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It was a beautiful blue-sky day as runners took off around Grant Park on Saturday morning as part of the ASCRS Run for Sight. The race, which benefited the Eye Bank Association of America, drew around 90 registrants who were looking to help a good cause, have fun and compete.

For most participants, the course was 5 kilometers (or alternatively 1 mile for those who chose to walk). It was more like 10 kilometers for Jonathan Davidorf, M.D., in private practice in Los Angeles. Dr. Davidorf thought the race began closer to his hotel than he imagined, and ended up walking it out to the start line for about 5 kilometers before the start of the race.

It was his second Run for Sight, and also the second time he sweated more than he needed to. His last ASCRS-supported run was in San Francisco, and stayed at a friend's house the night before for a St. Patrick's Day party. On just a couple hours sleep, he rose early and biked from the Financial District to Golden Gate Park to arrive at the start line.

time. Medical school makes it hard to do a lot of races and running." Also coming across the finish line was the husband-and-wife team of Julien and Selma Kerautret. Dr. Kerautret is the ophthalmologist in the family, but the two appeared more happy to get away briefly from their children than work.



"I think I was the only guy to do a biathlon that morning," Dr. Davidorf joked.

This time, the warm-up probably helped, as Dr. Davidorf came in 3rd place in the men's run, with a time of 19:38. Jason Crosson was first with a time of 16:41, and Louis Probst was second, coming in at 18:59. In the women's division, Carrie Palmer was first with a time of 19:28. Alexis Spilman was second, with a time of 22:33. Marie

Lebot was third, crossing the finish at 23:18.

Dr. Crosson, a fourth-year medical student and men's race winner, said he trains six days a week, running 40 miles. He was a runner in college and now also serves in the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. So, how did it feel to win?

"It felt good," Dr. Crosson said. "I haven't won a race for a long

"We have children, so we are happy to run together," said Mrs. Kerautret, who was nonetheless wearing a set of earphones.

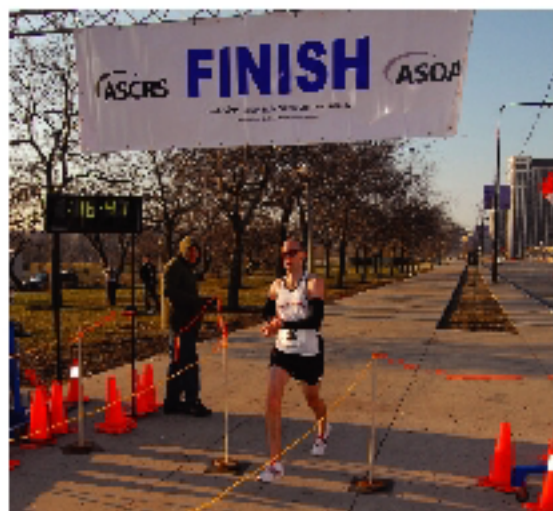
"Exactly," she joked. Dr. Kerautret chimed in: "They help protect from the cold."

Run for Sight is becoming internationally popular it seems, as the

Kerautrets are from France. Martin Zehetmayer, M.D., in private practice in Austria, also participated.

"It combines a good purpose and the sporting," Dr. Zehetmayer said of Run for Sight.

Off 'N Running Tours, a Los Angeles-based company, helped organize the event.



Cheryl Anker, the company owner, said this is the fourth year she has worked with ASCRS to support the Run for Sight.

"I ordered this sunshine," she said.

The winners of today's race are:

FEMALE:

1. Carrie Palmer, age 31, time 19:29
2. Alexis Spilman, age 29, time 22:34
3. LeBot Marie Pierre, age 41, time, 23:19

MALE:

1. Jason Crosson, age 26, time 16:42
2. Louis Probst, age 42, time 19:00
3. Jonathan Davidorf, age 42, time 19:39