

This issue marks the end of the first year of the revamped CJO*RCO. Overall, it has been a positive experience for the editorial team and we have been encouraged by the comments from you, our readers. Thank you for your support.

Although summer is traditionally a time to relax and recharge after the hectic winter and spring months, it can also be very busy. For me, the CAO Congress was not only a chance to meet colleagues to chat about the CJO*RCO, but also an opportunity to visit with friends and classmates whom I have not seen in a while. I would like to thank the Congress organizers for the excellent job they did in mixing business and leisure time throughout the week. It made for a very enjoyable time in Fredericton.

I also spent 6 days providing eye care services at the PanAm and ParaPanAm Games in Toronto in July and August. The health care services that are provided to the athletes and their support teams at international sports events like these games is one of their best-kept secrets. The polyclinic that was set up in the Athletes' Village in downtown Toronto featured not only a fully equipped eye clinic and optical dispensary, but also a dental clinic, physical and massage therapy rooms, emergency surgical facilities and a MRI and CT facility – essentially a small hospital in a temporary building for the 6 weeks that athletes were on site. Many athletes and coaches get much of their health care at the PanAms, Olympics and World Championships this way. Talking with the athletes, coaches, trainers and medical support staff from the different countries was very interesting. My encounters with the para-athletes were particularly inspiring. Optometrists and ophthalmologists volunteered their services to staff the eye clinic throughout the period, and spectacles and contact lenses were dispensed without charge until the budget and time ran out.

My summer travels ended with an invited presentation to the American Astronomical Society's Solar Eclipse workshop in Portland, Oregon on eye safety planning for the 2017 total solar eclipse. On 21 August 2017, a total eclipse of the Sun will be seen along a track starting at the Oregon coastline in early morning, running southeast through Memphis and through the Carolinas into the Atlantic Ocean in late afternoon. Almost all of Canada south of the Arctic Circle will experience a partial solar eclipse. Just as for the eclipse of February 1979, the CAO will need to mount an eye safety campaign so that the Canadian public can view this astronomical event safely. Fortunately, my work on the ISO Technical Subcommittee on Eye Protection has included publication of an ISO standard on filters for direct viewing of the Sun which means that we will have certified safe viewing devices available to the general public.

This issue has an interesting mix of articles on clinical subjects along with some helpful tips on practice management. I hope you will enjoy them.



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