



Retina Hall of Fame

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Retina Hall of Fame Announces 12 Inductees for 2019

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May 3, 2019 - The Board of Directors of the Retina Hall of Fame (RHOF) is pleased to announce induction of 12 new members who are recognized for their significant achievements in research and clinical treatment within the subspecialty of retina disease. The Class of 2019 joins 266 distinguished physicians, educators, scientists and health care administrators as members and honorees of the RHOF.

The Retina Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to recognize those who have contributed substantially to the retina subspecialty of ophthalmology. The RHOF endeavors to honor lifetime achievements and contributions in a variety of clinical disciplines, as well as other areas of research, education and treatment. These include:

1. Vitreoretinal diseases and treatments
2. Vitreoretinal surgery and surgical concepts
3. Macular diseases and treatments
4. Ophthalmic and surgical instrumentation
5. Growth and recognition of the field of retina as a unique subspecialty in ophthalmology
6. Unique educational achievements in the realm of retina; and
7. Any other areas which the Board of Directors feels need recognition in the field of retina

"As we announce this third class of honorees in the Retina Hall of Fame, I am grateful for the contributions all of our honorees have made to advance the care of patients with potentially blinding retinal diseases and conditions," said Jerald Bovino, MD, RHOF President. "The work of these individuals in the lab, in the clinic and in their communities have produced incredible innovation which has benefitted many people, including patients and their families."

The 2019 class of honorees were selected by the Board of Directors from among a list of nominations received during the past year. Retina subspecialists and other individuals worldwide who either practice ophthalmology, engage in research, or who have distinguished themselves in other ways, are eligible for consideration.

The names of the 2019 Class are: Anita Agarwal, MD; Lloyd P. Aiello, MD PhD; Sophie Jane Bakri, MD; Jean-Jacques De Laey, MD PhD; Geoffrey Emerson, MD PhD; Akito Hirakata, MD; Frank G. Holz, MD; Samuel R. Pesin, MD; Kourous A. Rezaei, MD; Richard Rosen, MD; Alan Ruby, MD; and Sherif Sheta, MD

The complete list of RHOF members may be viewed at: www.retinahalloffame.org

Each year, the Directors will consider additional candidates for induction into the Retina Hall of Fame. Nominees can be submitted at any time through September 1st. The board then will review the candidates and announce each new class annually. The nomination process requires completion of a form and submission of a letter documenting the candidate's qualifications for induction.

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Dr. Bovino said: "It is our hope that by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of the Retina Hall of Fame members, we will encourage physicians, scientists and related health care workers to continue their dedication for the benefit of our patients. Over countless generations, these pioneers have saved many from blindness and improved innumerable lives."

The Retina Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit organization guided by a board of directors. The Founding Board members are:

- Jerald Bovino, MD (President); Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology (retired); Medical College of Ohio, Toledo; Aspen, CO;
- Tarek Hassan, MD; Professor of Ophthalmology, Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine; Partner and Director of Vitreoretinal Training, Associated Retinal Consultants, P.C.; Royal Oak, Michigan; President, Foundation of the American Society of Retina Specialists; Immediate Past President, American Society of Retina Specialists;
- Mark S. Humayun, MD PhD; Cornelius J. Pings Chair in Biomedical Sciences; Professor of Ophthalmology, Biomedical Engineering and Cell and Neurobiology; Director, USC Institute for Biomedical Therapeutics; Co-Director, USC Roski Eye Institute, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine; Los Angeles, CA;
- John T. Thompson, MD; Retina Specialists, Baltimore, Maryland; Assistant Professor, The Wilmer Institute of The Johns Hopkins University; Associate Clinical Professor, The University of Maryland School of Medicine; Past President, The American Society of Retina Specialists; and
- Z. Nicholas Zakov, MD (Secretary/Treasurer); Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine; Retina Associates of Cleveland; Beachwood, OH

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