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Date: 07 January 2019
From: Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj (bharadwaj@lvpei.org)
Subject: Optometrist as a dispensing faculty position at LVPEI, Hyderabad

The L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad campus, is hiring young, smart, talented and enthusiastic optometrist for the following position.

**Optometrist as a dispensing faculty:** Dispensing as a specialty was established under Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences at Gullapalli Pratibha Rao Campus, Kismathpur, Hyderabad. BHIOVS is now running programs for several cadres in the eye care field. The dispensing resource centre is one of its kinds and has all the facilities to train the eye care professionals under one roof. L V Prasad Eye Institute is looking for an optometrist who aspires to reach his/her potential. The optometrist hired would work as a teaching faculty and would supervise the workshops being conducted. He or she would also be assigned with administrative tasks. The faculty would also have an opportunity to work in centre of excellence of L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara hills, Hyderabad.

The remuneration for the candidate will be based on the well-established career grid for Optometrists at the institute. Interested candidates may please apply with a crisp cover letter and the latest CV to Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj at bharadwaj@lvpei.org and to Srikanth Maseedupalli at srikanthm@lvpei.org by 31st January 2019 end of the day.

Date: 10 January 2019
From: India Vision Institute (info@indiavisioninstitute.org)
Subject: Workshop on Advancements in Progressive Addition Lenses at Nagpur
IVI is pleased to announce one-day hands-on workshop on Advance course in “Progressive Addition Lenses” to enhance existing knowledge on PALs and equip with requisite soft skills towards effective optical sales.

**Key Resource Faculty:**

1. Mr. Yeshwant Saoji - Consultant Optometrist and Educator
2. Mr. Srikanth Maseedupalli - Faculty, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

**Who can attend?** Optometry practitioners & Opticians

**Workshop Date and Time:** Sunday, 03 February 2019 | 09.00 AM to 05.00 PM

**Workshop Venue:**

Hotel Hardeo
Sitabuldi, Nagpur, Maharashtra

**Key Contact Person:**

M Chandrashekher - +91 – 953347237/m.chandrashekher@indiavisioninstitute.org

**Registration Fee:** INR 1000 per participant will be charged. Pay online followed by registration form.

**Deadline for Registration:** Thursday, 31 January, 2019

To register, please click the link: [https://www.indiavisioninstitute.org/upcoming-programs-view.php?id=30](https://www.indiavisioninstitute.org/upcoming-programs-view.php?id=30)

*Funding for the program was kindly provided by ‘Essilor India Pvt Ltd’*

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Date: 12 January 2019
From: M Srikanth (srikanthm@lvpei.org)
Subject: The Practical Optical Dispensing course at LVPEI

Applications are invited for the practical optical dispensing course at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad.

**Suitable participants:** Optometry graduates from ASCO-recognized schools/colleges, maximum experience 2 years

**Program mode:** Blended (Online and Face-to-face); Visit to the campus two times (1st visit for 4 days & 2nd visit for 3 days).

**Program duration:** 10 weeks (2.5 months)
**Fee:** (Registration+Tuition): 20,000 INR (Includes boarding and lodging during hands-on sessions)

**Total seats available:** 20

**Location for hands-on training:** Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences, GPR Campus, Kismatpur, Hyderabad, Telangana, India - 500086

**Contact details:** srikanthm@lvpei.org, rajesh@lvpei.org

For more details, please click the link: http://www.lvpei.org/events/2019/practical-optical-dispensing/index.html

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**Date:** 16 January 2019  
**From:** The World Council of Optometry (garryn.marlen@worldoptometry.org)  
**Subject:** Sad News Concerning WCO Immediate Past President

It is saddening to inform that WCO immediate past President, Dr. Uduak Udom has passed away after a long and courageous battle with illness. Despite her health challenges over the past few years, Dr. Udom never wavered in her commitment to the World Council of Optometry. Dr. Udom was an icon in optometry as she paved her path and set a standard of decency and exemplary leadership. She was a mentor to many and will be remembered for her many firsts in Nigeria, Africa and for women in optometry worldwide.

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**Date:** 10 January 2019  
**From:** M.Rakesh (rakeshm950@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** New algorithm can detect key marker of diabetic retinopathy with an accuracy of 98%

Researchers have described artificial intelligence technology that can spot a key marker of diabetic retinopathy in a new study published in Computers in Biology and Medicine.

A team of Brazilian-Australian researchers led by Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology developed an image-processing algorithm that can detect fluid on the retina with an accuracy of 98%.

The algorithm provides an automatic analysis of fundus images to predict who is at risk of diabetic retinopathy.

The researchers hope that their method could one day be used for widespread screening of at-risk populations and are in discussions with manufacturers of fundus cameras about potential collaborations to advance the technology.

Lead investigator, RMIT’s Professor Dinesh Kant Kumar said, “For every single person in Australia who knows they have diabetes, another is living with diabetes but isn’t diagnosed,” he highlighted.
“In developing countries, the ratio is one diagnosed to four undiagnosed,” Professor Kumar added.


Date: 02 January 2019
From: The World Council of Optometry (garryn.marlen@worldoptometry.org)
Subject: 3rd World Congress of Optometry and Academy Orlando 2019 Course Submission Window: Now Open

The 3rd World Congress of Optometry invites to submit courses in consideration for the 3rd World Congress of Optometry and Academy 2019 Orlando, October 23-27, 2019. The submission window will remain open until 4:00 PM CST on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

In particular WCO encourages the submission of new and innovative courses as well as novel course topics so that WCO may continue to offer a cutting-edge and original educational program. Please also keep in mind our Grand Rounds sessions, in which unusual or enlightening case reports are discussed in a 17-minute format.

Be sure to view the submission guidelines for lectures and abstracts for the 3rd World Congress of Optometry (http://www.worldcongressofoptometry.org/submit-a-session-proposal-rapid-fire/?fbclid=IwAR0K3i6_AYZSTvijHKjCpad2aDut0BliQQT0DcS0kaJ3RosTBZG9ZUw4WlWY) and Academy Orlando 2019 (https://www.aaopt.org/annual-meeting/orlando-2019/academy2019-courses%EF%BB%BF?fbclid=IwAR13sH7ar7jIazfxGzzBvvoalhJEvIEKCOblaQDFktU3qWTwRI3zPdNzI)

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