robert Goldberg, Todd Margolis and George Bartley

Annual JSEI Clinical and Research Seminar

The Jules Stein Eye Institute celebrated its 40th Anniversary at the annual Clinical and Research Seminar on May 19–20, 2006. The event was sponsored by the Department of Ophthalmology Association and featured named lectures and invited

guest lectures. The thirty-seventh Jules Stein Lecturer was **George Bartley, MD**, Chief Executive Officer at the Mayo Clinic, whose lecture was entitled, “From Operating Room to Board Room: A Prospective Perspective.”

Other presentations included the Fourth Thomas H. Pettit Lecture by **Todd P. Margolis, MD, PhD**, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr Margolis’s lecture, “New Concepts in Ocular VZV,” dealt with varicella-zoster virus, an important cause of eye infections. The Fourth Bradley R. Straatsma Lecturer was **Uwe Pleyer, MD**, Professor of Ophthalmology at Charité University in Germany, who presented, “The Taming of the Shrew? 100 Years of Corneal Transplantation.”

Also included in the program were guest lectures presented by **Jeannie Chen, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Cell Neurobiology at USC Keck School of Medicine; **Donald S. Minckler, MD**, Professor of Ophthalmology at USC Keck School of Medicine; and **Earl A. Palmer, MD, FAAP**, Oregon Elks Professor of Ophthalmology at Casey Eye Institute/OHSU.



JSEI vision scientists (from left) Drs Wayne Hubbell, Dean Bok and Joseph Horwitz

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Drs Bartyly Mondino (left) and Robert Hepler congratulate Irvine Prize recipient Dr Howard Krauss (center).

Excellence in Teaching

Among the many honors acknowledged at the Clinical and Research Seminar was the Irvine Prize, given in honor of S. Rodman Irvine, MD, a distinguished clinician, teacher, investigator and lecturer. The prize was established in 1990 to recognize excellence among Department of Ophthalmology faculty. Howard Krauss, MD was awarded the honor this year and added to the list of eminent physicians, clinicians and educators who have received the prize.

Senior Honor Awards were presented to volunteer faculty members who have been members of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology for at least 25 years and have a long record of service to the teaching programs of UCLA and its affiliated hospitals. The recipients of the award for 2006 were volunteer faculty members Laura E. Fox, MD; John D. Hofbauer, MD; and Robert J. Schechter, MD.

The Faculty Teaching Award was developed in 1995 to recognize a faculty member for an outstanding job as teacher and mentor to the residents with contributions extending over and above the call of duty of a faculty member. This year the JSEI third year residents presented the award to David Sarraf, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology.



Senior Honor Award recipients from left Drs John Hofbauer, Laura Fox and Robert Schechter



Ophthalmology residents presented Dr David Sarraf (center) with the 2006 Faculty Teaching Award



PHILANTHROPY

Over the past four decades, the Institute's comprehensive programs in patient care, research, and education, coupled with state-of-the-art facilities, have brought national and international recognition to the vision sciences and UCLA. A strong tradition of private philanthropy, which began with the generosity and leadership of the late Dr and Mrs Jules Stein, remains the cornerstone of the Institute's programs. Thank you to all of our donors, whose commitment and financial support have contributed to this remarkable success.

This year, more than \$6.8 million was raised to support our rewarding efforts to preserve sight and prevent blindness, including the establishment of three significant endowment funds - The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology, The Brindell and Milton Gottlieb Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology, and the Paul J. Vicari Endowed Cataract Research Fund.



Robert H. Ahmanson, President, The Ahmanson Foundation.

Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology

The Ahmanson Foundation has established The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology with a \$1-million gift to The UCLA Foundation. This endowment will support the teaching and research activities of the Chief of the Retina Division.

The Ahmanson Foundation, incorporated as a private foundation in 1952, was established by financier Howard F. Ahmanson and his wife Dorothy. Its corpus was augmented in later years by his two nephews, Robert H. Ahmanson and William H. Ahmanson. The Foundation serves Los Angeles County by funding cultural projects in the arts and humanities, education at all levels, healthcare, programs related to homeless-

ness and underserved populations, as well as a wide range of human services. In 1997, the Foundation established the UCLA Center for Eye Epidemiology to support research and clinical studies to further knowledge of the development, treatment, and prevention of eye disease.

Approximately 1.1 million people in the United States are legally blind. Research offers the hope of understanding the processes that produce blindness and of developing more effective preventive, diagnostic, and treatment modalities. Recent advances in retinal surgery and laser technology have opened the door to new therapies for age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy, and retinopathy of prematurity.

Dr Bartly Mondino, Jules Stein Eye Institute Director, stated, "JSEI has entered a new era of diagnostic excellence and has applied this expertise to the study of retinal diseases. This endowment, which will allow UCLA to further build our programs, is expected to have a powerful impact on the future management of these widespread eye diseases. We are very grateful for The Ahmanson Foundation's investment in this important area of ophthalmology."

The Brindell and Milton Gottlieb Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology

Before his passing on February 15, 2006, Milton Gottlieb and his wife Brindell proposed the establishment of the Brindell and Milton Gottlieb Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology with a \$1-million pledge. This endowment will support the teaching and research activities of the Chief of the Pediatric Ophthalmology Division.

Milton was a retired real estate developer, and had been a loyal donor to UCLA for more than forty years.

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Milton and Brindell Gottlieb. This photograph was taken shortly after Milton's 90th birthday.

His first relationship with UCLA was as a teacher of economics. He then moved to the real estate field where he became a successful property developer. His relationship with UCLA continued when at the request of Dr Ken Shine, Milton served on the Board of Trustees for many years. His obituary in the LA Times noted that Milton "...was indeed a rare commodity in the human spectrum" and that "he had a full rich life, because he made it so!"

Brindell earned her BA and teaching credential at UCLA and taught adult education at Beverly Hills High School. She now serves on the "UCLA Alive Theatre Board" and together she and Milton are UCLA Basketball devotees. Their philanthropy is widespread including the Jewish Federation, American Jewish Committee, Cedars Sinai, The Children's Burn Foundation, The Executive Board of the Music Center, Blue Ribbon and Disney Hall.

Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology, and his wife Sandra, the Coordinator of the Indigent Children's Program at the Jules Stein Eye Institute, were the inspiration for the Gottlieb pledge. The Gottliebs and the Rosenbaums became fast friends soon after they met at a Jules Stein Eye Institute event.

The couple stated, "We endow this chair not only because of our exceptional friendship but because

of Dr Rosenbaum's devotion and accomplishments in his chosen field and the urgency for further research in the field of pediatric ophthalmology." Mr and Mrs Gottlieb further requested that after Dr Rosenbaum retires from his active faculty position at UCLA (and in accordance with University policy), The Department of Ophthalmology change the name of the Chair to Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology.

Dr Bartly Mondino, JSEI Director, declared, "Today there are 1.5 million children in the world who face an entire lifetime with no vision; the Gottliebs' investment will allow JSEI to continue its position as a leader in research into childhood blindness. This chair is also a fitting tribute to Art's dedicated and distinguished career in pediatric ophthalmology."

Paul J. Vicari Endowed Cataract Research Fund

Stewart Resnick was looking for an opportunity to honor Paul J. Vicari, his good friend and former business partner. Paul suggested a gift to support cataract research under the direction of Kevin M. Miller, MD, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute. In May 2006, Stewart and his wife Lynda made a generous \$1-million donation through the Resnick Family Foundation to establish the Paul J. Vicari Endowed Cataract Research Fund. This essential resource will underwrite investigations in cataract surgery and promote scientific breakthroughs in this important field of ophthalmology. Dr Miller stated, "I am incredibly grateful to both Paul Vicari and the Resnick Family Foundation for their combined efforts to provide a permanent source of funding to support my research in alternative treatments for cataract."



Dr Bartly Mondino, Paul Vicari, Stewart Resnick, Dr Kevin Miller



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Much of the Jules Stein Eye Institute's reputation springs from its innovative vision research, which translates into first-class patient care, including for those in underserved communities. Throughout its 40 years, members of the JSEI family including its volunteer organization, the JSEI Affiliates, staff, donors, faculty, fellows and residents have combined their talents to provide eye care to those who would normally find it difficult to afford contact lenses, glasses, eye care and surgery.

JSEI Affiliates Make an Impact in the Los Angeles Community

The JSEI Affiliates, a broad-based volunteer network established in 1990 "to support the programs of the Jules Stein Eye Institute," is responsible for diverse and far-reaching projects to promote vision education and patient care in schools and the Los Angeles community. Over 60 volunteers support our outreach efforts in addition to the eighteen dedicated members of the JSEI Affiliates Advisory Board. We are proud to share the following updates from our most successful community outreach and patient services programs listed below.



Jennifer Luk (left) and Alex Yuan demonstrate the importance of eye safety at a recent VIS presentation.

VISION In-School (VIS)

Volunteers visited 4th, 5th and 6th grade classrooms throughout Greater Los Angeles, presenting fun, interactive programs to over 470 children that covered eye anatomy and eye problems. They also emphasized eye safety and injury prevention in hopes of inspiring children to protect their precious gift of vision. In the United States, eye injuries are the leading cause of blindness in children.

Patient Programs

Make Surgery Bearable

The Make Surgery Bearable program provides plush "Dr Teddy MD" teddy bears to each and every pediatric patient undergoing eye surgery at JSEI. They are small tokens but go a long way to help children feel secure during a scary time. Funds for the teddy bears are raised in a variety of ways, including the Affiliates' annual holiday and Mothers Day campaign drives. Sponsorships are also available year-round to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

Preschool Vision Screening (PSVS)

Thirty trained lay volunteers, under the supervision of two retired optometrists, visited local preschools to screen 373 children from ages 3 to 5. The team used a variety of tests designed specifically for preschoolers to screen for simple refractive errors and eye muscle problems. Fifteen of the children screened were referred to a physician for further examination.



Linda Levee, Preschool Vision Screening Program Volunteer, screens a young student at a local preschool.

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Current Affiliates President Cherie Hubbell (right) and Founding Affiliates President Ruth Straatsma celebrate the Institute's milestone of 40 years of service in the vision community.



Shared Vision

The Shared Vision program collected 2,400 recycled or donated eyeglasses for those in need. Most of the glasses are donated to clinic missions in Africa, Mexico, and other developing nations. Many are distributed to JSEI faculty and staff members who travel abroad to conduct specialized clinics, and some, especially pediatric frames, are utilized by the JSEI's own Mobile Eye Clinic.

Special Events

JSEI 40th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, May 19th, in conjunction with the 2006 JSEI Clinical and Research Seminar, the Affiliates treated JSEI alumni, faculty, and staff to birthday cake in celebration of the Institute's 40th Anniversary. Surrounded by balloons and celebratory banners on the JSEI terrace, Affiliates board members and volunteers distributed over 400 individual cakes to everyone that joined the festivity. Later that evening, the anniversary celebration continued with a reception and dinner for faculty, alumni and invited guests.



Eyeglasses donated through the Affiliates Shared Vision program are happily received by patients at a recent clinic mission in Ghana, Africa

UCLA MOBILE EYE CLINIC CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Dr. Gerald Cullen performs a slitlamp examination.

The UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2005 and is one of the first and longest continuously operating projects using a motor vehicle to deliver high quality, completely free, privately funded ophthalmic eye care to underserved populations in Southern California. The anonymous philanthropist who initiated this project wanted especially to give disadvantaged children, the elderly, and Native Americans “a leg up in life.”

Donated by Uncle Claude, Inc. and supported as a philanthropic activity of the Karl Kirchgessner Foundation, the Mobile Eye Clinic has been funded entirely by private donations since its inception in 1975. Operating from a specially equipped 40-foot bus with a staff of ophthalmologists, technicians and volunteers, the Mobile Eye Clinic makes four weekly visits to community locations including public and private schools, social services agencies working with abused and foster children, free clinics, and organizations serving low-income families and the homeless.



Creation of the idea by an anonymous donor



Second bus purchased



Inauguration of MEC program with the Uncle Claude Fund Dr Robert E. Christensen, founding Director of MEC. 613 patients seen during 10 trips



First bus burns to the ground on the way to an Indian Reservation



The Karl Kirchgessner Foundation begins yearly grants to MEC

MEC pays for eye care, including surgery, at JSEI for indigent pediatric patients

Frame-n-Lens, which becomes Vista Optical, donates free prescription eyeglasses to MEC patients

2,328 patients seen during 78 trips

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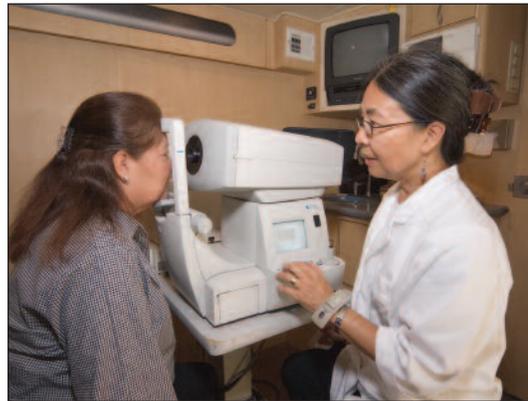


Mr Rene Galvan tests a patient's near vision.

On each visit, ophthalmologists perform basic eye examinations to determine the need for prescriptive lenses and to rule out the need for further treatment of any eye condition or disease. In a typical year, close to 4,000 children and 1,000 adults are examined. Approximately 40% are found to have some form of ocular abnormality requiring further medical evaluation. The Annenberg Foundation and other private donors have made it possible for the individuals without the means of receiving prescribed eye care to obtain surgery and/or outpatient services at the Jules Stein Eye

Institute. Corrective lenses are also provided free of charge to children who qualify, through a voucher program with local opticians.

Under the direction of Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, Frances and Ray Stark Professor of Ophthalmology, with the invaluable assistance of program manager/orthoptist Ms. Faye O. Oelrich; ophthalmologists C. Gerald Cullen, MD, Lawrence Hopp, MD and Benjamin Lusk, MD; driver/ophthalmic assistant Mr Rene Galvan; and Jules Stein Eye Institute residents and volunteers; these first 30 years will be just a beginning.



Orthoptist Ms Faye Oelrich autorefracts a patient.



4,961 patients seen during 139 trips



Dr Anne L. Coleman becomes Director of MEC; 100,000th patient seen on the MEC



Dr William C. Panek becomes Director of MEC



Dr David A. Lee becomes Director of MEC



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The Annenberg Foundation grant provides free eyeglasses for MEC's pediatric patients

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