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Date: 01 May 2018

From: Rishabh Bhardwaj (rishabhbhardwaj121997@gmail.com)

Subject: Relationships between Meibomian Gland Loss and Age, Sex and Dry Eye

Meibomian Gland Dysfunction (MGD) is likely the major cause of abnormal lipid layer and consequently of evaporative dry eye. Meibomian Gland Dysfunction is responsible for approximately two third of the diseases of the dry eye. The strength of association between dry eye status and outcome of Meibography differed between studies. Many studies show that older patients and women are more likely to suffer from dry eye which is related to MGD.

This study evaluated the relationship between Meibomian Gland Loss (MGL) and age, sex and dry eye. Dry eye status and MGL was evaluated in 112 randomly selected subjects (66 women, Mean age-62.8 yrs.). Out of the 112 subjects, 42 subjects were not having a dry eye condition. Meibography of lower lid was performed by using Cobra camera and images analyzed with digital grading tool (Pheonix, bon Optic).

Meibomian gland loss was significantly larger in the dry eye group, while there was no significant difference between MGL scores of men and women. It was almost equal in both the sex which disproves the previous studies. Also, it was seen more for the older people. The relationship between Ocular Surface Disease Index and MGL was stronger in a cohort for dry eye patients rather than non-dry eye patients.

For full text article: <http://sci-hub.tw/10.1097/icl.0000000000000467#>

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Date: 10 May 2018

From: India Vision Institute (info@indiavisioninstitute.org)

Subject: IVI Summer Internship 2018 – Deadline Extended!

India Vision Institute is offering short term internship opportunities to optometry students. The intern would work with a supervisor and is required to complete the assigned project within the stipulated time.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Second and Third year students of Bachelors in Optometry Program

**Internship Period:** June – July 2018 for a period of 4 weeks

**Location:** The participants will be enrolled for their internship either at IVI - Chennai or Hyderabad

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**Stipend:** A consolidated stipend of INR 5000/- would be provided per four weeks during the period of internship.

**Accommodation and Travel:** The candidate has to arrange for their travel and accommodation during the internship period.

**Deadline:** Saturday, 26 May 2018

Please visit <https://www.indiavisioninstitute.org/upcoming-programs-view.php?id=14> for more details.

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Date: 10 May, 2018

From: SSN Guwahati (vision2020guwahati2018@gmail.com)

Subject: 14th Annual Conference of Vision 2020: Right to Sight - India

The 14th Annual Conference of Vision 2020, Right to Sight, India on 9 & 10 June, 2018 is hosted by Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati.

The theme of this year Conference is Advocacy and Inclusive Partnership for Eye Health. The Conference is for Ophthalmologists, Eye Care managers, Optometrists, Ophthalmic Assistants/ Technician/ Nurses.

There will be extensive sessions on Advocacy for Eye Health, Eye Care Delivery to the Unreached, Improving Patient Outcomes in Cataract Surgery and Skill Enhancement for Optometrists & Ophthalmic Assistants/ Technicians.

There will be hands on workshop on Biometry, Orthoptics & Binocular Vision, Low Vision, Pediatric Refraction & Amblyopia, Contact Lens and Ocular Prosthesis for Optometrists, Ophthalmic Assistants/ Technicians. Besides this, Free paper, Poster, Video and Quiz competition will be organized.

For Online Registration and more details: <http://vision2020indiaannualconference.org/>

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Date: 10 May, 2018

From: World Council of Optometry (garryn.marlen@worldoptometry.org)

Subject: Commonwealth Sponsorship Opportunity - WCO

The 2018 Commonwealth Scholarship program for applicants from existing Commonwealth countries was launched recently. Five sponsored places available for exceptional practicing Optometrists who will make a difference to the knowledge and leadership skills of developing countries. The available scholarships are for the **part-time, distance learning MSc in Clinical Optometry** and will take each student up to five years to complete.

Applicants must hold a qualifying degree in Optometry and must be driven to study at your own pace via distance learning. Applicants will also study in their home country but be expected to visit Cardiff (Wales) for a series of practical training and exam events (usually in January or June). Costs for travel will be covered as part of the sponsorship.

Information about the eligibility criteria and how to apply is available at <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/optometry-vision-sciences/courses/postgraduate-taught/how-to-apply>

All applicants must also submit a completed application for the Commonwealth Scholarship by 23.59 (BST) on 20 June 2018.

Candidates that are shortlisted for interview will be informed on 25th June 2018 with Interviews held on 27th June 2018 via Skype.

Details about the scholarship, applications and eligible countries can be found on the <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/distance-learning/>

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Date: 19 May, 2018

From: Shrikant Bharadwaj (bharadwaj@lvpei.org)

Subject: Research optometrist positions available at the Hyderabad campus of LVPEI

Warm greetings from the Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences (BHIOVS), L V Prasad Eye Institute. The Hyderabad campus of BHIOVS is looking to hire smart, enthusiastic, energetic and academically inclined optometrists for the following two research positions:

1. Research optometrist for the visual optics laboratory to study how people with only one functional eye perceive things in 3D using monocular cues to depth. This project will be executed in the visual optics laboratory under the mentorship of Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj. You may read more about the lab activities at: <http://research.lvpei.org/laboratories/visual-optics-laboratory.php>
2. Research optometrist in refractive surgery to study the visual performance of novel refractive surgery procedures. This project will be executed under the mentorship of Dr Pravin Krishna. You may read more about him at: <http://www.lvpei.org/our-team/our-team-pvkrishna.php>

BHIOVS offers a fantastic career opportunity for optometrists by providing a nurturing environment for pursuing academically oriented patient care, research and education. The optometrist for all aforementioned positions will be involved in patient care, research and mentoring of trainees. The starting remuneration for the optometrist will depend on their experience level and will fit into the remuneration grid developed for optometrists at the institute. All staff optometrists have a transparent and robust annual performance appraisal and increments

in remuneration will be dependent on the outcomes of the appraisal. Interested candidates may apply with a cover letter and a latest copy of their CV to Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj at [bharadwaj@lvpei.org](mailto:bharadwaj@lvpei.org) by 30th May 2018.

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Date: 20 May 2018

From: Vijay Kumar ([vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org))

Subject: Training programs in optometry and vision science at LVPEI - Admissions open for 2018 academic year

BHIOVS offering optometry and vision science training programs for optometry graduates/practicing graduates/practicing optometrists and optometry students (interns). Admissions for the below programs are now open and the details on the programs can be accessed at:

1. Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry and Vision Sciences

(PGDOVS): [http://www.lvpei.org/events/2018/PGDOVS\\_2018/index2.html](http://www.lvpei.org/events/2018/PGDOVS_2018/index2.html)

2. Clinical internship in

Optometry: [http://www.lvpei.org/events/2018/clinical\\_internship\\_optometry/](http://www.lvpei.org/events/2018/clinical_internship_optometry/)

Please note that all the above links available on upcoming events on LVPEI web page [www.lvpei.org](http://www.lvpei.org) (scroll down the LVPEI web page for upcoming events). Please contact Mr Vijay Kumar ([vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org)) for more information on admissions.

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