Richoz Wins Troutman Prize for Study on Accelerated Photoactivated Chromophore for PACK-CXL

Olivier Richoz, MD, has won the 24th Annual Richard C. Troutman, MD, DSc (Hon) Prize and $5000 award for an article published in the Journal of Refractive Surgery: “Antibacterial Efficacy of Accelerated Photoactivated Chromophore for Keratitis–Corneal Collagen Cross-linking (PACK-CXL)” by Olivier Richoz, Sabine Kling, Florence Hoogewoud, Arthur Hammer, David Tabibian, Patrice Francois, Jacques Schrenzel, and Farhad Hafezi. [J Refract Surg. 2014;30(12):850-854.] The prize honors Richard C. Troutman, MD, DSc (Hon). The winner is selected by a committee of four: Editor-in-Chief and three Associate Editors of the Journal. The selection criteria include originality, relevance, clarity, and scientific rigor. Dr. Richoz’s article scored highly in each of these categories.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Dr. Olivier Richoz graduated from Geneva University Medical School Switzerland. He was a resident in ophthalmology at the Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland, where he completed his MD-PhD on the topic of corneal collagen cross-linking with respect to physiology and optimization of keratoconus treatment, as well as application to infectious keratitis and progressive myopia. Dr. Richoz has published articles on the oxygen dependency of collagen cross-linking and the effect of high fluency on the bacterial killing rate of collagen cross-linking. He is the co-author of 23 peer-reviewed publications and 3 patents. He is a recipient of a fellowship grant from the Swiss National Fund and the Swiss Commission for Technology and Innovation. Dr. Richoz is currently completing a corneal-anterior segment fellowship at the Royal Victoria Hospital, United Kingdom.

DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH FOCUS
Dr. Richoz is interested in the biomechanical and the antimicrobial effects of collagen cross-linking. His future focus is the development of a safe and effective scleral cross-linking technique for the treatment of progressive myopia.

OBJECT OF TROUTMAN PRIZE
The Troutman Prize encourages and rewards an outstanding contribution to the literature by a clinician or vision scientist following completion of his or her residency in ophthalmology or doctorate in vision sciences. The awardee must be aged <45 years and a member of the International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS).

Additional Award Recipients

CASEBEER AWARD—William B. Trattler, MD
Recognizes outstanding contributions to refractive surgery through nontraditional research and development activities.

KRITZINGER MEMORIAL AWARD—H. Burkhard Dick, MD, PhD
Recognizes an individual who embodies the clinical, educational, and investigative qualities of Dr. Michiel Kritzinger, who advanced the international practice of refractive surgery.

LANS DISTINGUISHED AWARD—Jose Güell, MD, PhD
Honors Dr. Leendert J. Lans. The award is given to an individual who has made innovative contributions to refractive surgery, especially in astigmatism correction.

FOUNDERS’ AWARD—Ronald R. Kreuger, MD, MSE
Recognizes the vision and spirit of the Society’s founders by honoring an ISRS member who has made extraordinary contributions to the growth and advancement of the Society and its mission.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Roger F. Steinert, MD
Honors an ISRS member who has made significant and internationally recognized, career-long contributions to the advancement of refractive surgery.

JOSÉ I. BARRAQUER LECTURE AND AWARD—Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD
Honors a physician who has made significant contributions in refractive surgery and exemplifies the character and scientific dedication of José I. Barraquer, MD—one of the founding fathers of refractive surgery.

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD—Jorge L. Alió, MD, PhD, and George O. Waring, IV, MD, FACS
Recognizes dedication and contributions to refractive surgery and the ISRS.

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