Opening Address

We are delighted to publish the proceedings of the 15th CIBA Vision Symposium, held in Tokyo and Osaka from October 31 to November 2, 2002. This publication is the fourth appearing as a special issue of *Ophthalmologica*. The proceedings include the impressive lectures of three doctors, that is, Terrence P. O'Brien, MD, Shin-Ichi Nishikawa, MD, PhD, and George O. Waring III, MD. These three speakers were selected by the Organizing Committee of Osaka and Tokyo as experts on important topics in modern ophthalmology. The first two lectures are related to neovascularization in the eye and the last is on refractive surgery. All three include quite new findings in each area and impressed the audiences very much. We are very happy that this symposium is printed in this style and offered to many people who could not attend the meeting. The texts are printed with many beautiful color illustrations. We thank the three speakers who prepared the excellent manuscripts and also thank CIBA Vision for making the meeting possible.

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