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Dear Friend and Colleague:

I am very pleased to invite you to the 15th Annual Meeting of the Foster Ocular Immunology Society (FOIS), which will be held on the evening of **Sunday, May 2, 2010**, at the **Marriott Harbor Beach Hotel** in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in conjunction with the 2010 ARVO Meeting. The meeting is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Bausch & Lomb, Inc., and we are very grateful for their continuous support.

Fifteen years ago, Dr. Ron Neumann, one of the leading authorities on uveitis in Israel, recognized the need of bringing ophthalmologists who are involved in the care of patients with uveitis and ocular inflammatory disorders together once a year at ARVO to discuss the management of complex clinical cases in a less formal setting often present in meetings of other societies or associations. Thus, the precursor of FOIS was born. During the past decade, the Society has grown tremendously, with the formal establishment of FOIS in 2003. The Foster Ocular Immunology Society is a charitable organization dedicated to the furtherance of knowledge, through research, clinical study, and education, of ocular inflammation and immunology. Memberships to FOIS are limited to individuals who have completed fellowship in ocular immunology at Harvard as well as to distinguished clinician scientists who are invited to join. Friends and colleagues are invited to attend the FOIS annual meetings.

The meeting format for the 15th FOIS Meeting will be similar to the last fourteen annual meetings: there will be a social gathering with a Dinner Buffet starting at 7:00 PM, and the Scientific Meeting with case presentations will begin at 8:15 PM. Please note that the starting time for this year is later than previous years to avoid conflicts with ARVO events.

The theme for this year's meeting will be **Challenges in the Management of Infectious Uveitis**. Our Guest of Honor and Invited Speaker will be **Dr. Narsing Rao**, the Rupert and Gertrude Stieger Vision

Research Professor of Ophthalmology and the Director of Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory and Uveitis Service at the Doheny Eye Institute of the University of Southern California. Dr. Rao is an internationally known specialist on ocular inflammatory diseases and uveitis as well as a leading ocular pathologist. As in previous meetings, besides our distinguished speaker, we look forward to discussing challenging cases presented by many of you. The presence of Dr. Rao at our meeting will certainly ensure a lively and informative discussion!

I look forward to your sharing with us your management of the most unusual cases of infectious uveitis. However, we also welcome any other uveitic or inflammatory challenging cases from your own practice or institution. Please prepare an abstract (200 words or less) and send it to me by **March 24, 2010**. Please send your abstract to me as an attached file to my e-mail address, qnguyen4@jhmi.edu, as well as copy it to my assistant, Mrs. Carol Kelly, at cdkelly@jhmi.edu. Abstracts will not be accepted by mail or fax. Please prepare your abstract using *Microsoft Word*. All abstracts **MUST** contain a title, and names, degrees, and affiliations of all authors, and the four headlines: **purpose, method, result, and conclusion**. We are most interested in challenging cases being presented; presentations in the form of lecture are strongly discouraged.

I will confirm upon receipt of your abstract, and if it is selected, will give you specific timing for your presentation. Each presentation will be allowed 6 minutes, followed by 4 minutes for discussion. Timing will be strictly imposed and enforced in order to avoid an excessively long evening! Each participant will be allowed to give only one presentation.

If you do not plan to submit an abstract but plan to attend the meeting, please also send or fax back the Reservation Form to me, attention to Mrs. Carol Kelly (phone: 410 502 0766) no later than **March 31, 2010**.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question about the 15th Annual FOIS Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you in Fort Lauderdale at the 2010 ARVO Meeting.

Best Regards,



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Encl.: RSVP Form