



It has been a very encouraging and exciting two months for IVI with the launch of a pilot awareness raising initiative for optometry institutes in Chennai and Kolkata; and the Young Leaders Program – initiatives that will play a significant role in progressing Indian optometry for decades to come.

Collaboration is the key as we work together to advance the cause of optometry in India, given the magnitude of what needs to be achieved. I am really thankful to Mr Vivek Mendonsa, President - Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, India; Mr Rajesh Wadhwa, President - Indian Optometry Federation and Ms Lakshmi Shinde, CEO - Optometry Council of India for their personal commitment and enthusiastic support and to their respective organizations for partnering with us in many of the initiatives.

We continue to receive support for IVI initiatives from our key stakeholders. I thank Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. and NWO Group for their support for the awareness campaign at the Times Education Boutique 2013 in Chennai and Kolkata and the Faculty Support Program for dispensing optics respectively.

I also appreciate continued support from the Alcon Foundation, Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, JSW Foundation, Lawrence & Mayo and Optometry Giving Sight for our initiatives in making a difference for Indian optometry.

IVI is constantly developing new initiatives to meet the needs of the sector and we continue to welcome feedback from you. I would also like to encourage optometry professionals including students to avail the IVI Higher Education Scholarships and the Faculty Support Program currently on offer.

Vinod Daniel
CEO

29 Low Vision Awareness Program

IVI in collaboration with LVPEI, organized a day long Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) on 12 April 2013 at LVPEI. Over 50 practitioners and students attended this program involving a series of lectures and panel discussions, followed by a hands-on session on the various devices used for examining low vision patients. Owing to the success of the program, this was the third time that IVI conducted the LAP program with LVPEI.

IVI provided 10 registration scholarships to students from various educational institutes in Hyderabad including University of Hyderabad, Sarojini Devi Optometry School and Pushpagiri Eye Institute to participate in this program.



Participants of 29 Low Vision Awareness Program

IVI Young Leaders Program (YLP)

An IVI initiative to motivate and train young eyecare professionals to take up a leadership role in optometry, the year-long IVI Young Leaders Program was launched with a two-day workshop at Hyderabad on 27-28 April 2013. Given the sheer magnitude of challenges in eyecare delivery in India, the program will equip participants to approach challenges with a fresh perspective.

The workshop was supported by Optometry Giving Sight and the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation.

The workshop introduced participants to core leadership concepts, including creative thinking and change management. To experience a real life example of leadership in eyecare delivery in practice, the group interacted with experts at L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI); and obtained insights into the leadership role played by key optometry stakeholders including IOF, ASCO and OCI.

Participants also got a broader understanding of how eye health is linked to public health and the challenges of integrating the two.



Participants of IVI Young Leaders Program

The ten-member Young Leaders group, selected on a competitive basis, comprises eyecare practitioners, educators, researchers and eyecare service managers from across India:

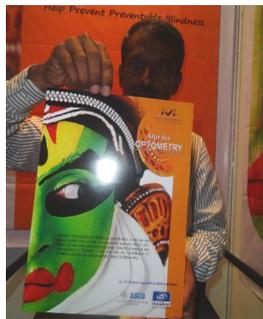
Mr Abhishek Kalbarga, Professional Services Manager, Ben Franklin Opticians, Hyderabad; **Mr Akash Deep Rastogi**, Consultant Optometrist, Dr Om Prakash Eye Institute, Amritsar; **Ms Jissa James**, Program Manager, IVI; **Dr Kalika Bandamwar**, Manager, Brien Holden Vision Institute Research Centre, Hyderabad; **Ms Priya Gupta**, Program Manager, IVI; **Dr Rishi Bhardwaj**, Vice-Principal, Nethradhama School of Optometry, Bangalore; **Ms Runa Talukdar**, Lecturer, Vidyasagar College of Optometry & Vision Science, Kolkata; **Dr Rupinder Sahota**, Administrative Manager, Rotary Eye Care Centre, New Delhi; **Mr Uday Kumar Addepalli**, Consultant Optometrist, Glaucoma Department, LVPEI, Hyderabad; and **Ms Vidyut Rajhans**, Principal, MES College of Optometry, Pune.

The second Young Leaders workshop planned for 27-28 July 2013 in New Delhi, will focus on resource generation, promotion and media management, social enterprise and eyecare and healthcare industry.

Opt for Optometry: Help Prevent 'Preventable' Blindness

Launch of awareness campaign supported by Essilor India Pvt. Ltd.

IVI initiated 'Opt for Optometry: Help Prevent 'Preventable' Blindness', an awareness campaign with Times Education Boutique in Chennai (4-5 May 2013) and Kolkata (11-12 May 2013). Aksauhini, the all India strategic plan launched by IVI identified the need to promote optometry as a rewarding and fulfilling career option.



Four optometry institutes each in Chennai and Kolkata participated in this annual education and career fair and interacted with prospective students, teachers and parents to discuss available options for pursuing optometry as a career. The program is expected to contribute to increased student intake in optometry institutions in the two cities.

IVI acknowledges the support of ASCO as program partner and Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. for funding this project.

Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships (ALAF)

IVI is pleased to announce the successful candidates for the ALAF round 13 of the Optometry Faculty Development Program scheduled for August 12-20, 2013 in Sydney. The program is anchored by the Brien Holden Vision Institute, Sydney with support from IVI.

- § **Ms Jayarajini**, Sri Ramachandra University & Research Institute, Chennai
- § **Ms Jyothi Thomas**, Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal
- § **Mr Kartheek Kumar Sangewar**, Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad
- § **Mr Nirav Kumar Mehta**, Hari Jyot College of Optometry, Navsari
- § **Mr Shyam Sunder Tummanapalli**, Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

Australia Awards Fellowships aim to develop leadership, address priority regional development issues and build partnerships and links between Australian organisations and their partner organisations in developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East.

IVI - NWO Group Faculty Support Program for Dispensing Optics

IVI is pleased to announce the Faculty Support Program for Indian optometry educators teaching Dispensing Optics. Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Optometry, Pune, will host the two-week program.

Selected educators will gain first-hand experience in teaching Dispensing Optics from an academic perspective, including curriculum planning & development, teaching methodologies and evaluation & assessment patterns for an undergraduate program. IVI will cover travel and accommodation costs for selected educators. Deadline for submission of application for August batch: **30 May 2013**.

IVI acknowledges NWO Group for funding the program.

IVI Optometry Resource Platform

IVI proposes to launch a one stop portal providing links to optometry education and research resources for the benefit of practitioners, educators and students of optometry.

We will shortly get in touch with a number of you to develop the platform into a global resource platform for optometry. For additional information, please write to ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org

Higher Education Scholarships

Applications are open for the next round of scholarships for optometry professionals to pursue M Phil and PhD in India. Please submit a detailed research proposal by **30 May 2013**.

Shortlisted applicants will be expected to appear for a personal interview in early June 2013.

Online Seminar Series

To bring the latest innovations in optometry to the attention of optometry students in India, IVI is initiating an online seminar series for optometry schools. A number of experts from India and around the globe will speak on a range of aspects in eye-care.

The inaugural seminar on *Everyday challenges in contact lens clinical practice* will be presented by Dr Kalika Bandamwar, Manager, Brien Holden Vision Institute Research Centre, Hyderabad.

The seminar series will start from August 2013. For additional information, please write to ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org

IVI Student Research Grants

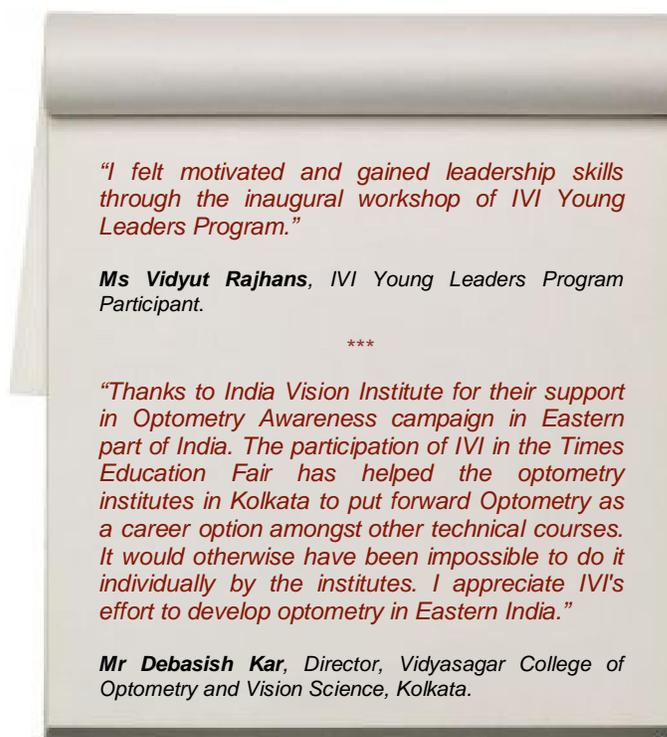
IVI is pleased to announce five research grants worth INR 8000 each for optometry students pursuing Bachelors & Masters in Optometry to undertake research projects within the field of optometry and eyecare. The grant will support creative and innovative research to further develop the optometry profession.

To be eligible for consideration, proposals must be submitted no later than **30 June 2013**. Information about the Research Grant is available at www.indiavisioninstitute.org. For queries about research proposals, please write to priya.gupta@indiavisioninstitute.org

IVI Upcoming events

- 27-28 July 2013 : YLP Workshop II, New Delhi
29-31 July 2013 : Research Methodology & Public Eye Health, Amity Medical School, New Delhi
20 September 2013 : Low Vision Awareness Program, LVPEI, Hyderabad
21-22 October 2013 : EyeTeach, Amity Medical School, New Delhi
24-25 October 2013 : EyeTeach, Chennai
22-23 November 2013 : Vision & Occupation, Hyderabad

What people say about IVI



IVI Supporters for Current Projects

- § Alcon Foundation
- § Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation
- § Essilor India Pvt. Ltd.
- § JSW Foundation
- § Lawrence & Mayo
- § NWO Group
- § Optometry Giving Sight