



## OCULAR MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY GROUP

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Dear Colleague:

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group will be held at the Palmer House Hilton, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603, in the State Ballroom, **Friday, November 9, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**, with registration at 6:45 a.m. The business luncheon meeting will follow in Cresthill Room. The Federated Scientific Session (Cornea Society and EBAA) will also take place Friday, November 9, 2012 at the Palmer House Hilton.

John E. Sutphin, M.D., Luther & Ardis Fry Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Kansas, will present the 17th Thygeson Lecture, "Confocal Microscopy and the Cornea." Russell N. Van Gelder, M.D., 2011 Harry Hirsch Leiter Award Recipient, will give an encore presentation of his winning paper, "Application of biome representational in silico karyotyping to characterization of the contact lens microbiome," to acknowledge the generous \$500.00 honorarium for the Hirsch Leiter recipient of best paper, which is open to all presenters.

### **Meeting Dues/Registration and Business Luncheon**

Enclosed please find the OMIG meeting registration and membership card. In order to reduce mailing charges for OMIG, we ask that you update and return the registration card to confirm you remain a member or contact us via [ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com](mailto:ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com), even if you do not plan to attend the meeting. To decrease costs, badges and luncheon tickets **will not** be mailed but rather available at the registration table. In response to requests and to make payment of dues more convenient, we are pleased to announce that the option of paying online will be available again this year at <http://eyemicrobiology.upmc.com/OMIG.htm>, a site made possible by the Charles T. Campbell Laboratory, or email us for information at [ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com](mailto:ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com).

To cover the costs of putting the meeting together, the annual dues, which include meeting registration, remain at \$60.00. For those who register at the meeting, the fee will be \$75.00. We ask that you please send nominations for Board members to [ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com](mailto:ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com), in preparation for the elections held during the OMIG lunch and business meeting. Held immediately following the annual meeting, the business luncheon cost remains \$35.00 in addition to your dues, though lunch will be \$50.00 if purchased at the meeting.

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### **Abstract Submission**

For those interested in presenting, abstracts must be submitted **by August 31, 2012** to [ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com](mailto:ocularmicrobiology@gmail.com), in order to be considered for the meeting. Electronic version of the abstract is available on <http://eyemicrobiology.upmc.com/OMIG.htm>. Only abstracts in an electronic format that can be modified easily will be accepted (Word). The first author or sponsor must be a member in good standing and presenter must register for the meeting upon acceptance. A member can sponsor or present only one paper. All papers will be 5 minutes in length with 3 minutes for discussion. Acceptance or rejection notices will be e-mailed in late September to the e-mail address that accompanies your abstract. PowerPoint presentations are required via email at least 10 days before the meeting date.

The agenda and abstracts for recent meetings are available on the web site, as is all correspondence concerning the 2012 annual meeting. The agenda and abstracts for the papers to be presented at the 2012 meeting will be on the web site within four weeks of the meeting date.

### **Commercial Relationships Policy**

The Board of OMIG has instituted a commercial relationships policy for authors and presenters. This policy is derived directly from the AAO policy for abstract submission to its annual meeting. The policy is enclosed and you are asked to provide a disclosure code at the bottom of the abstract box. The disclosure code is necessary for your abstract to be considered. The OMIG Board also requests that authors and presenters try to stress new data and statistical analysis in their submissions whenever possible.

### **Cornea Society/EBAA Meeting**

If you wish to register for or submit an abstract to the Federated Scientific Session meeting (Cornea Society and EBAA), please check their web sites at [www.corneasociety.org](http://www.corneasociety.org) and [www.restoresight.org](http://www.restoresight.org). Scientific papers may be submitted for presentation at either the OMIG or Federated Cornea Society meetings to be held November 9. **However, the same paper may only be presented at one of these Friday meetings.**

Thank you for your continued support and membership. We look forward to seeing you at the 46th Annual Meeting this November.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Registration/Membership Card
- Abstract Form
- Commercial Relationships Policy