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## **Editorial**

David Maurice was well known to the global vision community. His scientific contributions not only stimulated and enhanced the research endeavours of others, but also had an immeasurable impact upon the clinical diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases.

The many and varied articles in this special issue of *Experimental Eye Research* reflect the breadth and depth of David's interests and expertise in vision research; from corneal transparency to blood retinal barrier, from tear film to lens cation transport and vitreous dynamics, from drug penetration to the development of novel instruments. David never tired of research, he was always so intensely inquisitive. Even in this volume there is an original article co-authored by David, describing the design and evaluation of yet another novel instrument to probe corneal function.

Those who have had very close working relationships with David author a number of papers in this volume. Other papers come from individuals whose collaboration with David was invaluable, even pivotal. Directly or indirectly, David impacted upon all of the authors in this volume. It would have been impossible to create a special issue of *Experimental Eye Research* embracing contributions from everybody whose work was influenced by David.

The introductory dedications paint a vivid picture of David, the man, the scientist we respected and now fondly

remember. How difficult it was to select just a few pictorial memories.

In their wisdom, The Helen Keller Foundation elected to award the Helen Keller Prize for Vision Research to David Maurice, posthumously. The monetary value of the Helen Keller Prize was allocated to largely underwrite the production of this special issue of Experimental Eye Research. We would also like to recognize the additional financial support of those listed on the following page.

It has been an immense honour to assemble this special issue. It was a pleasure to work with all the authors and also the publisher.

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