I trust you all had a great Diwali. It was heartening to see that World Sight Day grabbed a lot of public attention as many organisations across India honoured the day with innovative and unique activities promoting awareness about Optometry and the importance of eye care. IVI organised one of its flagship awareness initiatives *Walk in the Dark* in Bengaluru to commemorate the occasion.

I am very thankful to the Ophthalmic industry sector for continuing to partner with IVI on many of its initiatives. We had the CooperVision ACE team along with Optometry Giving Sight visit the Vision Screening Projects that they are supporting in Tamil Nadu. In addition, *Walk in the Dark*, Bengaluru, had more than 140 Essilor staff as participants including Shiv Kumar Janardhanan, CEO, Essilor India Pvt Ltd, and Ramachandran, COO, Essilor India Pvt Ltd. These are examples of direct involvement that reflects the commitment these two organisations have towards establishing accessible eye care solutions in India.

Promoting higher education and building local research capacity were among the many solutions Professor Brien Holden devised for the growth of Optometry in India. Although it has been a year since he passed away, the initiatives that he set in motion in the Optometry world live on. IVI now supports two PhD candidates: Ms Valarmathi from Sri Ramchandra University, Chennai, and Ms Jyothi Thomas from Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal. I am thankful to Lawrence and Mayo and the JSW Foundation for their support of the IVI Higher Education Scholarship program.

On the academic front, the call for the Student Research Grant program this year has also seen very competitive applications and we are in the final leg of deciding the grant recipients. This year’s Rolling Trophy for the best academic student research project has also been announced and it is very encouraging to see such a competitive spirit for the award.

Our Vision Screening Programs have also been of great support to the underprivileged communities with over 16,244 children and 1,916 adults screened over the past two months. The vision screenings for children through the IVI Eye See & I Learn campaign are part of the global project “Our Children’s Vision”. I am thankful for the ongoing support of BHVI (Brien Holden Vision Institute) and LVPEI (LV Prasad Eye Institute) that supports these programs. MCDS (Montfort Community Development Society) was also instrumental in helping us carry out these programs and I am thankful for their support. I am also grateful for the generous support of the Australian government, the Australian Consulate General Mumbai, Allergan International Foundation, CooperVision, Essilor Vision Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in helping us accomplish this. Uncorrected refractive error demands more attention than ever, and IVI is keen to expand this program with more partners across the country to provide spectacles to all those who need them. Please join us in making this possible.

Vinod Daniel

**IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year 2016**

Ms Maimuna Naaz, (Centre for Sight, Hyderabad) is the IVI Optometry Wizard of the year 2016. Mr Shiva Ram, (RUN School of Optometry, Gwalior) is the first runner-up and Ms Suma Gunda, (LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad) is the second runner-up. The three finalists were each presented with an IVI memento and a certificate along with a cash prize. Ms Vidyut Rajhans (MES College of Optometry, Pune) was the winner of the audience round.

The final round of the National Quiz was held at IVI Hyderabad on 10 October. The three finalists emerged following three monthly rounds each comprising a web component and a phone-in component. Students and faculty from over 5 Optometry schools across India shared the excitement of the final round through online live webcast from the IVI website. Over 60 eye care professionals, educators and students across India participated in the quiz.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. in funding the program.

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The 2nd round of the Short-Term Fellowship in Diabetic Retinopathy Management will commence by the 3rd week of November with 2 new candidates joining the program.

The program will be conducted over a period of 7 months in 3 phases at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, training Optometrists to diagnose and manage Diabetic Retinopathy by making appropriate referrals. They will also learn how to appropriately screen patients for Diabetic Retinopathy.

The ongoing first batch comprises Mr P Nicole Faria, a Bollywood and European film actor, led the Walk in the Dark at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on 14 October. The Walk was organised by India Vision Institute (IVI), and was supported by Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. The Walk also commemorated World Sight Day on 13 October, an annual day of awareness held on the second Thursday of October, to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. The IAPB (International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness) has put forth a message of unity to the Optometry community this year: “Stronger Together”. It emphasized the necessity of considering all the stakeholders who play a role in the successful delivery of quality eye care to all those in need, including Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, donors, nurses, patients, carers and the wider community.

Walking ‘blindfolded’ and led by visually impaired students Sean Kelly, Australian Consul General to South India flagged the Walk off. Over 350 students, opinion makers and people from all walks of life took part in the walk spreading the message of eye care. Essilor India employees and members of the Ophthalmic and Karnataka Optometry Associations, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, Nethradhama School of Optometry, Sankara College of Optometry and the Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology and Research also took part in the walk. Other participants included government officials and dignitaries. There was very good media coverage for the event.

Previous Walks organised at Chennai in November 2014, New Delhi in October 2015, Hyderabad in April 2015, and Mumbai in March 2016 received enthusiastic responses. These past Walks have seen over 3000 participants and over 5 million people have been reached through media coverage of the events.

India Vision Institute (IVI) conducted a vision screening program for 130 underprivileged boys at Government Madrasa I Azam School, Chennai on 22 September. The screening program was part of CooperVision’s One Bright Vision Child Eye Health Program and IVI’s Eye See & I Learn campaign. Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali, Dewan to the Prince of Arcot, Chennai; Arnab Sarkar, Director, CooperVision India; Clive Miller, CEO, Optometry Giving Sight and Mr Vinod Daniel, CEO of India Vision Institute along with an international team from CooperVision participated in the vision screening program.

During the day, the CooperVision ACE team also visited a vision screening camp for a community of daily wagers from the slums of Villivakkam. Subsequently, they went on to distribute 140 spectacles to students at Lady Sivaswamy lyer Girls Higher Secondary School, Mylapore.

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On 12 October, the eve of World Sight Day, a partnership seminar on the theme of World Sight Day ‘Stronger Together’ was organized by Vision 2020 along with Operational Eyesight Universal, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Pushpagiri Vitreo Retina Institute Hyderabad and Pellucid, bringing together perspectives of concerned stakeholders in eye care. Vinod Daniel, IVI CEO, made a presentation on “Perspectives from Optometry Fraternity” that covered IVI, the status of Optometry in India, issues in the Optometry fraternity, the role played by IVI to strengthen Optometry and the way forward.

IVI staff members also joined the “Walk for Vision” in KBR Park, Hyderabad organized by Vision 2020 on 13 October.

On the occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights, IVI unveiled a new eye care awareness message on the IVI board at Palavakkam beach. The board is part of IVI’s campaign to promote awareness of the importance of eye care and regular eye check-ups among local residents and numerous tourists who visit the beach. The board message is topical and will be changed monthly. Join hands with IVI to set up similar boards across the city, and to spread the message.

On 19 September, IVI invited applications for the IVI Student Research Grants 2016-17 for undergraduate Optometry students in India for the 4th year running, to encourage innovative research in eye care.

More than 25 students pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Optometry from over 10 Optometry schools across India have applied. The shortlisted candidates will be announced soon on IVI’s Facebook page and website.

The grant aims to develop research interest among Optometry students in India by providing financial assistance for their research projects initiated as part of their course requirements. The grant amount of up to INR 6000 each will support creative and innovative ongoing research projects to further develop the profession of Optometry in India.

On 21 September, Mr Clive Miller, CEO, Optometry Giving Sight gave an online seminar addressing the global burden of uncorrected refractive error. It was the 5th IVI online seminar for Optometry professionals.

The one hour seminar titled Optometry Giving Sight was attended by Optometry professionals including practitioners, educators and postgraduate students across the country. The session included participant questions and interaction. Mr Miller provided information about Optometry Giving Sight, including their global campaigns and global sponsors. He also provided specifics on OGS’ key projects and support towards human resource development provided by them in various countries across the globe. Mr Miller also talked about their core project “Our Children’s Vision” which aims to deliver appropriate, accessible and quality screening, refraction and referral services to 50 million children and adolescents worldwide by 2020.

Addressing Contact lens education requirements among Optometry professionals, the 6th online seminar was held on 5 November. Professor Monica Chaudhry – Professor and Head, Department of Optometry and Vision Science, Amity Medical School, Gurgaon gave a one hour talk followed by questions from the participants.

The seminar was attended by Optometry professionals including practitioners, educators and postgraduate students across the country as well as one participant from Nepal. Professor Monica provided information about different designs of Rose-K lenses; Rose-K2, Rose-K2 (NC, IC, PG), Ideal fitting techniques, ACT technology, care and maintenance of Rose-K lenses including a few case specific examples with handling and insertion procedure. She also discussed the latest designs in Rose-K2 lenses; Rose-K2 XL and Rose-K2 Peripheral toric (TP) and their fitting techniques.
IVI screened 5,849 underprivileged school children in and around Chennai and distributed 657 spectacles in September and October. These vision screening programs were conducted at Lady Sivaswamy Iyler Girls Higher Secondary School, Mylapore; Santhome Higher Secondary School, Mylapore; Singaram Pillai Government Primary Tamil Medium and English Medium Schools, Villivakkam; Hope Foundation Higher Secondary School, Kannagi Nagar; Kesari Higher Secondary School, Mylapore; Advent Christian Middle School, Thiruvanmiyur and Advent Christian High School, Velachery.

IVI screened 288 underprivileged children in Chennai at community screening programs held at Krupa Child and Community centres at Villivakkam, Kottamedu, Meppur and distributed 12 free spectacles on 14 October.

IVI screened 107 underprivileged children at Baliram Patil EM School, CIDCO, Aurangabad and 617 underprivileged children at Zilla Parishad High School, Madhapur, Hyderabad and distributed 35 spectacles on 26 October.

IVI also screened 815 underprivileged children at Montfort Community School, Yercaud, Salem, on 19 - 20 October. Out of them 26 children who were identified with refractive errors will be given free spectacles in the near future.

IVI acknowledges the support of ‘CooperVision’ and ‘Optometry Giving Sight’ for funding this program.

IVI screened 4,672 underprivileged children in schools in Navsari and Surat, Gujarat and distributed 170 spectacles. These vision screening programs were conducted at G H Bhakta High School, Mahuva; Shri Laxmiben Dahyabhai Sarvajanik School, Boria; Dhangauri Sarvajanik Vidyalaya, Valvada; SPR Primary School & Bhulabhai Bhikhabhai Sarvajanik High School, Karchelliya at Surat; Gurukul Vidhyamandir, Supa; and Ambika High School, Gadat at Navsari.

IVI screened 1,461 underprivileged children in schools in and around Aurangabad, Maharashtra and distributed 90 spectacles. These vision screenings were conducted at Nutan Bahuddeshiya School, CIDCO; Parvathi Kanya Vidyalaya, Hudco; Municipal Corporation School, M-2; Jagruti High School, Bansilalal Nagar.

IVI acknowledges the support of ‘Hari Jyot College of Optometry’, Navsari and ‘Mundada ENT & Eye Care Center’ (MEECC), Aurangabad for helping with the vision screening.

IVI acknowledges the support of the Australian Consul General in Mumbai for funding the program.

IVI Optometrists Mr Padhmanaaban, Mr Chandra Shekher, Ms Sony Singh, Mr Revanth Kumar, Mr Abhishek Kalbarga, Ms Apoorva Chauhan, Ms Sandhya Shekar along with Optometrists Mr Praveen, Mr Nirav Mehta, Optometrists’ team from Hari Jyot College of Optometry, Navsari; Mr Kailash Baviskar, Mr Rahul Pawar, Mr Dyaneswar, Mr Vaibhav and Optometrist’s team from MEECC, Aurangabad, conducted the school vision screening programs.

IVI screened 1,916 individuals from underprivileged communities in Chennai and distributed 867 spectacles. These vision screenings were conducted at Sharma Nagar Slum and among daily wage workers, Erukanchery; Kottur Slum board, Kotturpuram; Fisherman Communities at Injambakkam, Chinnaneelankaraikuppam; MCDS Self Help Groups at Thiruvanmiyur, Kakkan Colony, Kannagi Nagar, Chemmrencherry, SK Puram, Dhooming Kuppum; and Krupa Charitable Trust’s Community centres at Padappai, Villivakkam, Kottamedu and Meppur.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation in providing the spectacles and MCDS (Montfort Community Development Society) in facilitating the program.

### Vision Screening Programs

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“I extend my most sincere thanks to the whole IVI team. I’m totally flabbergasted, honoured and humbled to have won this IVI National Quiz. It is so wonderful that you are able to host this competition each year. Surely, it is a great learning opportunity for all Optometrists.” - Maimuna Naaz, Centre for Sight, Hyderabad

“Thanks a lot. I have received the gift. It was a good experience, watching all the participants playing tough rounds. My existing optometry knowledge has increased a great deal as a result.” - Vidyut Rajhans, Winner, audience round of IVI National Quiz 2016.

“It was an absolute pleasure to experience this.” – Nicole Faria, Actor, Walk in the Dark - Bengaluru

“We are thankful for the provision of free spectacles for affected individuals in the gypsy and leprosy patient communities that we work with. The spectacles are very useful to the beneficiaries and they send all their gratitude to IVI.” - N. Elangovan, KRUPA Foundation, Chennai

“The vision screening programs done by IVI at tribal area schools of Kolli Hills is commendable and Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Salem is happy to partner with IVI in supporting the cause.” - K Shyam, GM, Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Salem

“The school vision screening program of India Vision Institute helped 65 underprivileged children of our school with free spectacles and this helps them academically with better vision.” - Rama Gowri, Headmistress, Kesari Higher Secondary School, Mylapore, Chennai

“We are happy to state that IVI is one of the best collaborators of MCDS. The dedication and the prompt service by the staff of IVI for the cause of the deprived members of the community and children are highly appreciated by MCDS.” - Brother Mathew SG, Project Director, Montfort Community Development Society, Chennai

What people say about IVI

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