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Halifax ODs Provide Services To NATO Conference

Drs. David Dobbeltstyn and Paul Gray were recently pressed into service, at the request of Health and Welfare Canada, to provide emergency optical services for participants attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ministers' Conference in Halifax in late May.

The Conference had some 700 attendees, including several spouses and family members. As part of the formalities surrounding the provision of emergency optical services, Drs. Gray and Dobbeltstyn were given a multinational embassy list should billing have been required for attendees other than those specifically covered by the Government of Canada.

In a post Conference assessment, Dr. Gray, who is currently President of the NS Association of Optometrists, advised that the whole event went very smoothly, although Halifax's infamous noon cannon caused more than a few starts when it was fired on Day 1 of the Alliance's gathering.

Dr. Roland des Groseilliers Attends 1986 IOOL Conference

Canada's official delegate to the International Optometric and Optical League (IOOL), Dr. Roland des Groseilliers,

was present at the League's 1986 Annual Meeting held April 19-24 in Madrid, Spain.

During the Conference, some 67 delegates from 26 different countries discussed the current position of Optometry around the world and approved a 12-month Action Plan for the IOOL's Committee Structure to follow in the year ahead.

Shown here with Dr. des Groseilliers (centre) are the League's past President, Professor David Pickwell (L) and its newly elected President, the first ever from the United States, Dr. G. Burt Holmes (R).

AAO To Meet In Canada In December

The American Academy of Optometry will be meeting this December at Toronto's Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel.

The meeting, which will be held December 11th through the 16th, will feature five full days of Continuing Education and clinical research symposia. Over 100 lectures and some 14 hands-on workshops are scheduled as part of "Ellerbock '86", the official title of the program.

In addition to the educational program, Ellerbock '86 will include a hall of scientific exhibits, promising the latest in

ophthalmic technology. There will also be a display of scientific posters, planned to illustrate the state of the art in clinical research. A number of scientific publishers will be present with exhibits and information relating to the current text and periodical scene in ophthalmic research.

Concurrent with the lecture and exhibit programs, the Academy's 1986 Annual General Meeting will begin December 13 and conclude on the 16th.

For further information on either the Ellerbock '86 program or the Academy's 1986 AGM, contact: The American Academy of Optometry, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, DC, 20815, USA.

IOOL Seeks New ED

The International Optometric and Optical League (IOOL) is seeking a new Executive Director to replace Don Schaefer when his mandate expires at the end of December this year.

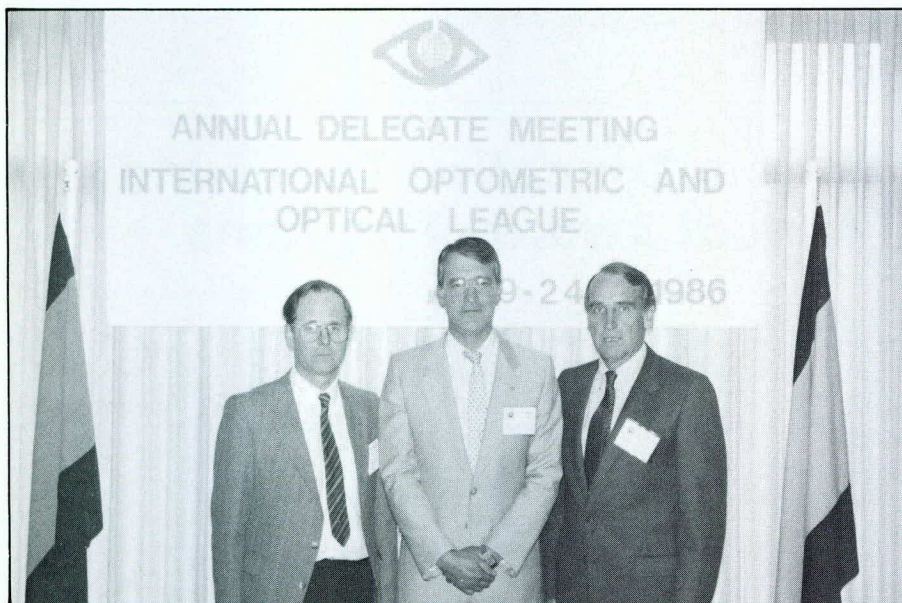
To take charge in January, 1987 of the League's administration, the position will require the successful candidate to locate at the League's offices in London, England.

The IOOL is a world federation of optometrists and ophthalmic opticians with members in 44 countries and liaison contacts in 25 others. In its new Executive Director, the IOOL is seeking a "goal-oriented individual with an international outlook, strong written and oral communication skills, with interests in meeting planning, marketing, fundraising, public relations and developing a wide range of Committee support materials."

Interested candidates are invited to apply directly to the League in care of its President, Dr. G. Burt Holmes, IOOL, 10 Knaresborough Place, London, SW5 OTG, England.

US Optometric Doctoral Thesis Available for Associations

Drs. Carol A. Murie and Joseph Day, two Oregon optometrists, have circulated to CAO and every state Association in the US an announcement advising the



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availability of their doctoral thesis "Assessment of the Normal Fundus" for possible use in their testing programs.

Following is an abstract of the project:

Most currently available fundus slides series are heavily pathologically oriented. Optometry students need to have a firm grasp of the normal fundus to appreciate pathological changes, but they will not encounter all the normal variations and benign conditions observable with ophthalmoscopy during their student careers. To facilitate recognition of normal and non-pathological findings, patients aged eight to 60 were photographed using the Canon Non-Mydriatic fundus camera. Both left and right eyes are included for comparison. The optic nerve, vessels, posterior pole appearance and macular variations were evaluated and classified. Pigmentary changes, nevi, myelinated nerve fibers and other diverse normals are included. Slides are presented with the above information in a teaching format designed for the novice ophthalmoscopist.

The complete project includes 139 slides and a 122 page Manual and is available for \$399.00 (US) for the first kit, \$350.00 for each additional one. Further information is available from:

Joseph D. Day, O.D.
1504 21st Place, No. 5
Forest Grove, OR
97116
USA
Tel. (503) 357-6511

IAPB To Meet in New Delhi

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness has announced that its Third General Assembly will be held December 6 - 11, 1986 in New Delhi, India.

Previously, the Agency has met in Oxford, England and Washington, DC (1978 and 1982, respectively).

For further information: Dr. L.D. Sota, Secretary General, Third General Assembly, IAPB, 178 Rouse Avenue, New Delhi - 110 002, India. Telephone 331 6064.

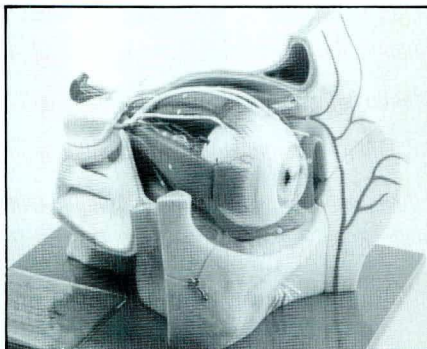
AJO Swallowed by New, Larger Title

The Australian Journal of Optometry has recently undergone a transformation and emerged now as *Clinical and Experimental Optometry incorporating the Australian Journal of Optometry*.

In a news release announcing the change, the publishers refer to the "mood of Optometry today" as the prime motivator and cite UWIST's Michel Milodot's advocacy of "Experimental Optometry" as the banner for this profession's research and development.

Subscription information, and a free copy, is available from:

Clinical and Experimental Optometry
PO Box 185
Carlton South
Victoria 3053
Australia



Canadian Source for Anatomical Eye Models

Directional Learning Canada Ltd, a company located in Elora, Ontario, has published a catalogue of anatomical models of the eye and its various topographies. Ranging in price from \$59.00 (for a non-detachable 4-times enlargement of the eyeball) to \$1,549.00 (for a base-mounted, 15-times enlargement which separates into two parts), the full-colour models include several which are dissectable into as many as nine different parts.

For further information:
Directional Learning Canada Ltd.
480 Washington Street
Elora, ON
N0B 1S0
Tel. (519) 846-5397

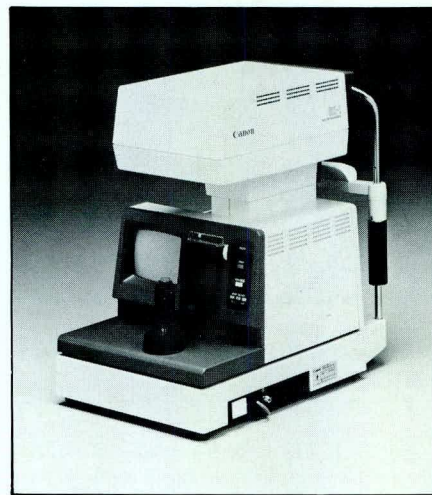
Canadian Ophthalmic Merger

As at May 27, 1986, two Canadian ophthalmic companies, N & N Optical Ltd. of Calgary and Trans Canada Contact Lens Ltd. of Toronto have formed a new "entity" to carry on the business of the two companies. The news release announcing the advisory, received by the CJO in mid-July, also advised that the newly-merged entity had yet to create a name for itself, although its expressed purpose has been defined and includes the elimination of redundancies in both organizations and the building on respective strengths.

Further information: Frederick S. Hawa (416) 423-1923.

Allergan/Coopervision/Ciba Vision Announce Agreement

Allergan Inc. has announced that, effective July 1, both Coopervision Inc. and Ciba Vision Care have agreed to include Allergan's Hydrocare protein remover tablets in their respective soft contact lens starter kits.



Canon Auto Ref-Keratometer Introduced in Canada

Canon Canada Inc. has announced the introduction of a new, combined auto refractor and auto keratometer, the RK-1 Auto Ref-Keratometer.

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According to Canon, the RK-1 can be operated in three separate modes: refraction, keratometry or automatic continuous, which measures sphere, cylinder and axis as well as K readings.

As a refractor, the RK-1 supposedly takes less than five one-hundredths of a second to complete each scan. The unit also incorporates an anti-fogging system with a landscape phototargeted, which Canon claims makes the eye examination easier on the patient.

As a keratometer, the RK-1 is reported to operate even faster, measuring five meridians simultaneously, calculating automatically the radius of curvature, astigmatism and other corneal information in only one *one-thousandth* of a second.

Further information:

Ms. Faye Bitner
Canon Canada Inc.
6390 Dixie Road
Mississauga, ON
L5T 1P7
Tel. (416) 678-2730



Florida Company Introduces "AIDS Disinfectant"

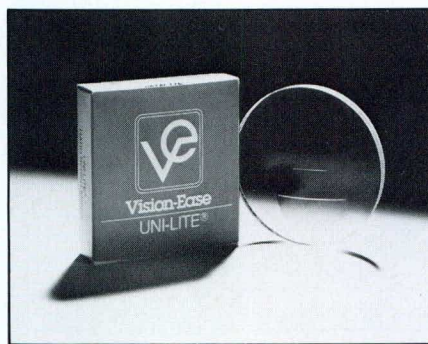
Following last year's dramatic coverage of the possibility of the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus' being transmitted through tears, it may not be surprising that an American company has introduced a product which it claims "prevents the possible spread of HTLV III and other microbial pathogens that might be present in tears."

Action Services AIDS Disinfectant Solution, according to a recent news release

received at CAO, is for the "high quality professional whose patients expect attention to be given to such serious details."

The release is accompanied by statistics from a June Public Health seminar held in Miami on AIDS related occurrences throughout the US and Florida.

For more information: Bud Berman or Betty Rhine, Action Services, 8480 Northwest 56th Street, Miami, FL, 33166, USA.



Vision-Ease Develops "VDT" Lens

Vision-Ease, a St. Cloud, Minnesota based lens manufacturer has developed a new trifocal lens called "Datalite" which, it claims, is "designed to meet the visual needs of VDT users who are presbyopic".

The lens incorporates an extra wide trifocal area which, according to Vision-Ease, eliminates the need to adjust the head position to see through different lens segments.

For further information:

Vision-Ease
700 54th Avenue North
St. Cloud, MN
56301, USA
(612) 251-8782

Don't Take This Display For Granite ...

Giant film strips, ice cubes, boulders and rocks are all part of the inventory of display accessories offered by a California company to add "colour and visual excitement" to optical dispensing.

Also in its current catalogue, Visual Dynamics offers pastel rainbows, miniature deck chairs and umbrellas (for displaying sunglasses), blue waterdrops, bubbles, magic wands, snow and your choice of glass, gold or frosted heads.

Further information and a copy of the catalogue is available from:

Visual Dynamics
301-8th Street
Space 207-B
San Francisco, CA
94103, USA
Tel. (415) 861-6244

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CAO Office Relocated

Effective **November 15, 1986**, the Ottawa office of the Canadian Association of Optometrists moves to a new address in the nation's capital.

Alta Vista Drive in Ottawa is home to what is fast becoming known as "Health Care Row", incorporating as it does the Canadian Dental Association building, the Canadian Medical Association building, the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association building and, now under construction, the new national headquarters of the Canadian Red Cross. Directly around the corner from these four national Association facilities is the National Defence Medical Centre, the Ottawa General Hospital, the Ottawa Rehabilitation Centre and the world class paediatric hospital, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

The national Executive of CAO recently approved a five-year lease package, negotiated after several weeks of discussion by CAO Executive Director Gérard Lambert and an Office Facilities Committee, specially appointed by CAO Council.

The new office, a "Class A" corner suite in the newly opened Canadian Pharmaceutical Association building, also adjoins a first class Executive boardroom. CAO, the first tenant in this particular space, is in the process of having it customized for the Ottawa staff of the Association. When finished, the 1500 square foot space will feature three Executive offices, a reception area and an open concept space designed for use by our secretarial/clerical staff.

Besides Mr. Lambert, CAO's full-time office staff consists of Director of Communications Michael DiCola, Government Affairs Co-ordinator Alex Saunders, Executive Assistant Chantal Wall, Senior Secretary Ruth Wilcox, COETF Administrator and Secretary Deanna Verhey and Secretary Receptionist Annette McDonald.

As of November 15, CAO's new mailing address will be:

Suite 301 - 1785 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, ON
K1G 3Y6

A new telephone number has yet to be established but, when installed, members will be advised (in the next issue of the CJO).

Déménagement du bureau de l'ACO

À compter du **15 novembre 1986**, le bureau d'Ottawa de l'Association canadienne des optométristes aura une nouvelle adresse dans la capitale nationale.

La promenade Alta Vista, à Ottawa, se transforme rapidement en «boulevard des soins de santé», comptant déjà parmi ses occupants les immeubles de l'Association dentaire canadienne, de l'Association médicale canadienne et de l'Association pharmaceutique canadienne, auxquels viendra s'ajouter le nouveau siège social national de la Croix-Rouge canadienne, actuellement en construction. Juste à côté de ces quatre immeubles d'associations nationales, dans une rue transversale, se trouvent le Centre médical de la Défense nationale, l'Hôpital général d'Ottawa, le Centre de réadaptation d'Ottawa et l'hôpital pédiatrique de classe mondiale qu'est l'Hôpital pour enfants de l'est de l'Ontario (HEEO).

L'exécutif national de l'ACO vient d'approuver un bail de cinq ans, fruit de plusieurs semaines de négociations menées par le directeur général de l'ACO, Gérard Lambert, et un Comité des bureaux administratifs spécialement nommé par le Conseil de l'ACO. Le nouveau bureau, qui occupe une place de choix dans un coin du tout nouvel immeuble de l'Association pharmaceutique canadienne, est situé juste à côté d'une salle de conférence de toute première catégorie. L'ACO, premier occupant des lieux, est en voie de les faire adapter aux besoins de son personnel d'Ottawa. Une fois les travaux terminés, l'espace de 1 500 pieds carrés comportera trois bureaux de direction, une aire de réception et un espace à aires ouvertes à l'intention de notre personnel de secrétariat et de bureau.

En plus de M. Lambert, le personnel de bureau à plein temps de l'ACO comprend le directeur des Communications Michael DiCola, le coordonnateur des Affaires gouvernementales Alex Saunders, l'attachée de direction Chantal Wall, la secrétaire principale Ruth Wilcox, l'administratrice et secrétaire du FFOCE Deanna Verhey et la secrétaire-réceptionniste Annette McDonald.

À compter du 15 novembre, la nouvelle adresse postale de l'ACO sera:

Bureau 301 - 1785, promenade Alta Vista
Ottawa (ON)
K1G 3Y6

On ne connaît pas encore le nouveau numéro de téléphone, mais nous en informerons les membres (dans le prochain numéro de la RCO) aussitôt qu'il sera installé.