Dr. Joseph Carroll appointed to advisory board for Ireland’s Fighting Blindness

Dec. 21, 2015 MCW News - Joseph Carroll, PhD, the Richard Schultz, MD/Ruth Works Professor in Ophthalmology, professor of ophthalmology, biophysics and cell biology, neurobiology and anatomy, and co-director of the Advanced Ocular Imaging Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), has been selected to join the Medical and Scientific Advisory Board (MSAB) for Fighting Blindness. Fighting Blindness is an Irish, patient-led organization that funds research for the treatment and cure of vision loss.

Fighting Blindness was founded in 1983 as a support group for families affected by blindness. The organization is now a global leader in research for genetically-inherited and age-related forms of blindness. Since its formation, Fighting Blindness has funded more than 70 projects and invested $16 million in research in universities and colleges in Ireland. The mission of Fighting Blindness is to cure, support and empower those afflicted with vision loss.

Dr. Carroll’s role on MSAB will be to advise the directors of Fighting Blindness by appraising new grant applications and monitoring programs for the organization. Dr. Carroll and the other board members will offer recommendations regarding research policies and strategic plans, as well as provide oversight on research for quality assurance.

“I am amazed at the level of commitment and dedication of the staff at Fighting Blindness. As a patient-led organization, Fighting Blindness creates the opportunity for more personal investment,” said Dr. Carroll. “I consider it an honor to be able to provide support for this outstanding organization.”

Apart from his role on the MSAB, Dr. Carroll and his team at MCW have been at the forefront of the clinical application of adaptive optics retinal imaging, with over 80 peer-reviewed publications and numerous National Institutes of Health research grants. Dr. Carroll has been recognized by many organizations for his innovative research. The most recent awards include Vision Research Award from the E. Matilda Ziegler Foundation in 2007; Career Development Award from Research to Prevent Blindness in 2008; Young Investigator Award from the ALCON Research Institute in 2012; and “40 under 40” award from the Milwaukee Business Journal in 2014.