

**INVITATION AND CALL**

The Cogan Ophthalmic History Society

 32nd Annual Meeting

 March 15-17, 2019 Washington, DC

You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 annual meeting of the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society (COHS), which will be held in Washington, DC. The meeting will include about 30 presentations on all aspects of the history of ophthalmology and visual sciences. It will be held at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, (GUHCC) which is adjacent to Georgetown University’s medical school and hospital. Hotel rooms will be available there at a reduced rate (see below). The Conference Center is readily accessible from BWI, Dulles, and Reagan International Airports. Reagan is the closest.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**David Harper, MD,** will address the sociology of refractive errors at the keynote Snyder Lecture.

At the Saturday evening dinner, **Patrick Freeny, MD**, will provide insight, including photos published in *National Geographic* magazine, into the Great Bear Rainforest, a little-known natural treasure. The dinner will be at Cosmos Club, which was founded in 1878 and occupies the former home of geologist and explorer John Wesley Powell.

**NEW THIS YEAR**

…are pre-program events: two free tours on **Friday, March 15**:

**12:15 – 1:45 pm Washington National Cathedral**, 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NWEnter through the visitors’ entrance, which is the northwest cloister door (on the north side of the left tower as you face the Cathedral from Wisconsin – below a grotesque of Darth Vader, which you won’t see without binoculars). A sign stating “Entrance” is there. Identify yourself as being with the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society, and you will be guided to an area in the nave where the group will gather. Of note, the Cathedral’s 112 gargoyles manifest a high prevalence of eye and ocular adnexal abnormalities.

**3:00 – 4:30 pm Library of Congress**, 101 Independence Avenue, SE

*A unique tour, including music and performing arts aspects of the Library, which are not usually covered on tours*

Enter through the former carriage entrance, which is beneath the steps facing 1st Street, SE. The group will gather immediately inside the entrance. If late, phone the cell (703-402-8399)of the guide, Diane Dixson, and she will direct you to where the group is.

Transportation to and from the tours will be on your own (via taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc).

**PROGRAM** (subject to slight modification)

The keynote Snyder Lecture will be given during the Saturday morning session by **David Harper, MD,** who will address the sociology of refractive errors.

**Friday, March 15**

5:45 PM – 7:15 PM Reception, South Gallery, GUHCC

Dinner on your own. A list of on-campus and local off-campus dinner venue options will be sent to all registrants, and also will be in the welcome packet and at the reception.

**Saturday, March 16**

7:00 AM – noon Breakfast buffet available in the Faculty Club Restaurant, GUHCC

8:00 – 8:10 AM Welcome, Salon H, GUHCC

8:10 AM – 4:20 PM Presentations

5:00 PM Shuttles to Cosmos Club begin

5:15 – 8:30 PM: Cocktails followed by dinner (at 6:30 PM) with speaker **Patrick Freeny, MD**, Cosmos Club

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8:40 PM Shuttles to GUHCC begin

**Sunday, March 17**

7:00 AM – noon Breakfast buffet available in the Faculty Club Restaurant, GUHCC

7:30 -- 8:00 AM COHS Executive Committee meeting (Executive Committee members only)

8:00 – 8:40 AM COHS Business meeting, Salon H, GUHCC (COHS members only)

8:45 AM – 12:50 PM Presentations, Salon H, GUHCC

12:50 – 1:00 PM Wrap-up and Adjournment

**ABSTRACTS**

Abstract submissions by both members and non-members are welcome!

The abstract submission form and further information are at <http://www.cogansociety.org/abstracts2019/> .

Abstracts may be structured (Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions) or narrative.

All abstracts are limited to **300 words**, not including title or section headings.

Longer abstracts and incomplete abstract forms will NOT be accepted.

Please note the following deadlines:

**January 4, 2019**: abstract submission closes

**January 11, 2019**: notification of abstract acceptances

**After January 11**, if the program limit has not been met, abstracts will continue to be reviewed on a rolling basis

to the limit of the meeting program or until **February 1, 2019**, whichever occurs first.

No abstract will be reviewed after that time.

**February 4, 2019**: deadline for abstract modifications (no exceptions)

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

All oral presentations will be strictly limited to 10 minutes or 15 minutes. (Please indicate your preference on the abstract submission form.) Five minutes of discussion will follow each presentation.

The date and time of presentations will be assigned. If you are unable to present during one of the half-day sessions (Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning) because of a *legitimate need* (not just personal preference), explain your need to Wendy Gasch at AWTG@aol.com, and the program committee will try to accommodate you.

Presenters are responsible for respecting the IP rights of any content of their presentations that is not their own.

Presenters with **AV questions** ahead of the meeting should contact Crystal Royal, AV Manager, at 202-687-3278 or

royal-crystal@aramark.com

**REGISTRATION**

***All attendees*** *must complete* ***individual*** *registration forms*, and registration must be received by **February 20, 2019**. Registration and payment information is at <http://www.cogansociety.org/2018-annual-meeting-registration/> . Full refunds are possible through **February 14, 2019**; no refunds after then.

The registration fee is **$485** for full participation (including all scientific sessions, the opening reception Friday evening, breakfasts Friday and Saturday mornings, Saturday lunch, and Saturday dinner with speaker).

Registrants attending all scientific sessions, but NOT attending the Friday evening reception and the Saturday banquet can register for **$375**, which includes breakfasts and Saturday lunch.

The fee is **$135** for those attending onlythe Friday night reception and/or the Saturday night dinner, and NO scientific sessions (except for one presented by a significant other). Breakfasts can be purchased separately at breakfast times.

Trainees may attend both the scientific sessions and evening events for **$75,** inclusive of all meals. There is **no charge** for trainees presenting a talk, and they will receive a $25 amazon.com gift card. All trainees must complete a registration form.

**MEETING HOTEL**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the meeting venue, the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center, with a group rate of **$189 per night plus taxes (presently 14.8%)**, single or double occupancy. Make **hotel reservations** directly with the Conference Center by phoning 202-687-3200 or 1-888-902-1606 or at the following website: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/15410?groupID=2089427>. If phoning, identify yourself as a member of the COHS Conference. A first-night room deposit with a major credit card is necessary to guarantee reservations.

Rooms must be reserved by **February 13, 2019** to obtain the group rate. The rate can be extended up to three nights before and after March 15 and 16, depending on room availability. (Availability is more likely the sooner reservations are made.) To extend the rate, you must phone and specify that you are a member of the COHS Conference.

After February 13, 2019, reservations will be subject to availability at the hotel’s standard rates.

The Georgetown University Hotel and Convention Center is non-smoking, and no pets are allowed.

**PROCEEDINGS**

All Cogan Ophthalmic History Society members, as well as non-member professional attendees who pay the full registration fee ($485), will receive a copy of the meeting Proceedings. The Proceedings are distributed after all annual COHS meetings and are archived at the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Museum of Vision.

Speakers are expected to submit their material in a narrative text with pertinent illustrations for inclusion in the Proceedings. This material must be submitted promptly to Ron Fishman, editor of the Proceedings. It may be e-mailed to him at rsfishman@earthlink.net or -- even better -- given to him on a CD or a flash drive at the meeting.

Because papers in the Proceedings are not formally published, they can be submitted to peer-reviewed journals. If that is done, the Society requests that the submission include the statement, “Presented at the 2019 Cogan Ophthalmic History Society meeting.”

**QUESTIONS**

If you have questions regarding any of the above, contact Wendy Gasch, MD, meeting co-coordinator and Cogan Society Board member, at [AWTG@aol.com.](AWTG%40aol.com.) Please type “COHS Meeting Question” in the subject box, so that your e-mail won’t be deleted inadvertently as spam.