Dear International Alumni and Friends of Kellogg:

Happy New Year! COVID put many of our activities on hold, but we are hopeful that 2021 will allow us to get started again. To begin with, we have a new name. As the result of a wonderful bequest from the Jerome Jacobson Foundation, we will now be called the Jerome Jacobson International Program at the Kellogg Eye Center.

On behalf of the Kellogg Eye Center and the University of Michigan, here is an expression of deep gratitude to the trustees of the Foundation.

We have a new, re-designed website!

Have a glance at our new internet presence:
https://medicine.umich.edu/ophthalmology/international

Global Ophthalmology Fellowship

We are excited to launch in July 2021 our Fellowship in Global Ophthalmology, designed to train future leaders in academic global ophthalmology.

Fellows will focus their training on global vision research, education, capacity building, and service. There will be a strong emphasis on fostering reciprocal and culturally competent relationships with diverse global partners. We are thrilled to welcome Tim Soeken, MD, a Major in the U.S. Air Force, as our first fellow in July 2021. He will use his training to lead humanitarian eye care efforts for the Armed Services.

Welcome Tim!
(on the left, below, in his military uniform in Afghanistan)

Upcoming Events:

- International alumni webinar
  Zoom interviews with physicians and researchers from around the world who have visited us in recent years. Watch for scheduling updates.

- International Night at Kellogg
  Because of COVID, this traditional event was postponed. Planned for Fall 2021. Watch for scheduling updates.

New Team Member

Meet our new team member. Ava Dwyer joins us with a degree in International Marketing and Advertising from Eastern Michigan University. With a special talent for graphic design, she has quickly become a very important part of our international group.

Welcome Ava!

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