

Glaucoma 360 New Horizons Forum



Fostering collaboration with industry.

Glaucoma Research Foundation will host the 5th Annual Glaucoma 360 New Horizons Forum in San Francisco on January 29, 2016. This unique meeting brings clinicians together with key leaders in industry, business, finance, and the FDA to highlight promising advances in glaucoma treatment.

Thomas Brunner, president and CEO of Glaucoma Research Foundation, remarked on the incredible expanse of new developments in glaucoma: "This year, we are reviewing close to 100 companies and university startups that have novel approaches to glaucoma devices, drug delivery, management, and drug therapy. Our Program Committee has quite a challenge to choose the top innovations to highlight at our 2016 meeting."

At the 2015 meeting, more than 20 early-stage companies presented their new technologies and developments in glaucoma. Companies with new data will be asked to return to update attendees on their progress and join new Glaucoma 360 presenters.

In addition to early-stage companies, industry executives play a major role at the meeting and will discuss their approaches to developing and acquiring novel products during a panel discussion.

Glaucoma 360 Program Committee Member Steven Vold, MD, noted the significance of industry participation: "Glaucoma Research Foundation is once again a true catalyst by creating Glaucoma 360 and bringing industry together with clinicians to discuss the numerous opportunities to address unmet needs in glaucoma. These two important entities can each benefit from their specific knowledge and skills to make something happen for our patients."

Cynthia Mattox, MD, a member of the Glaucoma 360 Advisory Board and president-elect of the American Glaucoma Society, co-moderated the Glaucoma Devices Industry Panel in 2015. She remarked, "Industry is eager to find and advance new ideas. They welcome the interaction at Glaucoma 360 with physicians and other entrepreneurs who have novel approaches. It is extremely important to have everyone together in one room, working together to help patients."

Richard A. Lewis, MD, will deliver the Drs. Henry and



Frederick Sutro Memorial Lecture to kick-start a full day of presentations and panel discussions featuring innovations in glaucoma drug delivery, pharmaceuticals, and devices as well as sessions focusing on working with the FDA and securing venture capital funding.

New elements for the 2016 meeting include a session highlighting vision restoration and neuroprotection and a special presentation from David E. I. Pyott, former CEO of Allergan, emphasizing how innovation advances through industry acquisition strategies.

The New Horizons Forum is the centerpiece of Glaucoma 360, which includes the Annual Gala on January 28th to benefit Glaucoma Research Foundation's research and patient education programs. Glaucoma 360 closes on January 30th with the 20th Annual Glaucoma Symposium CME, which highlights the latest advances in glaucoma management, medication, and surgical technique for practicing clinicians. ■

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