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2026 Verriest Medallist

The 2026 Verriest Medal will be awarded to Professor Keiji Uchikawa at the 28th Symposium of the International Colour Vision Society (ICVS) to be held at the University of Sussex in Brighton in 2026. The award was established in 1991 in memory of the founder of the Society, Dr. Guy Verriest, and honours outstanding contributions in the field of colour vision.



Professor Keiji Uchikawa.

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Professor Keiji Uchikawa

Professor Uchikawa received his Ph.D. in Engineering in 1980 from the Tokyo Institute of Technology (currently the Institute of Science Tokyo) under the supervision of Mitsuo Ikeda. He then moved to York University in Canada where he was a postdoctoral fellow with Peter Kaiser, and in 1982 returned to his alma mater as a faculty member. There he developed an extensive and impactful research program and trained a generation of scientists, including supervising 27 Ph.D. and 77 master's students, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in both academia and industry. Since retiring from the university in 2016 with the awarded distinction of Professor Emeritus, he has remained actively engaged in research, first at Kanagawa University and currently at the Kanagawa Institute of Technology.

Professor Uchikawa's contributions to colour science span a dizzying range of topics, from low-level sensory mechanisms to high-level perceptual and cognitive processes. He has 151 publications to date which include seminal studies on the relation between brightness and luminance, the temporal properties of colour processing, colour constancy and modes of appearance, and categorical perception, among many more. Throughout his career he has pursued and promoted international collaborations, both in his own work and his students'. This has included visiting collaborations with Robert Boynton and Donald MacLeod at UC San Diego, Hiroshi Ohno's group at York University in Canada, and Rhea Eskew's group at Northeastern University. He has also made many contributions to the International Colour Vision Society, serving as a Director of the Society from 2012 to 2017 and chairing the Organising Committee for the 23rd ICVS Symposium held in Sendai, Japan. He was a founding member and later President of the Vision Society of Japan, and also co-founded the Asia-Pacific Conference on Vision, the leading vision science conferences in Japan and Asia-Oceania. His many diverse and impactful contributions have established Professor Uchikawa as one of the leading colour and vision scientists of our time, and it is no surprise that his nomination for the Verriest Medal was enthusiastically endorsed by a wide swath of fellow colour scientists spanning the globe.

Call for nominations for the new ICVS award The ICVS Early Career Investigator Award

Nominations are now open for the 2026 ICVS Early Career Investigator Award.

This new award, presented by the ICVS, recognizes outstanding achievement in colour vision research by an early-career researcher, showing exceptional promise and meaningful contributions to the colour vision research community.

The award is conferred at the ICVS biennial Symposium. Eligible candidates must be within 10 years of their PhD award (exceptions may be granted if well justified and strongly supported). Nominees need not have been active in ICVS affairs but should be willing and able to participate in the Symposium.

To nominate a candidate, please submit a letter of nomination and the candidate's curriculum vitae.

The 2026 Award will be presented at the ICVS Symposium in Brighton, UK. Nominations must be submitted by 16 January 2026 via email to the Chair of the Award Committee, Anya Hurlbert (anya.hurlbert@newcastle.ac.uk).

International Colour Vision Society Summer School 2025

10th August - 15th August 2025, Pembroke College, Oxford



The faculty and students of the ICVS Summer School 2025.

The fifth iteration of the ICVS Summer School took place in August. As with all previous years (bar 2020 which was held online), the Summer School was hosted at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. We are thankful to Pembroke for their financial and organisational support.

We welcomed 24 students representing institutions in China, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, UK and USA. We were in the fortunate position of being able to provide grants to half of the students; that is, all students who requested financial support as part of the application process. For this, we are deeply indebted to our

generous sponsors: The Colour Group (GB), ICVS, Meta, Optica, and VPixx. We are also grateful to MathWorks for providing MatLab licences for all attendees.

During the Summer School, students attended a series of lectures and workshops delivered by our Faculty:

- David Brainard (Psychology, University of Pennsylvania) – *Trichromacy; Calibration*
- Jenny Bosten (Psychology, University of Sussex) - *Polymorphisms*
- Anya Hurlbert (Institute of Neuroscience, University of Newcastle upon Tyne) – *Illumination and Constancy*
- John Mollon (Psychology, University of Cambridge) - *History*
- Takuma Morimoto (Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford) – *Colour Space; Making a Figure*
- Neil Parry (Optometry and Pharmacy, University of Manchester) - *Psychophysical Methods*
- Steven Shevell (Psychology and Ophthalmology, University of Chicago) - *Appearance*
- Hannah Smithson (Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford) - *Opponency*
- Andrew Stockman (Institute of Ophthalmology, University College London) - *Fundamentals*
- Sérgio Nascimento (Physics, University of Minho) – *Image Statistics*
- Michael Webster (Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno) - *Adaptation*
- Jack Werner (Ophthalmology and Vision Science, UC Davies) - *Lifespan*

Students also engaged with Practical Labs, Networking activities, Group Projects and an Outreach Event.

One of the greatest legacies of the Summer School is the opportunity it affords students to build connections with colleagues who share their enthusiasm for colour vision research, and to engage formally and informally with the international Faculty Team. In feedback, students celebrated the sense of community achieved through the Summer

School, with one student praising the Summer School for: “folding new people into what felt like a family of researchers”.

We sincerely thank the Faculty who so generously gave of their time and expertise to support the next generation.

From the organisers: *Neil Parry, David Brainard, Hannah Smithson, Takuma Morimoto and Rebekah White*



Images of the ICVS Summer School 2025 at Pembroke College, Oxford, UK.

ICVS Treasury report

As the society's 2-year financial cycle draws to a close, I'd like to present a statement of our financial position as at 29th October 2025.

The society's main income is from your subscriptions. We may also from time to time benefit from any surplus the meeting might make. This year the meeting broke even, but not before they had made a substantial contribution to our student travel awards program, so indirectly the meeting budget contributed £4765. Most memberships are handled by PayPal. There is no subscription cost for PayPal – they take a percentage of our payments at source. Similarly, subscriptions received through the bank have their costs deducted at source. The subscription income here has already had these costs deducted. We also received funds from Optica who sponsored the poster session and prizes.

Our main expenditures relate to the running of the biennial meeting, namely the student travel award programme, the Verriest medallist's travel and accommodation and the medal itself and the costs of the proceedings, currently published in JOSA A as a feature issue. Along with the Optica prizes, the society funded additional prizes for the best talk and poster by recipients of the travel awards. We also undertake to provide financial support for the summer school, providing sufficient funds to make the school break even. As in previous years, our contribution was capped at £5000. We have already advanced the school £200 to enable a bank account to be opened, but still await the final reckoning. Last year we provided support for a reception at the MollonFest. Finally, there is the website and the running costs of the Society's bank account. Since March this year we have had to pay a monthly bank account fee of £4.25. This was previously free.

1 item has yet to be finalised, as the summer school is still awaiting the receipt of some sponsorship funding. I have provided an estimate of this cost. There are of course further known expenditures in the form of bank fees and website hosting which fall due before the cycle ends on 31/12/25.

Opening Balance	25065.05
Income to date	
Subscriptions	10942.19
Optica	1315.48
Total income to date	12257.67
Expenditure to date	
Bank charges	(34.00)
Web hosting	(184.58)
Domain	(38.38)
Medallist expenses	(1464.12)
Medal engraving + postage	(50.65)
Mollonfest support	(215.46)
Sundry stationery	(2.49)
Transfer Optica funds to Meeting for Poster	
Session support	(1000.00)
Advance to summer school	(200.00)
Student awards	(1938.47)
Prizes	(805.99)
JOSA Procs	(2364.28)
Total expenditure to date	(8298.42)
Current account balance	29024.30
To end of year	
Summer school*	(3346.00)
Bank	(9.50)
Web hosting	(16.78)
Balance at year end*	25652.02

**estimated*

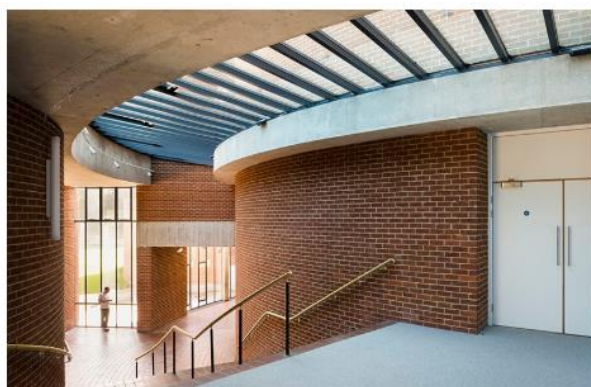
Neil Parry, ICVS treasurer

Visit the ICVS 2026 new website www.icvs2026.org



ICVS 2026 will be in Brighton, UK on 14th-18th August 2026. We look forward to welcoming you at the Attenborough Centre for Creative Arts at the University of Sussex. The venue is easily accessible from Brighton city centre and is in close proximity to a train station and bus links. It is a lovely venue with an auditorium that seats up to 350, refurbished in 2016.

Jenny Bosten, Anna Franklin, Ana Rozman, John Maule, Alice Skelton, Tom Baden, Ian Pennock, Daniel Osorio and Christoph Witzel



The conference will be hosted at the Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts (ACCA) at the University of Sussex.

Call for proposals for the ICVS 2030 Symposium

The call for proposals to host the ICVS 2030 Symposium is now open. Preliminary proposals should be submitted to the General Secretary (smcn@fisica.uminho.pt) by January 2026. A full proposal will then be presented at the 2026 Symposium in Brighton.

Proposals should address key aspects of the event, including:

- Venue and dates
- Accommodation options
- Facilities for oral and poster presentations
- Social program, including a half-day excursion (e.g., visit to a historical site, boat trip, or steam railway outing, as has traditionally been done)
- Program for accompanying persons
- Preliminary budget, including registration fees consistent with past ICVS meetings

Colleagues interested in submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the General Secretary for further information.

Gerald H. Jacobs, 1934-2025

Jerry Jacobs, Verriest Medallist, passed away on 15 October at the age of 91. He was surrounded by close family and friends. Professor Jacobs was a long-time faculty member at the University of California Santa Barbara, served until his retirement in 2006, continuing as a Research Professor thereafter. His research made substantial and lasting contributions to the understanding of colour vision and visual neuroscience. He was widely respected for the depth and rigour of his work, which has had a lasting influence on the field. He is survived by his beloved wife Chris, along with friends and former students scattered around the world. A full obituary for this distinguished ICVS member will be published in the next issue of *Daltoniana*.



Gerald H. Jacobs

Hoover R. Chan, 1955-2025

The vision science community mourns the loss of friend and colleague, Hoover Rory Chan, who died April 30, 2025, at age 69. For over four decades, Hoover anchored the vision research community through his stewardship of the Color and Vision Network (CVNet). This vital platform, personally funded and maintained since the early 1980s, served as a primary channel for vision scientists worldwide to share research resources, scientific advancements, discussions, conference announcements, and job opportunities. This year, the Vision Sciences Society announced that he was to be the recipient of their 25th Anniversary Lifetime Service



Hoover R. Chan

Award for this work. Sadly, he passed away before the annual meeting, so the award was made posthumously.

With a B.A. in Mathematics from Reed College and Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley with Karen and Russ De Valois, he completed post-doctoral fellowships in colour vision at Brooklyn College with Israel Abramov and spatial vision at Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute with Christopher Tyler. He worked as an IT specialist for San Francisco schools before becoming Full Professional Researcher in Ophthalmology at UCSF Medical Center, pursuing non-invasive electrophysiological studies of human vision and clinical applications. Upon retiring, he rejoined Smith-Kettlewell as advisor. A member of ICVS, ARVO, OSA, and ISCEV, Hoover contributed technical expertise to CIE Technical Committees on vision science standards. He founded and taught ESL and Citizenship classes at Chinese Progressive Association groups in NYC and San Francisco, organizing health fairs in Chinatown/North Beach.

An experienced yachtsman with five craft in San Francisco Bay, he entertained friends and taught US Power Squadron boating safety. All his friends and colleagues will remember his curiosity, intellect, generosity, and social awareness, along with the humour and warmth that shone through his quiet strength and serious demeanor. Though he attended few scientific meetings in later years, he remained in contact and stayed deeply interested in colour vision and the ICVS community. He is survived by wife, Debra Liu, and his mother, Asako Chan.

David Peterzell

Neil Parry

CVNET

Members may be interested to read more of the history of CVNet on its webpage, info.cvnet.org. There is also a page dedicated to Hoover (info.cvnet.org/hover). The team are developing an events calendar at calendar.cvnet.org.