

Message from the CEO

The positive strides made by Indian Optometry over the last five years are being recognized by the international eye care community. The American Academy of Optometry Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry was conferred on five professionals from India at the Academy meeting in New Orleans on 8 October. Additionally, the World Council of Optometry awarded the 2017 WCO Congress to Hyderabad, with the Asia Pacific Council of Optometry joining as the co-host. Professor Brien Holden was instrumental in catalyzing this positive change and we look forward to India becoming one of the world leaders in Optometry in the coming decade.



As we continue to work towards advancement of Optometry and eye care in India, we are particularly delighted to coordinate the Indian component of “Our Children’s Vision” global campaign which would enable screening the vision of 10 million children in India.

“Partnership” is the key to leverage strengths and IVI continues to develop strategic partnerships with organizations across India. I am very thankful to Dr Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital in Delhi for partnering with us in organizing the “Walk in the Dark” on 18 October in Delhi. It drew over 400 enthusiasts expanding the horizon of the IVI’s awareness generation programs. The next Walk is planned in Mumbai in February 2016, followed by one in Bangalore in March.

How time flies! I am pleased to share that our achievements over the last four years have been quite encouraging with over 130 capacity building programs, 20 awareness generation activities, over 500 grants and scholarships offered, partnerships with over 30 organizations covering 21 states and union territories of India. We have also screened over 31,000 individuals from under privileged communities and distributed over 2,400 free spectacles.

Thanks are due to our initiators LVPEI and BHVI along with our numerous donors, partners and well-wishers for their continuing support. I invite all like-minded people and organizations to come forward and join hands with IVI in fulfilling the dream of an India free of ‘avoidable’ blindness.

Vinod Daniel

Young Leaders Program

The second workshop of the third batch of the IVI Young Leaders Program (YLP) was held at Dr Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital in Delhi on 17-18 October. Nine young leaders from across India participated in the two-day workshop covering a range of areas related to Optometry and eye care. Learning by experience and leading by example, the young leaders actively participated in the IVI Walk in the Dark initiative to raise awareness about eye care and to eradicate ‘preventable’ blindness in India.

Facilitators included leaders in Optometry and eye care, communication and youth leadership experts. The key take away for most participants were leading by example, effective communication and changing oneself before thinking of changing others.

The participants are currently working on projects in a range of areas including creating awareness about eye care, increasing intake of Optometry schools and training & upgrading of faculty in Optometry schools across India.



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Walk in the Dark - Delhi

Walking blindfolded along with visually impaired school children, celebrated painter Mr Jatin Das led the IVI 'Walk in the Dark' to eradicate 'preventable' blindness. An IVI initiative to create awareness about the importance of eye care, the Walk was organized in partnership with Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH), Delhi on 18 October.

Over 400 people walked in support of the cause, including local dignitaries, optometrists, students from Optometry colleges, and staff of SCEH and IVI. A group of 9 young leaders in eye care from across India also participated in the Walk as part of the second IVI Young Leaders Workshop.

In February 2016, IVI will conduct the 'Walk in the Dark' with support from the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai. IVI is also planning to conduct Walks in Bangalore and several other cities in 2016 in collaboration with like-minded organizations.

IVI acknowledges the support of Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital and Indian Optometry Association.



Our Children's Vision

IVI is coordinating 'Our Children's Vision' India campaign to screen the vision of 10 million children in India. While one million children will be screened through its 'Eye See & I Learn' campaign, IVI will partner with several eye hospitals and other eye care organizations to screen an additional 9 million Indian children over the next five years. IVI invites potential eye care organizations, Optometry schools, NGOs and other organizations across the country to partner in taking this project forward to all children including the ones from disadvantaged communities.

Our Children's Vision is a Global campaign led by Brien Holden Vision Institute and Vision for Life Foundation to ensure our children are healthy and productive through access to vision and eye-care services. The campaign will deliver appropriate, accessible and quality eye care to 50 million children globally by 2020 and aims to generate evidence for effective advocacy and policy change with governments and other stakeholders to integrate eye health into school health.

IVI Online Seminars for Students

IVI conducted the second part of the 14th seminar in the IVI Online Seminar Series for Students on Thursday, 10 September 2015. The seminar facilitated by Mr Kul Bhushan Singh-Senior Manager, Professional Services, Essilor India Pvt Ltd, focused on Design of Progressive Lenses.

The second session dealt with understanding design considerations, types of progressive addition lenses (PAL) and new technologies in PAL. Over 250 participants from across India appreciated the presentation.

Second World Congress of Optometry, India 2017: APCO to Co-host along with IVI

The Asia Pacific Council of Optometry (APCO) joined as a co-host for the Second World Congress of Optometry to be organized by WCO in collaboration with IVI in Hyderabad on 11-13 September 2017.

The announcement was made by Mr Shameem Niaz Razak, President, APCO during the 20th Asia Pacific Optometric Congress (APOC) held on 9-11 October 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Faculty Support Program on Low Vision

The second IVI Faculty Support Program of this year was conducted in collaboration with LVPEI from 14-26 September 2015 at LVPEI-KAR campus. Ms Graceciabell Sna - Faculty, Bansara Eye Care Centre, Shillong, attended the 13 day program on Low Vision facilitated by Dr Prem Nandhini Satgunam, Associate Research Optometrist, LVPEI.

The program included curriculum planning, assessment patterns, possibility for research in Low Vision for the faculty as well as students, identifying available resources, lecture delivery methods and observation, and various evaluation patterns.

The program was awarded 20 CE points by the Optometry Council of India.

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International Award for Indian Optometry Leaders

It has been a proud moment for Indian Optometry with five Indian Optometry leaders being conferred with the American Academy of Optometry **Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions** to Optometry at the Academy 2015, New Orleans Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 9.

Optometry leaders from India receiving the honour include Mr Rajesh Wadhwa, Founder President Indian Optometry Federation; Mr Rajbir Berwal, Secretary, Indian Optometry Federation; Ms Lakshmi Shinde, CEO, Optometry Council of India; Mr Vivek Mendonsa, President, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; and Mr Vinod Daniel, CEO, India Vision Institute.

IVI Co Chairs, late Professor Brien Holden (2004), Dr G N Rao (2009) and Professor Kovin Naidoo (2010) are among previous recipients of the Award.



IVI Collaborates with Orbis India

IVI has entered into an agreement with Orbis India to undertake a comprehensive and systemic assessment of the Optometry Departments in its six partner hospitals and provide recommendations for improvements.

The IVI team conducted reviews at HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune (MH); Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya, Chitrakoot (MP); Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly (Kerala); Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi; Netra Niramay Niketan, Haldia (WB) and Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati (Assam), to assess current programs, human resources and infrastructure of Optometry.

Eye Care Job Portal

Optometry institutions across India are invited to actively use the exclusive IVI Optometry Job Portal launched on 15 September 2014 with development support from Essilor India Pvt. Ltd.

The portal provides a single window to seek qualified human resource and simultaneously also helps job seekers in finding job openings. Under IVI's broader mandate of holistic development of Optometry in India, it is available free of cost to both the recruiter and the job seeker.

Log on to www.eyecarejobs.in
for posting your vacancies or for additional information.

Workshop on Optics for Optometrists

IVI organized a one-day workshop on 'Optics for Optometrists' at Hyderabad on 31 October. Facilitated by Dr L Srinivasa Varadharajan, Research Scientist, Visual Optics and Psychophysics Laboratory, LVPEI Hyderabad, the workshop focused on electromagnetic waves, polarization, refractive index, prisms, front and back vertex power, effectivity, prentice rule and schematic eye and their applications in Optometry.

Over 45 participants including, students, educators and practitioners from University of Hyderabad, Center for Sight, Hyderabad, Pushpagiri Eye hospital, Hyderabad and Paramedical Institute, BMHRC, Bhopal participated in the workshop. The approach of training adopted to connect Optics to the concepts in Optometry was particularly appreciated by the participants.

The workshop was awarded 05 credit points by Optometry Council of India (OCI).

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Participants and facilitators at the workshop in Hyderabad

34th Low Vision Awareness Program

LVPEI, in association with IVI conducted 34th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) at the Kallam Anji Reddy Campus, Hyderabad on 18 September. 225 participants including Optometry practitioners, students, ophthalmologists, vision technicians, rehabilitation professionals and Optometry educators attended the program.

The program comprised informative sessions on living with low vision, examination of low vision patients, available options for low vision patients, low vision management and rehabilitation.

The program was telecast live through video-conference across the LVPEI network: Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada; GMR Varalakshmi Campus, Visakhapatnam; and LVPEI Bhubaneswar Campus. The participants appreciated the case discussions and the ever popular hands-on training session.



Participants at the 34th LAP at LVPEI, Hyderabad

Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines

IVI National Quiz (Final Round): 5 December, Hyderabad (Registration Closed)
Rolling Trophy Symposium: 19 November, Hyderabad (Registration Closed)
Workshop on Ocular Prosthetics: 21 November, Pune (Registration Deadline: 18 November)
Student Research Grants: 20 November (Registration Closed)
IVI Online Seminar for Optometry Professionals - 25 November (Registration Deadline: 24 November)
IVI Online Series for Institutional Development - 26 November (Registration Deadline: 25 November)

OptDistList: Inviting Subscription & Contribution

IVI invites contributions for OptDistList, a consolidated free e-digest, emailed to all subscribers once/twice a month depending upon the volume of information received from the Optometry and eye care fraternity.

With a total of 1,142 subscribers currently, OptDistList includes latest updates and new developments in Optometry including innovative ideas, Optometry job vacancies, conferences, links to interesting articles and other information of interest.


Your contributions should be sent in word format (in not more than two to three paragraphs including a title) with your name and contact details. To subscribe, please send an email including your name and contact details with the subject line titled 'SUBSCRIBE' to: info@indiavisioninstitute.org.

New Staff at IVI

Ms Sony Singh has a B. Optometry degree from NSHM Knowledge campus, Kolkata. She has done one year clinical internship and one year clinical fellowship in Pediatrics and Orthoptics at LVPEI Hyderabad and Bhubaneswar respectively. Ms Singh speaks Nepali, Oriya, Hindi, Telugu, Bengali and English. IVI looks forward to her being a part of the team as Program Officer.



Outreach Initiatives - Screening and Spectacle Distribution

	Children	Community	Total
No. of Programs	30	11	41
Individuals Screened	9873	21475	31348
Spectacles Distributed	682	1749	2431

IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year

With the completion of the first two rounds of the IVI National Quiz conducted through Facebook and telephone, the following three finalists will compete in the final round at IVI Hyderabad on 5 December, 2015:

- Rashmi Bhimanapati – Practitioner, Centre for Sight, Hyderabad
- Mousumi Saikia – Faculty, Amity University, Gurgaon
- Suma Gunda – Optometrist, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

Stay tuned to IVI Facebook page for instant updates including how you could follow the quiz.

Vision Screening Programs: Gujarat & Maharashtra

IVI is expanding its ongoing outreach program to the western parts of India with generous support from the Direct Aid Program of the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai. Vision of 11,000 children will be screened from underprivileged communities in Navsari (Gujarat) and Aurangabad (Maharashtra) in partnership with local organizations. All children diagnosed with refractive error will receive free spectacles.

Donate Online

Your generous donation to IVI will not only help prevent 'preventable' blindness, particularly among children from underprivileged communities, but also help strengthen the eye care delivery infrastructure in India. For a more detailed view on our projects, and to donate online, please visit www.indiavisioninstitute.org.

All donations shall qualify for deductions u/s 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961.



Watch 'In conversation with Vinod Daniel' video series on IVI YouTube channel



Anton Decruse Waanbah - Bansara Institute of Ophthalmic Science, Shillong. in conversation with Vinod Daniel

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