



Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund Awards \$23,000 for Approved Research and Studies

"A mature profession performs its own research . . . a health profession seeks answers to the questions which are relevant to the problems presented by its patients."

These well-aimed remarks were delivered by the 1980 National Fund-raising Chairman, Dr. W. Lyle in his address to the CAO General Business Meeting in St. John's this summer.

"For too long," Dr. Lyle emphasized, "Optometry has relied upon primary information developed by other disciplines . . . we must have adequate, sound, scientific programs on a continuing basis."

Now, as a result of the action of the concerned optometrists across the country who have contributed to the future of Optometry through the Trust Fund, we stand ready to take the first major steps in support of the expansion of these vital research and development programs.

The COETF Trustees are pleased to announce awards totalling \$23,000 for projects promoting research and manpower development for the benefit of the profession and the public at large.

Canadian Games '81

For the promotion of eye health care and the provision of vision care services to the athletes participating in the Canada Games '81, Dr. A. Devon and Dr. M. Long of northern Ontario will receive funding of **\$2,500** for a screening project to be supervised through the School of Optometry and under the direction of Dr. E. Woodruff.

Contact Lens Solution Study

An award of **\$1,500** was authorized through Dr. W. Lyle for the partial support of a pharmacy graduate currently enrolled at the School of Optometry who is collecting data on contact lense solutions over the summer at the School. The results of this data search will be eventually distributed to all practitioners and to the public at large.

Traffic Signals Study

For the undertaking of a research project entitled "Efficacy of Direction — Indicating Traffic Signals" by the Roads and Transportation Association of Canada an award of **\$532** has been made to Manitoba Op-

tometrist Dr. Steven Mintz who will be the chief researcher.

Clinical Equipment

To assist in the funding of a new Contrast Sensitivity Unit needed at the University of Waterloo Low Vision Clinic for the research work of Dr. George Woo, **\$3,500** has been made available through the COETF.

Doctoral Studies

In recognizing the value and need for a successful graduate program both for the profession and the School of Optometry, two doctoral students will each receive \$7,500 per year for a maximum of three years, total **\$45,000**, to pursue their studies at the University of Waterloo.

One thing is now certain, the Trust Fund is working. With your continued support and the recruitment of new COETF contributors these first steps of the Awards Program will become great leaps forward for the profession of Optometry. Remember, September is Trust Fund Month!

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