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AOIP welcomes new members

2012 saw the recruitment of a number of new members to the AOIP. We are excited to welcome Mara Goldberg (Biomedical Photographer), Maureen Tuffnell (Web Developer), Zach Harvey (Senior Software Engineer), Zach Koepp (Software Engineer), John Krenzer (Software Engineer), and Fouad Zakka (Ocular Imaging Fellow).

Mara Goldberg is an award-winning Biomedical Photographer whose recruitment puts us on track to maintain cutting-edge performance in our imaging program. Having a dedicated Biomedical Photographer allows us to see more patients, and to add additional imaging techniques to our research program. Mara has BS in Biomedical Photographic Communications from Rochester Institute of Technology, with further training at Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo, NY and the Flaum Eye Institute in Rochester, NY.

Maureen Tuffnell has been a much-needed recruit to the program, bringing her web development expertise to the web site you are now viewing. Maureen has a BS from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and an MS in Bioinformatics from a joint MCW-Marquette University program. We look forward to the expanded capabilities that Maureen is bringing to the program.

Zach Harvey leads our software engineer team. Zach has a BS and an MS in computer engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He has been working on several improvements to our image acquisition software, including real-time eye tracking. Zach has been working with Zach Koepp and John Krenzer from MSOE. Software engineers are the driving force behind creating and implementing the new imaging technologies that are so important to our scientific breakthroughs. We are always looking for students to join the program. To find out more, please click on “Student” under the “Our Team” tab.

Fouad Zakka, MD, is our new Ocular Imaging Fellow coming to us through the Vitreoretinal Training Program. Fouad is working closely with the Vitreoretinal doctors at the Eye Institute to better understand Stargardt’s and other eye diseases through his background in Histopathology.