CAO President Dr. Reid MacDuff's Inaugural Address*

*Delivered at the CAO Biennial Congress President's Banquet & Ball, St. John's.

It is indeed a pleasure to become President of the Canadian Association of Optometrists. Only those who have occupied this chair before me can know that feeling. When a man is judged by his peers to be capable of leading them, it is an honour and I hope that in the year ahead I will be able to lead the profession as well as my predecessors have done.

I do not foresee the coming year as being one of departure from the already-established aims of C.A.O. The objectives of the profession have been assessed and redefined and we will be placing additional emphasis on the areas of educational institutions and communications involvement of our membership.

On the former I would like to inform you that we will be pursuing the establishment of a school in eastern Canada as actively as we are pursuing a school in western Canada. The public needs our services and in order to satisfy this demand we must increase our numbers. Now I know that many practitioners feel threatened by the establishment of an optometric school in their area. However, let me assure them that they need not be. This is easily shown by the Waterloo experience. The operation of a professional school in either an eastern, or a western province will greatly enhance the image of optometry and apart from graduating additional optometrists to meet the needs of the public, there will also be a spinoff of increased public awareness of the profession which will undoubtedly have positive effects on practices.

In summing up on this vital C.A.O. program, I would like to say that considerable time and energy has been expended on this matter and if the governments continue to stall, then we as optometrists must appreciate the need to fund our own school. We have done it before, and we will do it again if the need arises.

The other area to which I shall devote considerable time is in professional communications. We need a change in attitude in a great number of our colleagues; we need to establish in our members a desire to respond to the requests of C.A.O. If we are to achieve our five-year objectives, then all optometrists must first become well informed of the programs of C.A.O. and then become actively involved.

I am looking forward to these challenges over the coming year and meeting with each of you in your respective provinces. I assure you that I will work diligently to achieve the goals of Canadian Optometry.

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Dr. Jacob Sivak Appointed Associate Director
U.W. School of Optometry

Dr. Jacob Sivak has been appointed Associate Director, School of Optometry, University of Waterloo. He will be assisting Dr. Walwyn Long, Director of the School, in various administrative functions.

For over 10 years Dr. Sivak has been an active member of the Faculty and is an Associate Professor. His research interests are in the area of comparative anatomy and physiology of the eye with emphasis on refractive components, refractive state and accommodative mechanism.

Dr. Sivak holds his L.Sc.O. (Montreal), M.S. (Indiana), and Ph.D. (Cornell).

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ERRATUM

The following References were omitted from the publication (September, 1981) of the co-authored paper 'Direct Ophthalmoscopy toward the Retinal Periphery' by T.D. Williams & A. DiPasquale. Our apologies to the authors.

Editor.

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