



Editorial

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Editor**

Ophthalmology Special Issue

This Ophthalmology Special Issue and the following issue in October are other results of the enthusiasm of one very special Ophthalmologist, Robert Tuck Wong, MD.

Several years ago, Dr Wong suggested to our late editor, J.I. Frederick Reppun that an issue be dedicated to Ophthalmology. Once I gave the "go for it" to Dr Wong, he really did!—As he does with all of his activities. He enlisted the medical, surgical and writing talents of some of the very best Ophthalmologists in Hawaii.

There were so many excellent manuscripts collected by Dr Wong, that we have to publish them in two issues.

As a tribute to this very special man, we are reproducing the editorial, "the catalyst model" written by Fred Reppun in the July 1987 issue of the Journal.*See page 226 on this issue of the Journal.

Bob, Thank you for your efforts to establish our medical school and to keep it afloat via your lectureships and endowments.

Because of the efforts of Bob Wong, the University of Hawaii Foundations Robert T. Wong Lectureship now has a total market value of nearly \$400,000.

Many thanks Bob, for serving as Guest Editor for these Special Issues.

*Reppun, J.I. F. editorial: the catalyst model, HMJ Vol. 46, No. 7, 260 & 267 July 1987.

University of Hawaii Foundation Robert T. Wong, MD Lectureship

Lecturers

- 1985 - **Dr Robert C. Gallo**, Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, National Cancer Institute; "Basic Aspects of HTLV-1 and HTLV-3 and Their Link to Alterations of T-Cell Growth."
- 1986 - **Dr Allan M. Lansing**, Humana Heart Institute International; "The Mechanical Heart: Progress and Problems."
- 1987 - **Dr Steven A. Rosenberg**, Chief of Surgery, National Cancer Institute; "Cancer Treatment with Activated Lymphocytes and Interleukin-2"
- 1989 - **Dr Samuel Broder**, Director, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; "AIDS: Clinical Perspective."
- 1991 - **Dr Hilary Koprowski**, Director, Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; "Clone to Clinic: Conceptual Approaches to Immunotherapy."
- 1992 - **Dr Robert Peter Gale**, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles; "Medical Care in the Soviet Union."
- 1993 - **Dr Donald I. Abrams**, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of California, San Francisco; "AIDS: A View from the Frontline."

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Presidents Message

John S. Spangler MD

Please read your newsletter plus please register early for the annual meeting!

The annual American Medical Association meeting in Chicago was well attended and exciting. The results were well reported in the AMA news. I wish all could attend this meeting.

A major revision of our bylaws is now being discussed and will be finalized at our annual meeting. This is a time for all members to carefully consider the changes which will be outlined for you. Please read carefully all changes before the meeting so rapid resolution of the bylaws will be accomplished.

Remember that all our committee meetings except a few are open to all members. Please feel free to attend the Council meetings.



Medical School Hotline

Student Profile — Class of 2001 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine

**Satoru Izutsu PhD
Associate Dean and
Chair, Admissions Committee**

In August 1997, 27 women and 29 men began their four-year journey toward the MD degree. They are members of the 26th class to graduate from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the 9th class to undertake their medical education in the "Problem Based-Learning (PBL)" format.

The Class of 2001 was selected from a total of 1228 applicants. Two hundred thirty-two, 189 in-state and 43 out-of-state, qualified to be interviewed. Forty-nine of the fifty-six medical students (MS1), whose average age is 23, come from Hawaii and 7 are non-residents (2 mainland states, 4 Guam and 1 from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas). Eight students are from the Imi Ho'ola Post-Baccalaureate Program which addresses diversity and those who are educationally, socially and economically disadvantaged.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine is the most ethnically diverse school in the nation. In this class, the following ancestries are represented: 15 Japanese, 9 Chinese, 7 Hawaiians, 6 Caucasians, 5 Filipino, 5 Koreans, 2 East Indian/Pakistani, 1 Chamorro, 1 Laotian, 1 other Asian, 1 Other Pacific Islander, 1 SE Asian/Non Vietnamese, 1 Thai and 1 Vietnamese.

Fourteen are graduates of Hawaii colleges (12-University of Hawaii and 1 each from Chaminade University and University of Hawaii, Hilo) and 42 are from mainland colleges which include

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