

Contributor Report

NAEVR Participates in Vision Community Events

American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Annual Meeting



Left AAO's Norm Lanphear, Dr. Tim Steinemann (Metro Health Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University), NAEVR Executive Director James Jorkasky and Dr. Walter Stark (Wilmer Eye Institute/Johns Hopkins), a NAEVR Board member. Dr. Steinemann chairs the AAO Committee for Research, Regulatory and External Scientific Relations, which works closely with NAEVR on advocacy.

Far Left Dr. Hugh Taylor (Centre for Eye Research Australia), who provided a keynote address, discussed his work in characterizing the economic impact and cost of vision loss in Australia. This groundbreaking effort serves as a model for other countries, including the United States. A NAEVR priority for 2007 is determining the cost effectiveness of the federal investment in vision research at the NEI.

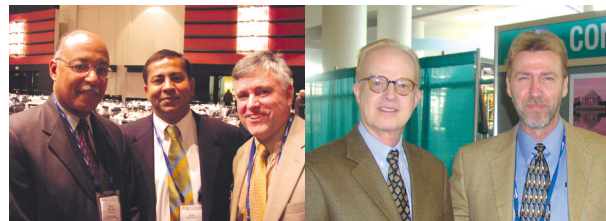
2006 Pisart Vision Award Dinner/ Lighthouse International

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Above Lighthouse Board Chair Roger Goldman and CEO Dr. Tara Cortes with 2006 Pisart Award winner Dr. Eli Peli (Schepens Eye Research Institute), who is accompanied by Dr. Eliot Berson (Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary). NAEVR's James Jorkasky serves on the jury for the Pisart Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the prevention, cure or treatment of severe vision impairment or blindness.

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Above left Dr. Melvin Shipp (Ohio State University School of Optometry) joins speakers Dr. Rohit Varma (Doheny Eye Institute/University of Southern California) and Michael Duenas (CDC's Vision Health Initiative) who were featured in a luncheon entitled **Challenges and Opportunities in Providing a Lifetime of Eye Care to the Underserved**. Dr. Varma has spoken at an AEVR Capitol Hill Briefing on the NEI-funded **Los Angeles Latino Eye Study (LALES)**.

Above right The American Optometric Association's Dr. John Whitener and National Advisory Eye Council (NAEC) member Dr. Earl Smith, III, (University of Houston College of Optometry)