It is my distinct pleasure to introduce our new journal, Vision Development and Rehabilitation (VDR), the official journal of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. Before addressing the contents of the journal, I'd like to share a little bit of history with you. The quarterly journal known as the Journal of Optometric Vision Development was introduced in 1975. Its first editor was Dr. Robert Wold, who seeded many beginnings in our organization, followed one year later by Dr. Martin Kane and subsequently by Drs. James Bosse, Sidney Groffman, and Dominick Maino.

Each editor has had an impact on the evolution of the Journal. These distinctions have been transformative, and served as a bridge to where we are today. Dr. Kane incorporated ERIC abstracts and an Annual Review of the Literature. Dr. Bosse commissioned Annual Topical Subject Reviews, and I had the privilege of writing a number of them. Dr. Groffman added thought-provoking editorials and a wide-ranging style. Dr. Maino engineered the online presence of the journal and a name change to Optometry and Vision Development. For a period of one year in 2013, COVD and OEPF combined their respective journals into Optometry and Vision Development of which Drs. Maino and Taub were co-editors.

Vision Development & Rehabilitation is a quarterly journal featuring scientific, peer-reviewed articles in the fields of vision development and vision rehabilitation. Our mission is to serve as an authoritative source of information in vision development and rehabilitation through peer reviewed articles. The editor and journal review board will consider manuscripts in fields related to development and rehabilitation, including but not limited to: optometric vision therapy, cognitive rehabilitation, behavioral vision care, visual impairment, applied cognitive and visual neuroscience, behavioral medicine, occupational and physical therapy, learning and education. Reviews, case reports, and perspective pieces will be considered, but priority will be accorded to manuscripts of original research. Appealing to a trans-disciplinary view of vision, the journal's review board is comprised of professionals from the disciplines of Optometry, Vision Science, Medicine, Occupational Therapy, and Biostatistics.

This inaugural issue leads with a Guest Editorial on Agenda Driven Research from Dr. Dominick Maino, which is thought provoking in a constructive way. You’ll see what I mean when you read it, and our intent in publishing it is to catalyze further dialogue in the clinical, didactic and research communities.

A unique opportunity for crowd sourcing will occur through the Perspective Piece on Stereoscopic Vision from Drs. Bruce Bridgeman and Susan Barry. Sue is well known to our readership through prior authorship and presentations, so permit me to introduce you to Bruce with whom you may not be as familiar. Dr. Bridgeman holds a PhD in physiological psychology from Stanford and is a Professor of Psychology and Psychobiology at U.C. Santa Cruz. He is an individual with strabismus who has collaborated with U.C. Berkeley College of Optometry and published an article in the Academy journal last year about his stereoscopic experiences after watching the movie Hugo.
The survey that he and Sue have designed has a weblink so that it can be completed and analyzed online. You can be instrumental in encouraging patients who have developed stereoscopic vision to complete the survey.

Our featured paper is *VEP and Human Attention: Translation from Laboratory to Clinic*, by Yadav, Ciuffreda, Willeford, Thiagarajan, and Ludlam, which I believe is destined to become a classic in the field. Ciuffreda and colleagues at SUNY College of Optometry have consistently been at the cutting edge of research in our field. There is a second paper from Yadav and Ciuffreda that is a pilot study, in which hemianopia is assessed objectively in stroke patients using the VEP Technique. Thomas Kollodge and Dr. Sarah Hinkley have contributed a review article on Retinoblastoma. Dr. Hinkley is a Professor and Chief of Vision Rehabilitation Services at Michigan College of Optometry. Rounding out our original papers is the article by Lederer, Poltavsi, and Biberdorf looking at nearpoint fixation disparity in the context of convergence insufficiency.

In this issue you will also find abstracts of papers and posters presented at last year’s Annual Meeting of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. This will be an annual feature of our journal. I will be attending other meetings such as NORA (Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association). Although COVD does not have a formal relationship with NORA, the link between vision development in COVD and vision rehabilitation in NORA sets the stage for a natural synergy in pooled scholarly activities.

I plan to maintain close ties with the AOA (the American Optometric Association), the AAO (American Academy of Optometry) and OEPF (the Optometric Extension Program Foundation) and to lend voice to other organizations with whom you may not be as familiar. Our journal will pursue being listed in indices such as PMC (PubMed Central) to complement our trans-disciplinary vision. PMC is a full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at NIH/NLM, the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine. As your editor-in-chief, I will tap into the wisdom of former and current journal editors, rely on input from our journal review board and reviewers, and welcome feedback from you - our members and readership.

Many individuals have been instrumental in creating *VDR*, but one who stands out is Ms. Katie Kirschner, our Managing Editor. My thanks and appreciation is extended to the COVD board and staff for their support in this endeavor as we look forward to our journal as an innovative, informative, and educational venture.