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International Society of Refractive Surgery Honors Surgeons for their Contributions and Dedication

SAN FRANCISCO – The International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS), a partner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) honored eight ophthalmologists at the 2010 ISRS Award and Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day Faculty Reception on 15 October in Chicago.

The Awards Reception was held in conjunction with the AAO's Joint Meeting with the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology. The eight individuals were selected for the awards based on their special contributions to the society, as well as their dedication to ophthalmology.

The 2010 Awardees included:

- **Amar Agarwal**, MD, (India) Casebeer Award
- **Stephen F. Brint**, MD, (USA) Kritzinger Memorial Award
- **Jens Bühren**, MD, (Germany) 19th Annual Richard C. Troutman MD DSC (HON) \$5,000 Prize
- **Akef El-Maghraby**, MD, (Saudi Arabia) Founders' Award
- **Stephen D. Klyce**, PhD, (USA) Barraquer Lecture and Award
- **Charles Munnerlyn**, PhD, (USA) Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Kazuo Tsubota**, MD, PhD, (Japan) Lans Distinguished Award
- **George O. Waring**, MD (USA) – Presidential Recognition Award

ISRS Award descriptions are as follows:

- **Casebeer Award:** The Casebeer Award recognizes the outstanding contribution to the Research and Development of Refractive Surgery.
- **Kritzinger Memorial Award:** The Kritzinger Memorial Award honors the scientific and clinical accomplishments of Michael Kritzinger, MD who died tragically in the year 2000 in a helicopter crash. Each year, a recipient is chosen who embodies the clinical, educational, and investigative qualities of Dr. Kritzinger to advance the international practice of refractive surgery.
- **19th Annual Richard C. Troutman MD DSC (HON) \$5,000 Prize:** The Troutman Prize recognizes the scientific merit of a young author publishing in the *Journal of Refractive Surgery* and includes a \$5,000 honorarium from the Troutman Endowment.
- **Founders' Award:** The Founders' Award recognizes the vision and spirit of the Society's founders by honoring an ISRS member who has made extraordinary contributions to the growth and advancement of the Society and its mission.

- **Jose I. Barraquer Award:** The Barraquer Award is given to one individual annually in recognition of valuable contributions in the field of refractive surgery. The Barraquer Lecture and Award honors a physician who has made significant contributions in the field of refractive surgery during his or her career. This individual exemplifies the character and scientific dedication of Jose I. Barraquer, MD—one of the founding fathers of refractive surgery.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** The Lifetime Achievement Award honors an ISRS member who has made significant and internationally recognized contributions to the advancement of refractive surgery over his or her career.
- **Lans Distinguished Award:** The Lans Distinguished Award honors Leedert J. Lans, a young innovative researcher who defined the basics of refractive surgery by working to improve the techniques used to correct astigmatism. Given annually, the award criteria requires that the individual be an innovative researcher in the field of refractive surgery and not be a prior Barraquer Award recipient.
- **Presidential Award:** The President of the ISRS recognizes and honors these individuals with a special award for their contribution to the field of refractive surgery and to the Society.

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About the International Society of Refractive Surgery

The International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS), a partner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is the leading worldwide organization dedicated to refractive, cornea, cataract and lens-based education and solutions. Members are connected to the world's leading refractive surgeons from over 80 countries through meetings, publications and online educational tools. To learn more, visit www.isrs.org.
