



Cornea and Eye Banking Forum to highlight latest topics in cornea field

The Cornea and Eye Banking Forum will be held in New Orleans on Friday, November 10. **Bennie H. Jeng, MD**, Baltimore, and **Anthony Aldave, MD**, Los Angeles, shared what attendees can expect at this year's program.

The program features presentations based on abstract submissions. "The Cornea and Eye Banking Forum, formerly known as the Fall Educational Symposium, remains a vibrant meeting organized by the Cornea Society and the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)," Dr. Aldave said. "This year's meeting will feature more than 25 scientific free papers."

Additionally, since the symposium will fall on National Keratoconus Day, there will be a special session dedicated entirely to keratoconus. Experts in the field will be speaking on various areas relating to keratoconus, Dr. Jeng said.

Dr. Aldave added that the Cornea Society and EBAA are partnering with the National Keratoconus Foundation to present cutting-edge information that will be of interest to all ophthalmologists who manage patients with keratoconus.

There will be another mini symposium during the program that will focus on the Cornea Preservation Time Study (CPTS). "The highly anticipated results of the CPTS, a multicenter prospective study to determine the impact of preservation time as well as operative factors on graft success and cell loss following DSEK, will be presented for the first time," Dr. Aldave said.

"This [day] is frequently a favorite among those in the cornea field," Dr. Jeng said, adding that the presentations feature some of the latest groundbreaking happenings in the field. "This is the hottest research out there," he said.

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A selection committee reviews a large number of submitted abstracts and selects only the top ones for presentation, Dr. Aldave said, which ensures that the presentations cover a variety of topics and that the information is of the greatest interest to the attendees.

A number of awards are given out during the forum. The Cornea Society/EBAA Best Fellow Paper Award will be presented for the best paper and will include a \$1,500 prize. This award is limited to current fellows, residents, and/or medical students.

This year's recipient of the Claes H. Dohlman, MD, PhD Award will be **Mark Mannis, MD**. The Dohlman Award is given to recognize a lifetime of teaching excellence in the field of cornea and external disease and for contributions to

the profession. Dr. Dohlman, the inaugural recipient of the award for whom it is named, created the first formal corneal fellowship program in the U.S. at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Retina Foundation (now Schepens Eye Research Institute) in Boston. Dr. Dohlman has trained hundreds of fellows, many of whom went on to become full professors.

The R. Townley Paton Award, given by the EBAA, will be presented to **Michael Nordlund, MD**. The Paton Award is the EBAA's highest honor for corneal surgeons and is presented annually to an ophthalmologist in recognition of his or her outstanding contribution to the EBAA's development and for exemplifying the precepts of Dr. Paton, the father of modern eye banking and



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President's Message

Dear Cornea Society members,

I look forward to seeing each of you at the 2017 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting in New Orleans. We have some fabulous programs scheduled. The Cornea and Eye Banking Forum will take place on National Keratoconus Day on Friday, November 10, and the results of the Cornea Preservation Time Study will be presented. During our business meeting we will discuss the results of our long range plan that has been underway for the past 6 months. It will be a fantastic meeting, so do not miss it.

As I sit here writing to you, we have just finished watching protests in Charlottesville, Virginia. Hurricane Harvey just hit Texas, and a land mass the size of Lake Michigan is under water in and around Houston. North Korea has fired missiles over Japan. Disasters and situations we never imagined are happening all around us. Yet we continue to see patients every day, helping restore sight, solving external disease, and transplanting corneas one layer at a time. In times like these our patients have heightened anxieties, many of which may result in physical or ophthalmic manifestations. Though we have each trained for years to be surgeons, to fix things, some of our most meaningful interactions have nothing to do with surgery. It may be listening to the recently widowed grandmother tell you about her spouse. It may be dealing with heightened complaints of dry eyes in an otherwise quiet, white eye.

At times like these we are judged as much by our actions as our ability to manage change and uncertainty. I would like to share with you some of my tips for handling the stresses we all experience during these difficult times.

- 1) Be patient with your colleagues, patients, and family. Everyone reacts to stress differently.
- 2) Assume innocence. A true leader realizes there are two sides to every story, and there is no place for anger.
- 3) Get perspective before you make a decision. When someone is pushing you, simply reply, "If you need an answer now I can give it to you, but if you want my best answer, I will have to get back to you."
- 4) Remember you never achieve something in a vacuum; acknowledge those who made it happen. Everyone likes to be acknowledged and thanked.
- 5) Recognize the good—staff below you, administration above you, in the OR and office, with your peers, patients, children, spouse, and friends.

We are all members of the Cornea Society dedicated to education and patient care. We teach each other, help each other, and find friends in each other. Together we can face disruption, disasters, and world conflict. We are dedicated to our families, our field, our patients, and each other. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as we move our field forward.

Marian Macsai, MD
President, Cornea Society



Marian Macsai, MD

Cornea Subspecialty Day to explore “Keeping the Old or Breaking the Mold?”

This year’s Cornea Subspecialty Day at the 2017 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting in New Orleans will feature the theme “Keeping the Old or Breaking the Mold?” **Bennie H. Jeng, MD**, professor and chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, senior co-director of the subspecialty day, shared what attendees can expect. Cornea Subspecialty Day will take place on Saturday, November 11 in the La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom AB.

“What we tried to do is cover topics that are of interest and where we’re looking to see if what we’re doing is current or if we should be doing something else,” Dr. Jeng said. The program features six different sections including corneal infections, keratoplasty, conjunctival tumors, anterior segment imaging, keratoconus, and inflammatory conditions of the anterior segment. “All of these are important topics for a corneal specialist, but the program is designed not just for corneal specialists but also for the comprehensive ophthalmologist who wants to know the latest information,” he said. Some of the medical cornea topics, like infections and dry eye, may be

particularly useful for the comprehensive ophthalmologist, Dr. Jeng added. Since half of the audience members are usually comprehensive ophthalmologists, they may not be doing some of the techniques like Descemet’s stripping automated endothelial keratoplasty (DSAEK) or keratoprosthesis implantation. However, it’s still useful for them

to hear about the latest techniques and outcomes. Dr. Jeng said that some of the presentations may also be useful to comprehensive ophthalmologists in helping them identify certain conditions that may be appropriate cases to refer to colleagues.

The tumor section was on last year’s program and was well received, so it was

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the founder of the first eye bank established in the U.S.

Finally, the Richard C. Troutman, MD, DSC Prize will be presented to **Khoa Tran, PhD**. The award is bestowed annually by the Society for the paper published in the journal *Cornea* during the previous year judged to be the most outstanding and innovative and authored by an investigator 40 years of age or younger. The recipient receives \$5,000 and the opportunity to present his or her work during the Cornea and Eye Banking Forum. **CN**

Editors’ note: Drs. Aldave and Jeng have no financial interests related to their comments.

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Cornea Society symposium to highlight “Management of Chronic and Recurrent Anterior Segment Disorders”

This year during the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting, the Cornea Society will cosponsor a symposium on “Management of Chronic and Recurrent Anterior Segment Disorders.” The symposium will take place on Monday, November 13 from 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom AB. **Anthony Aldave, MD**, Los Angeles, one of the chairs of the symposium, discussed some of the topics that will be covered.

“Comprehensive ophthalmologists and corneal specialists frequently encounter both chronic and recurrent disorders of the anterior segment,” Dr. Aldave said. “While consensus exists regarding the management of many primary anterior segment disorders, the approach to management of recurrent and chronic disorders is more varied, with far less evidence in the ophthalmic literature to support one approach versus another,” he said. “Therefore, in this symposium, the invited faculty will present the audience with a variety of commonly encountered disorders that are refractory to initial, established treatments.”

Dr. Aldave finds that a key factor in managing challenging clinical disorders

is the decision-making process and how a surgeon decides on a particular therapeutic strategy. The symposium will present varied approaches to treatment. “By reviewing this decision-making process with the audience, the faculty will highlight conditions for which a variety of therapeutic approaches are appropriate, as opposed to those for which only a few approaches or even a single approach is preferred, based on their experience and evidence-based guidelines,” he said.

Dr. Aldave intentionally selected conditions that he has found challenging to manage in his practice and asked experts from around the world to provide their approach to diagnosis and management. “Particularly vexing conditions, such as recurrent subepithelial infiltrates after epidemic keratoconjunctivitis, recurrent conjunctival dysplasia, and others, will be presented by experts in the field, who will share their approach to these conditions with the audience,” he said.

Castroviejo Lecture

The Castroviejo Lecture is included in this session every year. This year’s lecture will be given by **Jonathan Lass, MD**, Cleveland, on “Advances with

Randomized Clinical Trials in Corneal Transplantation.”

“Dr. Lass is a most deserving recipient of the 2017 Castroviejo Medal, and we are all looking forward to his lecture,” Dr. Aldave said. “He will speak on the fact that remarkably few randomized clinical trials have been performed in the field of cornea, but those that have been performed have had a major impact,” Dr. Aldave added.

Prime examples that Dr. Lass will describe are the NEI-sponsored Collaborative Corneal Transplantation Studies, the Cornea Donor Study, and the recent Cornea Preservation Time Study. With the results of the Cornea Preservation Time Study, for which Dr. Lass was the principal investigator, being presented at this year’s Cornea and Eye Banking Forum for the first time, his discussion of the importance and impact of randomized clinical trials in the field of cornea is particularly timely and relevant, Dr. Aldave said. **CN**

Editors’ note: Dr. Aldave has no financial interests related to his comments.

Business meeting announcement

The Cornea Society business meeting will take place on Friday, November 10, during the Cornea and Eye Banking Forum at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans French Quarter, 739 Canal Street at Bourbon, New Orleans. All members are invited to attend.

Check the Society website for updates: www.CorneaSociety.org.

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included in the program again this year with slightly different topics. Although a comprehensive ophthalmologist wouldn’t necessarily be treating tumors, Dr. Jeng noted that it’s important to be able to identify them and know what the options are, as many people are uncomfortable with ocular tumors.

Case presentations will be included in each section, as they have been for the last several years. The idea, Dr. Jeng said, is to bring in a complex case that ties in the topic of the session with some of the talks in the session to make it real. “It drives home all of the pearls,” he said.

“We left time for discussion as well,” Dr. Jeng said. This allows for audience participation, and audience members will have a chance for an interactive experience by texting in their questions. This allows both for extra audience questions and for speakers to follow up on their topic. The moderators are tasked with trying to make sure all the speakers get a chance to elaborate on their topics, Dr. Jeng said. **CN**

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Cornea Society University (CSU) programs

CSU Dinner, Friday, November 10, New Orleans

We are excited to announce a new dinner meeting developed by the Cornea Society Young Physician Task Force and sponsored by Cornea Society University (CSU). This educational program will be geared toward young physicians. The next dinner will focus on incorporating new technology into your practice and will be held on Friday, November 10, in New Orleans from 5:30–7:30 p.m., immediately following the Cornea and Eye Banking Forum.

This new dinner series will provide young physicians with an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues, as well as learn more about professional development and practice building. Watch your inbox for the invitation. We hope to see you there!

CSU launches four-part webinar series on surgical procedures

CSU is launching a four-part webinar series on surgical procedures. The four-part series will feature webinars on DMEK, DSEK, DALK/PK and Challenging Cases

for the Corneal Surgeon. Programming dates are listed below:

October 26: DMEK, with host **W. Barry Lee, MD**, and speaker **Peter Veldman, MD**

December 13: DSEK, with host **Jessica Ciralsky, MD**, and speaker **TBA**

January 24: DALK/PK, with host **Bennie Jeng, MD**, and speaker **Tony Aldave, MD**

March 21: Challenging Cases for the Corneal Surgeon, with host **Jessica Ciralsky, MD**, and speakers **Bennie Jeng, MD**, and **Barry Lee, MD**

Watch your inbox for registration information.

CSU booth at AAO

Be sure to visit the CSU booth at the 2017 American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting in November. Stop by and recharge, grab a snack, and learn more about all that CSU offers you. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans. **CN**

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Register Today!

Join us for a one-day educational program featuring the latest scientific developments in corneal surgery, eye banking, and more. Over 25 scientific free-papers will be presented in addition to two 30-minute symposia covering:

- **Keratoconus:** The Forum will be held on World Keratoconus Day so the Cornea Society and EBAA are partnering with the National Keratoconus Foundation to invite speakers to discuss topics related to this disease.
- **Corneal Preservation Time Study (CPTS):** Speakers will provide an overview of the CPTS, highlighting findings regarding the impact of preservation time as well operative factors on graft success and cell loss following DSEK.

Online registration ends October 23. Prices will increase onsite!
For more information, visit forum.corneasociety.org.

Cornea: Journal news

Effective with the October 2017 issue of *Cornea*, the *Cornea* journal app for tablets will be discontinued. However, Wolters Kluwer is pleased to announce the *Cornea* journal website now offers responsive design. This enables the website to resize and adapt to whatever screen size the reader has. The improved browser experience will be available on all devices, Apple and Android.

Wolters Kluwer has rolled out responsive design in order to meet an industry-wide trend over the last few years that has seen mobile device use increasing, while use of journal-specific apps has declined. Users are increasingly using the browser on their mobile devices and moving away from opening an app for each specific journal they read.

Check out the responsive design website of *Cornea* from any device at www.corneajrnl.com. **CN**



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- Flexibility to float among all Subspecialty Day meetings on Saturday.
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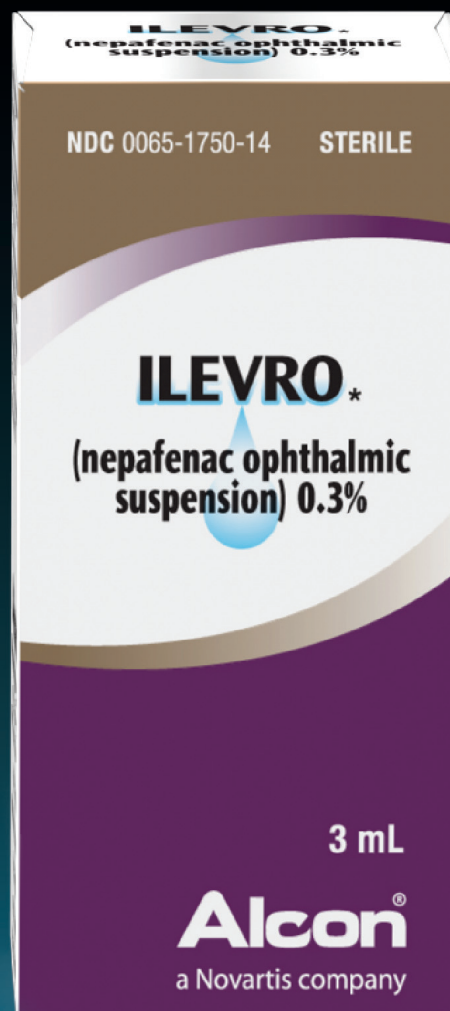
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