On Monday, May 10 the Munsell Color Science Laboratory dedicated and officially opened the Franc Grum Color Science Learning Center in the Color Science Building. Since MCSL moved into its new home Fall 2003, one primary focus upon move-in was devoted to creating this teaching and research facility in honor of the first director of the MCSL, Dr. Franc Grum. MCSL dedicated this lab as a reminder of Franc’s foresight, hard work, and standards of excellence.

The catered event included the MCSL Director’s welcome and overview of the color science building, the dedication of the lab with the unveiling of a bronze plaque of Franc and a presentation of two student scholarship awards (article on the back). Attendees enjoyed an appetizer buffet, drinks and fancy desserts while remembering Franc and his contributions, learning some history about MCSL, and touring our student and research facilities.

On behalf of MCSL, thank you alumni, family and friends of the lab. Without your support, consideration and generosity, this would not have been possible. The plaque is proudly displayed in the front of the lab. In addition to the names of the people who contributed, the plaque summarizes why we feel so lucky to have had Dr. Franc Grum touch our lives in some way. The plaque states:

...Created in celebration of the first 20 years of the RIT Munsell Color Science Laboratory.

In 1983, Franc Grum founded the Munsell Color Science Laboratory. Serving as the lab’s first Director and the first R.S. Hunter Professor of Color Science, Appearance, and Technology, Franc was responsible for establishing facilities and initiating color science educational programs. Franc’s untimely death in 1985 prevented him from witnessing the continuing results of his vision, determination, and effort that made world-class color science education and research at RIT a reality. As a lasting legacy to Franc’s mission, this facility was created in dedication and celebration of his foresight, hard work, and standards of excellence through contributions from the following alumni and friends of the lab …
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Scholarships Awarded at Grum Laboratory Dedication

Justin Laird, second year graduate student in the color program, was awarded the prestigious Franc Grum Memorial Scholarship 2004. Justin exhibits the qualities of leadership, dedication and the overall positive attitude that reflect the ideals of MCSL and especially of Franc Grum. The MCSL faculty and staff are proud to award Justin and add his name to the plaque displayed in the newly dedicated Franc Grum Color Science Learning Center. Congratulations!

Rod Heckaman, pictured on the right with his wife, a first year graduate student in the PhD imaging science program, was awarded the Macbeth-Engel Fellowship. Due to Rod’s quality and enthusiasm for his continued education the MCSL faculty and staff are proud to distribute this award to assist him with his PhD studies in MCSL fundamentals aspects of color science. Congratulations!

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Prior to graduation MS Color Science students are required to present their research at a public forum. The picture above was taken after they presented on May 11, 2004 at the Center for Imaging Science Industrial Associates Meeting. To review their slides from that meeting, please go to: www.cis.rit.edu/info/IA_S2004.html

Celebration Continues at the Franc Grum Learning Ctr.

Jen Bodine (left) and her family examine one of Franc’s book on the war efforts in Slovenia. Jen, an RIT Print Media student, contributed to the learning center by designing its web page, www.cis.rit.edu/mcsl/about/fgrlc/