

## 2022 BCM Families Meeting CHARLOTTE, NC – October 1st 2022

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<https://www.blueconemonochromacy.org/charlotte-2022/>



Dear Families and Friends,

here you have the preliminary Agenda of the BCMFF 2022 Meeting, that will be in Charlotte, NC at the OMNI Charlotte Hotel on October 1st 2022.

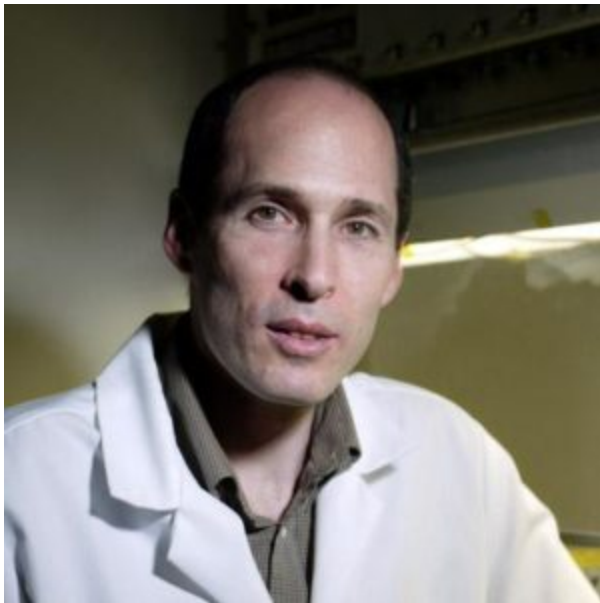
Please register **before September 9** following instructions at <https://www.blueconemonochromacy.org/charlotte-2022/>

**Before September 9** you can book your hotel room at the OMNI Charlotte

Hotel at a discounted rate through this link

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/charlotte/meetings/us-bcm-families-foundation-09302022>

Invited speakers:



Dr. Jeremy Nathans Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Neuroscience, Ophthalmology The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD will make a presentation virtually from Baltimore and will answer your questions about color vision and the genetic causes of BCM



Dr. Bernd Wissinger Professor of Molecular Genetics of Sensory Systems Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Centre for Ophthalmology, University of Tübingen will speak about Genetic Testing for BCM and will be available during the full day to all of you who are interested in testing your DNA and planning DNA tests for your family



Dr. Samuel G. Jacobson Professor of Ophthalmology, Director Center for Hereditary Retinal Degenerations and Retinal Function Department, Scheie Eye Institute, University of Pennsylvania is going to speak about planning for a clinical trial for BCM and he will be in person with us.



Dr. Joseph Carroll, Richard O. Schultz, MD / Ruth Works Professor of Ophthalmology Professor of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, Biophysics, and Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy Director, Advanced Ocular Imaging Program Medical College of Wisconsin, will be with us in person speaking about Blue Cone Monochromacy and retina imaging



Dr. Wen-Tao Deng Assistant Professor at the West Virginia University has worked for several years with Dr. William W. Hauswirth and will be with us in person presenting a Poster with her results on gene therapy on the mouse model created by the BCMFF for BCM C203R mutation.



Laura K. Windsor O.D. F.A.A.O. of the Indianapolis Low Vision Center will be in Charlotte for the BCM Families in-person meeting on October 1st 2022. She will give a lecture and will answer your questions about contact lenses, coloured filters, bioptic driving.

Ben Nelson, Teacher of students with Visual Impairments, will be with us

discussing children school problems.

Erik Geslin, Ph.D. from University of Norway will present a 15-minutes Video on the Videogame "Beyond Blue Mist" that he is going to create in order to identify Blue Cone Monochromats players and will answer your questions.

There will be several social meeting opportunities, during lunch with dedicated "Table Talks", in the evening of Friday and Saturday and during breakfast on Sunday morning. All BCMFF Directors will be there until Sunday morning to meet with you.



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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Friday September 30, 2022

5:00PM - 7:00PM - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Ballroom Foyer - Registration

**7:00PM Charlotte Uptown - Social Event – “A Taste of Charlotte”**

### Saturday October 1st, 2022

8:00AM - 9:00AM - OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Ballroom Foyer - Registration

#### **Morning Lectures - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room - Chairman - Dr. Renata Sarno, BCMFF President**

8:30AM – 9:00AM BCMFF Dr. Renata Sarno, President, Kay McCrary Ed.D., Secretary, Barbara Sergent MBA, Treasurer, John Cavitt, Director and Marylee Dilling, M.D., Director "Welcome and opening introduction to the BCM Families Foundation"

9:00AM - 9:30AM Jeremy Nathans, M.D., Ph.D, Professor of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Neuroscience, Ophthalmology The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD “The Genes for Color Vision and the Genetic Origin of Blue Cone Monochromacy”

9:30AM - 10:00AM Bernd Wissinger, Ph.D. Professor of Molecular Genetics of Sensory Systems Institute for Ophthalmic Research, Centre for Ophthalmology, University of Tübingen. “Genetic Testing in Blue Cone Monochromacy”

10:00AM – 10:15AM BCMFF Director Marylee Dilling “How to collect and ship blood samples from the US to Germany for DNA test”

10:15AM - 10:30AM Questions & Answers

#### **10:30AM - 11:00AM Coffee Break - OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Ballroom Foyer**

Poster presented by Dr. Wen-Tao Deng, Assistant Professor Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences University of West Virginia “Recent gene therapy rescue data on mouse model for C203R”

#### **Morning Lectures - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room - Chairman – BCMFF Directors: Marylee Dilling MD & John Cavitt**

11:00AM - 11:30AM Samuel G. Jacobson, M.D., Ph.D. Professor of Ophthalmology, Director Center for Hereditary Retinal Degenerations and Retinal Function Department, Scheie Eye Institute, University of Pennsylvania “Blue cone monochromacy: Planning the clinical trial”

11:30AM - 12:00PM Joseph Carroll, M.D., Department of Ophthalmology,

Medical College of Wisconsin “Imaging retinal structure in Blue Cone Monochromacy”

12:00PM - 12:15PM Questions & Answers

12:15PM - 12:45PM BCMFF Directors and Scientists “Discussion about the future of the Intravitreal Gene Therapy for Blue Cone Monochromacy”

**12:45PM - 2PM Lunch - OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Poplar Dogwood Room**  
**During Lunch some tables will be dedicated to special “Table Talks”**

**Afternoon Lectures - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room -**  
**Chairman – BCMFF Directors: Kay McCrary & Barbara Sergent**

2:00PM – 2:15PM Director Barbara Sergent, MBA, Treasurer of the BCMFF  
“Donations and Fundraising”

02:15PM - 2:55PM - Laura K. Windsor, O.D., F.A.A.O. The Low Vision Center of Indiana, “Low Vision and Glare & Light Strategies for Maximizing Vision in BCM Patients”

2:55M - 3:10PM Questions & Answers

**3:10PM - 3:35PM Coffee Break OMNI Charlotte Hotel – Ballroom Foyer**

**Afternoon Lectures - OMNI Charlotte Hotel - Poplar Dogwood Room -**  
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3:35PM - 3:55PM Ben Nelson Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) “Accommodations for BCM students in the Educational Setting.”

3:55PM - 4:05PM Questions & Answers

4:05PM - 4:20PM - Sara Cammarota – BCM Patient Registry Manager – “How to Enroll in the BCM Patient Registry and Why”

4:20PM – 4:35PM – Erik Geslin, Ph.D. University of Norway’s Video: “Beyond Blue Mist” a Videogame for identify Blue Cone Monochromats players

4:30PM BCMFF Directors Closing remarks

**6:00PM Charlotte Uptown – Social Event “Optimist Hall” with Marylee Dilling, MD BCMFF Director**

**Sunday October 2 – OMNI Charlotte Hotel**

8:00AM – 9:00AM Breakfast together with BCMFF Directors

## Table Talks

During the Saturday Lunch some tables will be dedicated to discussion about special topics. A maximum of **5 people** can sit at each table in addition to the moderator. To register, send an email to [info@bcmfamilies.org](mailto:info@bcmfamilies.org) with the number of the table you want to sit at.

Table 1 – Dads Table – Moderator: John Cavitt, Director of the BCMFF

Table 2 – Carriers of BCM – Moderator: Marylee Dilling, MD, Director of the BCMFF

Table 3 – Color vision in BCM, photoreceptors and cone mosaic – With Dr. Joseph Carroll, Medical College of Wisconsin

Table 4 – TBD

Table 5 – How to help the BCMFF with fundraising and awareness activities – Moderator: Barbara Sergent, MBA, Treasurer of the BCMFF

## Social Event on Friday Evening

“A Tast of Charlotte”

Organization details

## Social Event on Saturday Evening

“Optimist Hall dinner”

Marylee Dilling, MD BCMFF Director

Meet at 5:45 pm in front of the Dogwood/Poplar rooms to take the Blue Line Tram together. Questions? Call Marylee 704-692-2402

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