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Academy's Haiti Recovery Efforts

Recovery Efforts at the 2010 Joint Meeting in Chicago

Donations: Ophthalmic Equipment and Educational Materials

The Academy collected ophthalmic equipment educational materials to send to our colleagues in Haiti. All of the items were collected from 14 individuals and four companies. The donated items – equipment, supplies and educational materials – filled 13 boxes and represented a total value of \$15,986.00.

Donations included:

- AO 590 Phoroceptor
- Retinoscope
- Ophthalmic Dynamometer
- Flutostrips
- Glass Cases
- Retinoscope
- Disposable Battery Cauteries
- Sterile Needles, Cannulas, Shields, Spears, Viscodissector, Sponges
- LW Scientific Bio Vid Camera
- Duane's Clinical Ophthalmology 2004
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- Audio Digest of Ophthalmology
- Ten Cannulae and Case
- Twist Fixation Hook
- Autoclaveable Schinetz Tonometer and Case
- Chondroplastic Blade
- Opdsg Posner Diagnostic and Surgical Goniprism
- Schiotz Tonometer
- Exophthalmometer
- Distometer
- Halberg Trial Clip Set
- Vertical Prism Bar
- Horizontal Prism Bar
- 4 Mirror Lenses
- Volk and Nikon 20D Indirect Lenses
- Projector Slides
- AO Giantoscopes
- AO Giantoscopes with Transformers
- B&L May Ophthalmoscope
- Corded Fixation Light
- Extra Cords
- B&L Greens Refractor
- Indirect Lenses (16D, 20D, 28D)
- AO Trial Frames
- Marco Trial Frames
- Keeler Vista Ophthalmoscopes
- Copeland Retinoscopes
- AO Campbell Slit Lamp
- HOV Triplet Wall Transformers

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- HOV Doublet Wall Transformers
- Practice Forms Master
- Retina Atlas
- Malyugin ring
- Lorgnette Occuluders
- Intraocular Magnet
- Welch Allyn Ophthalmoscope
- Welch Allyn Oscope and 20 ear pieces
- Borea Prism Set and Rod
- Pesticocal Prism Bar
- Nasal Speculum
- Surgical Instruments - Forceps, Needle Holders, Scissors, Canulae
- B&L Keratometer
- Aimark Perimeter
- Woodlyn Keratometer
- West Optical Trial Lens Set
- Frame
- AmerOptical Trial Lens Set
- Mentor SlitLamp

Silent Auction at the Orbital Gala: \$1635 Raised for Haiti Recovery Efforts

Two thousand and ten marked the third consecutive year of the Orbital Gala's silent auction held by the Academy's Foundation. Silent auction items included fine arts and crafts from Haitian artisans. All proceeds from the items went directly to the Task Force on Haiti Recovery to facilitate the recovery of eye care services in the wake of the Haiti earthquake.

Rotary Club Host Project (RCHP): Beatrice Valerius, MD

The host project is a collaborative effort of the Academy and individual Rotary clubs/districts to provide educational opportunities for ophthalmologists in developing nations. Every fall carefully selected ophthalmologists are brought to the United States for two weeks. The program begins in the community of the sponsoring Rotary club/district and concludes at the Academy's Annual Meeting. Beatrice Valerius, MD was the 2010 RCHP attendee from Haiti.

[Learn more about the RCHP](#)

About the Annual Meeting

The largest and most comprehensive ophthalmic educational meeting in the world, the Academy's 2010 Joint Meeting, held in conjunction with the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology (MEACO), was held in Chicago, October 16 to 19. The meeting offered more than 500 instruction courses, a variety of skills transfer courses, breakfast with the experts roundtables, 43 free symposia and Spotlight Sessions and hundreds of scientific papers, posters and videos.

[Learn more about the 2010 Joint Meeting](#)

Note: Five Haitian ophthalmologists attended the 2010 Joint Meeting in Chicago. These doctors include the president of the Haitian Society of Ophthalmology, a close partner in our Haitian recovery efforts, and Dr. Valerius (above) attending as part of the Rotary Club Host Project.

Academy's Additional Recovery Efforts

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Coordination of Ophthalmic Equipment and Pharmaceutical Donations

Haitian ophthalmologists received instruments and supplies needed to restore quality eye and vision care to their community, thanks to the generosity of American and international ophthalmologists. The Academy's Task Force on Haiti Recovery, with the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO), is coordinating donation and distribution of ophthalmic supplies and equipment, including several complete exam "lanes.*" The in-kind donations are valued at more than a half-million dollars (U.S.).

[View a complete list of all in-kind donations](#)
["American Academy of Ophthalmology Sends Supplies to Haitian Colleagues"](#)

Task Force on the Haiti Recovery

The Academy's task force was created within days of the quake, as reports came in from Haitian colleagues of destroyed offices and hospitals, shortages of supplies and equipment, and the challenges of treating quake-related eye injuries such as eye socket fractures and corneal abrasions caused by falling debris and infections that flourished in the unsanitary conditions.

The task force is led by former Academy president Michael W. Brennan, MD, a military veteran with unique humanitarian experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. The task force has been working in close collaboration with the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO), the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad.

Task force members:

- Michael W. Brennan, MD, Chair
- David W. Parke II MD, ex-officio
- Robert Butner, MD
- Mildred Olivier, MD
- Daniel LaRoche, MD
- Richard Lee, MD
- Stephanie Marioneaux, MD
- Nelson Marques, chair, Pan American Ophthalmological Foundation
- Kaz Soong, MD

All of the task force members have direct connections and experience in Haiti or with strategic partners in humanitarian relief.

["American Academy of Ophthalmology Responds to the Haiti Earthquake"](#)
["American Academy of Ophthalmology Wins Award of Excellence for Haiti Relief Efforts"](#)

Disaster Relief Fund

The Academy's Foundation has also established a [Disaster Relief Fund](#) to provide ophthalmic resources and facilitate much-needed patient care. All of the funds collected will be used for Haitian recovery efforts.

Academy Membership for Haitian Ophthalmologists

The Academy has granted complimentary membership in 2010 and 2011 for all Haitian ophthalmologists. Their membership in the Academy offers a wealth of educational benefits, including waived registration for the annual meeting, online subscriptions to *Ophthalmology* as well as *EyeNet Magazine*, access to the Ophthalmic News and Education (ONE™) Network, and a worldwide community of over 29,000 ophthalmologists.

["Academy Provides Membership to Haitian Ophthalmologists to Help Rebuild Eye Care"](#)