



Seeking A Cure For
Retinitis Pigmentosa, Macular Degeneration,
Usher Syndrome and Allied Retinal Dystrophies

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Prof. Matthew M. LaVail

Recognition

Appreciation of Prof. Matthew M. LaVail for his outstanding work in supporting, assisting and advising **Retina International** in the promotion of Scientific and Medical Research.

The 16th General Assembly of **Retina International**, held in Stresa on the 25th of June 2010, wishes to formally recognise the outstanding contribution of Professor Matthew M. LaVail to the work of the International Retinal Degeneration movement. His outstanding commitment and enthusiasm was instrumental in the establishment of an enormous world wide body of research into retinal degenerative diseases, resulting in the current coordinated energetic and focused world wide research effort to find treatments for retinal degenerative diseases. As one of the initiators of the RD meetings he was instrumental in bringing the community of researchers in retinal degeneration together. His pioneering work in growth factors, among others, has opened new doors to a treatment of Retinitis Pigmentosa and to the first human clinical trial.

On behalf of all those throughout the world who live with a retinal degenerative disease and their families, we formally express our sincere thanks to Professor Matthew M. LaVail for his outstanding contribution to our cause over the years. His passion and commitment have been a source of inspiration to us and we gratefully thank him for his role in bringing us closer to a cure.

Retina International General Assembly

Stresa (Italy), June 25th 2010

On behalf of the General Assembly:

Christina Fasser
President

