

## OCULAR MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY GROUP

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Dear Colleague:

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group will be held at **Caesars Palace**, 3655 Las Vegas Boulevard, South, Las Vegas NV 89109, in the **Forum Rooms 20-22**, on **Friday, November 13, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**, with registration at 6:45 a.m. The business luncheon meeting will follow in the **Genoa Room**. The Federated Scientific Session (Cornea Society and EBAA) will also take place Friday, November 13, 2015, at Caesars Palace.

Eric Pearlman, PhD, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, and Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Director, Institute for Immunology, University of California, Irvine will present the 20th Thygeson Lecture, "New Insights Into the Pathogenesis of Fungal Keratitis." Richard A. Eiferman, MD, 2014 Harry Hirsch Leiter Award Recipient, will give an encore presentation of his winning paper, "Put The Preservative In The Bottle, Not In The Eye!" 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. As in prior years, badges and luncheon tickets will not be mailed but rather available at the registration table. 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.

### **Abstract Submission**

For those interested in presenting, abstracts must be submitted **by August 28, 2015** 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>. 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

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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 2015 annual meeting. The agenda and abstracts for the papers to be presented at the 2015 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 13th. **However, the same paper may only be presented at one of these Friday meetings.**

### **OMIG/JAMA Ophthalmology Collaboration**


OMIG is pleased to announce that JAMA Ophthalmology will serve as the official scientific journal of OMIG.

JAMA Ophthalmology will publish the abstracts accepted for presentation at the annual meeting, as well as the Thygeson lecture and the Leiter award winning paper (following peer review).

As an OMIG Society member, you will be eligible to receive full digital access to JAMA Ophthalmology. (Free access will not include content of the Backfiles Collection (issues published prior to 1998)). A reduced rate of \$25 per year for domestic (\$65 per year for international) mail delivery for print subscriptions will also be available for OMIG members. Members will be required to register on The JAMA Network.com for digital access.

Thank you for your continued support and membership. We look forward to seeing you at the 49th Annual Meeting this November.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

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