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## Editors' foreword

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*International Ophthalmology*, the International Journal of Clinical Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, is the official journal of the Society for Ophthalmology-Immunoinfectiology in Europe (SOIE). At regular intervals the journal devotes issues to specific topics. In 2007 an issue on Vogt–Koyanagi–Harada disease was published that attracted a lot of attention. For this issue, members of the SOIE were asked to contribute articles on the theme of uveitis and intraocular inflammation in order to put together an issue containing editorials, reviews, original clinical articles and case reports relating to recent progress in uveitis. The result is a large issue containing 26 contributions, including two reviews on laser flare photometry (Tugal-Tutkun et al.) and on novel infectious agents causing uveitis (Khairallah et al.) as well as two editorials on laser flare photometry and Fuchs' uveitis. The issue contains 13 original articles on clinical studies. Two articles on Fuchs' uveitis stress the absence of heterochromia in brown iris

countries and the often neglected posterior involvement in Fuchs' uveitis. Three articles on laser flare photometry include an article on the use of this technique in the care of Behçet's uveitis, an article showing the preeminence of this technique on slit-lamp cell measurement in the follow-up of uveitis, and an article on the effect of pupil size on laser flare values in uveitis. Two articles address epidemiological issues in Italy and in Tunisia. One article presents a much-needed angiographic scoring system for evaluation and follow-up of angiographic signs in uveitis both for fluorescein and indocyanine green angiography. Two articles address infectious causes of uveitis, namely cat-scratch disease and herpetic uveitis. Finally, there are three articles on treatment issues. These look at the monitoring of combined corticosteroid and antibiotic therapy in ocular tuberculosis, a management option for inflammatory choroidal neovessels, and a study on the indication of infliximab in Behçet's uveitis when cases are refractory.

Nine interesting uveitis case reports complete the issue. Two articles in the case series section address the potential deleterious consequences of intravitreal corticosteroid injections. Sixteen articles are contributions from SOIE members and ten are submissions in the field of uveitis sent to the journal during the issue was being assembled.

There is a wide diversity of topics on the theme of uveitis and we hope the reader will enjoy the large amount of information published in this issue.

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