

# *Celebrating* TODAY'S *Achievements* AND TOMORROW'S *Possibilities*

2015 CONFERENCE | NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA | JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

## ANN 2015 Conference Schedule

### Friday - "Celebrating"

#### 5:00 p.m. Break out:

- 1) Adults with Nystagmus
- 2) Parents of Children with Nystagmus

#### 6:00 p.m. President's Welcome and Reception

#### 7:00 p.m. Research Workshop Summary (Part 1)

ANN is sponsoring a Nystagmus Research Workshop. Researchers from around the world have gathered to discuss their research and discoveries. As the ANN conference is beginning the research workshop is ending. This presentation will introduce the broad areas of nystagmus research. Some researchers from the research workshop will share their nystagmus research.

### Saturday - "Possibilities"

#### 9:00 a.m. Conference Welcome/ Camp Nystagmus

While the adults, teens and parents attend the conference, a day camp "Camp Nystagmus" for children (K-8) will be held concurrently. The camp will bring together students for a fun day that allows them to discuss what it is like to have nystagmus or to have a family member with nystagmus.

#### 9:30 a.m. Research Workshop Summary (Part 2)/Questions and Answers

This presentation is a continuation of the Friday evening session. Researchers will share more information from the research workshop. This session will conclude with a question and answer opportunity.

#### 11:00 a.m. Break

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## 11:15 a.m. Session 1

- **Surgery Options for Nystagmus** - Dr. Richard Hertle, M.D.

Dr. Hertle is an investigator in the areas of nystagmus and eye movement disorders. His current titles include, Professor of Ophthalmology, Northeast Ohio Medical College, SUMMA Medical Center Department of Ophthalmology, Director, The Children's Vision Center and Chief of Ophthalmology, Akron Children's Hospital Medical Center, Akron, Ohio, USA. Ophthalmology and Bioengineering at The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He has been principal investigator on a number of NIH-funded research projects, including ongoing studies on the treatment of strabismus, nystagmus and amblyopia.

- **Protecting my Child against Bullies** - Dr. John C. Simoneaux

Dr. John Simoneaux has been a Licensed Psychologist in Louisiana for over 28 years. He's in Private Practice at Consulting Psychologists of Central Louisiana, Inc. and serves as the President of Professional Training Resources, Inc. in Pineville, Louisiana.

## 12:15 p.m. Lunch

## 2:00 p.m. Session 2

- **IEP/504 Presentation** - Janine Rossi, M.S.

Ms. Rossi earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the State University of New York at Geneseo. She earned a Master of Science in Special Education from Hofstra University. She also has a post graduate degree in School District Administration from Stony Brook University. Ms. Rossi has worked 19 years in the New York State public school system as a teacher and administrator. She has a son with nystagmus.

- **Vision Therapy** - Dr. Vicki Leung, OD

Dr. Leung's research involving nystagmus was presented at the American Academy of Optometry in 1990, and published in "Optometry and Vision Science", the journal published by the American Academy of Optometry, in 1996. She taught in the pediatric and vision therapy departments at the Southern California College of Optometry for 4 years. Her presentation will cover what is vision therapy and how can it be helpful to individuals with nystagmus.

## 3:00 p.m. Break

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## **3:15 p.m. Session 3**

- **Non Surgical Treatments for Nystagmus** - Rebecca McLean

Rebecca McLean is a Research Associate working in the Ophthalmology Group at the University of Leicester, UK. The University of Leicester has a multi-disciplinary team who are investigating nystagmus and, as part of this team, Rebecca's main area of interest is that of the treatment of nystagmus (pharmacological, surgical and optical). Evaluating nystagmus treatments had led to a keen interest in the examination and analysis of eye movements. Following on from her PhD, and after many years of experience, Rebecca has become an expert in the set up and running of clinical trials. Additionally, after spending considerable time with patients who have nystagmus, Rebecca has also become involved in assessing exactly how nystagmus impacts upon day to day living and quality of life.

- **Functional Vision** - Dr. Katherine Kimble Wonch, O.D.

Dr. Kimble Wonch is a practicing Optometrist from Mandeville, LA. She will explain what is included in a functional vision test and how it differs from a visual acuity test. Learn what are your options after you get the functional vision test results.

## **4:15 p.m. Break**

## **4:30 p.m. Session 4**

- **Living with Nystagmus** - Jim Conley

Jim works for YouTube where he leads their Creator Education and Professional Certification programs. He has traveled extensively both for his job and for enjoyment and is happy to share tips and tricks for using technology to bring the world closer. Jim has an B.A. from Georgetown University and a Masters in Education from Harvard University. This is a facilitated session where participants share helpful information and tips.

- **Teen Panel**

A panel of high school and college students with nystagmus will answer questions from the audience.

## **5:15 p.m. Break**

## **6:00 p.m. Dinner/Social**

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## Sunday

### 9:00 a.m. Membership Meeting

Join us for the ANN membership meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Discussion items include:

- ANN budget,
- what we have planned for ANN's future,
- open forum to ask the ANN Board of Directors questions
- general business for the organization.

### 10:30 a.m. Close of the Membership Meeting

## Conference General Information

### Babysitting

Babysitting is provided for children too young to attend Camp Nystagmus.

### Camp Nystagmus

The students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the day including a visit by some animals from the New Orleans Audubon Zoo. They will be discussing vision in the different animals. Please let us know if your child is allergic to any animal. Please let us know if you have any other concerns or special needs.

### Hotel Parking/Transportation

Hotel parking rates for the ANN conference: \$18.00 overnight parking/ \$15.00 day parking  
See ANN website for information on public transportation and shuttle options.

### Meals

Breakfast is provided by the hotel for hotel guests. The conference includes dinner on Friday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday

### Researchers at Conference

Many researchers attending the nystagmus research workshop will be available to participate in the panel discussion. As members of the nystagmus community, we have a great opportunity to interact directly with nystagmus researchers from around the world.