

MARCH 2013 Museum Update



The museum exhibit at the 2012 Melbourne Congress attracted a lot of attention, with interested Fellows offering valuable material as well as participating in video interviews on their professional experiences. These interviews will shortly be available on the Museum website.

I am particularly grateful to the Residents from the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (RVEEH) and Royal Melbourne Hospital who gave much of their time and effort preparing posters and setting up displays for the conference exhibit.

New Addition to the Team

Ms Caroline Ondracek, who for some years worked at the RVEEH Library and assisted Dr Jim Martin with the Museum, has returned from overseas and is doing some valuable work helping prepare exhibits and cataloguing items.

Current Exhibit at RVEEH

The Hospital celebrates its 150th anniversary of foundation and an exhibit has been opened featuring the work of Drs Ron Lowe, Bill Gillies and Geoffrey Sutherland, who contributed so much to glaucoma research and the evolution of microsurgical instrumentation. There is also a display on the origins of the Hospital. This is situated in the Outpatients Department and we are seeking a permanent area for Museum displays at the Hospital.

New Acquisitions

Dr Jim Peters from Cairns has donated the original Kelman Phacoemulsifier and Dr Al McKay donated a magnificent trial set complete with an assortment of prosthetic eyes. Dr Alan Isaacs in Melbourne has donated a Friedman Field Analyser in pristine condition, as well as early medication bottles and an apparatus for preparing novocaine anaesthetic. Prof Hugh Taylor has kindly donated books written by Archie Anderson.

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