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Date: 23 September 2017  
From: EV memorial organizing committee (evmemorial@snmail.org)  
Subject: Call for abstracts for the 17<sup>th</sup> DR EV memorial scientific session

Dr. E Vaithilingam Memorial Scientific Session is the annual conference on vision science and optometry conducted by Elite School of Optometry, a unit of Medical Research Foundation. In 2002, in memory of the late Principal Dr. E. Vaithilingam, ESO initiated a national scientific session to encourage optometrists and optometry students from all over India to present their research work. Apart from conventional scientific abstracts, to encourage evidence based practice and to motivate the clinicians to build the researcher instinct, the clinician to researcher sessions have been introduced since 2014.

The organizing committee invites scientific abstracts in all specialties of eye/vision care for presentation at the Seventeenth Dr. E. Vaithilingam Memorial Scientific Session.

Abstract submission for conference is now open and closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Abstracts can only be submitted online.

Please check the following link for guidelines and to submit abstract.

<http://www.eso.sankaranethralaya.org/drev-2018-abstract-submission.html>

For further information, please write to [evmemorial@snmail.org](mailto:evmemorial@snmail.org).

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Date: 26 September 2017  
From: Sheeba Swarna (sheeba.swarna@indiavisioninstitute.org)  
Subject: 53<sup>rd</sup> Indian Contact Lens Education Program at LVPEI, KAR campus

53<sup>rd</sup> Indian Contact Lens Education Program is conducted in association with Bausch and Lomb from 24 November to 26 November, 2017 at L V Prasad Eye Institute, KAR campus, Hyderabad. Instruction courses for fellows and practitioners on keratoconus fitting, toric soft contact lens, scleral lens and presbyopia with contact lens. Hand on sessions on soft lens and RGP lens available only for students.

For more details please visit [www.lvpei.org](http://www.lvpei.org)

Or click here <http://www.lvpei.org/events/2017/53rdiclep/>

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Date: 19 September, 2017

From: Shiney Sebastian (shineysebastian@hotmail.com)

Subject: Eye worm infection 'could spread to the UK'

The disease, Thelazia callipaeda or oriental eye worm, is transmitted by a type of fruit-fly that lands on the eyes and deposits infective larvae. Cats, dogs and people catch it from the flies, which feed on eye secretions. There have been three recent canine cases reported in the UK, but the animals had been imported from abroad.

Britain has the same type of fruit-fly - Phortica variegata - and the concern is these could become infected and then spread the condition to people and animals in the UK, says veterinary expert John Graham-Brown, from Liverpool University, in the BMJ publication Veterinary Record.

Mr Graham-Brown said there was no risk of people catching the infection directly from their pets. But dog owners should be on the lookout for signs of the infection in themselves and their pet if they had recently travelled to places where the disease was endemic.

Infected animals show a variety of symptoms, from mild conjunctivitis (pink eye) to severe corneal ulceration, which, if untreated, can lead to blindness.

For the complete article, please visit <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-41304536>

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Date: 3 October 2017

From: Paula Mukherjee (paulaoptom@gmail.com)

Subject: Optometry Council of India and Zeiss 2017 Photography Contest

An opportunity to showcase your photography skills!

On the occasion of World Sight Day 2017, Optometry Council of India (OCI) with support from Zeiss, India is hosting a photography contest on eye care and optometry. To participate in this exciting contest, you just need to send a picture along with a caption. The picture could range from anything related to nature to eye exam and the caption should be precise (up to 10 words) and should be regarding eye care and optometry.

Last date of submission has been extended to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Please send the nominations to [info@optometrycouncilofindia.org](mailto:info@optometrycouncilofindia.org)

For more details click here: <http://www.optometrycouncilofindia.org>

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Date: 26 September 2017

From: S. Padhmanaaban ([padhmanaaban.ivi@gmail.com](mailto:padhmanaaban.ivi@gmail.com))

Subject: Large UK study finds IOP 'inaccurate' for detecting glaucoma

A UK study of 8623 Norfolk residents has found that the use of intraocular pressure (IOP) to detect glaucoma is "inaccurate and probably not viable."

The research, published in BMJ, found that in 76% of patients with newly-diagnosed primary open angle glaucoma, the mean IOP was below the threshold for ocular hypertension.

IOP has been widely used to identify people who either have glaucoma, or are at risk of developing the disease. The researchers report that no single IOP threshold provided adequate sensitivity and specificity for diagnosis of glaucoma.

"It is likely that National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines will soon be updated to recommend referral for an IOP of 24 or above, rather than the widely-used standard of 21 or above", said Professor Paul Foster, a study senior author.

However, Professor Foster said the research supported the approach of searching for structural and functional hallmarks of the disease, such as changes to the structure of the optic disc and visual field defects, rather than focusing on IOP.

Professor Foster outlined how in the past it was assumed that the best possible assessment of the optic disc was done by a clinician. "If I go to an eye care professional and I have my eyes examined I would want them to look at my optic disc and make their own decision about whether I have glaucoma" Professor Foster emphasized.

For complete article, click here: <http://www.bmj.com/content/358/bmj.j3889>

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Date: 28 September 2017

From: Sunny Mannava ([mannavas@operationeyesight.com](mailto:mannavas@operationeyesight.com))

Subject: Optometrist vacancy at Hyderabad Race Course Eye Hospital

Hyderabad Race Course Eye Hospital – a unit of Ramdev Rao Hospital has a job vacancy for Optometrist. The salary is as per the current industry standards. The hospital is located at Kukatpally, Hyderabad. The eye department has been recently started and there is a need for an optometrist immediately who may take responsibility of the optometry clinic.

**Minimum qualification:** Bachelor of Optometry

Candidates with good clinical experience would be given preference.

Interested candidates may forward their CV to **Mr. Ramakrishna**, Manager – Operations at [ramkris1413@gmail.com](mailto:ramkris1413@gmail.com);

**Mobile:** 8886771413

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Date: 4 October 2017

From: Alison Campion ([a.campion@brienholdenvision.org](mailto:a.campion@brienholdenvision.org))

Subject: Required Finance and Operations Manager for PNG Eye Care

Brien Holden Vision Institute, works with partner organization, Papua New Guinea (PNG) Eye Care to train, up-skill and mentor locally recruited people to assist in providing accessible and affordable eye care services to the community. PNG Eye Care aims to support current eye care services in PNG and further strengthen services through-out the country.

The Institute is currently seeking to employ a Finance and Operations Manager for PNG Eye Care that will develop and manage the financial and operational program activities in Papua New Guinea.

Tertiary qualifications with some understanding of eye and/or public health related issues and a minimum of 3 years of work experience in public health and/or not for profit sector preferred.

Please send your CV and cover letter to Marzena Waddell [m.waddell@brienholdenvision.org](mailto:m.waddell@brienholdenvision.org)

For more details, click here:

[https://www.seek.com.au/job/34493931?\\_ga=2.166483134.14740558.1506390175-2145774840.1500431201](https://www.seek.com.au/job/34493931?_ga=2.166483134.14740558.1506390175-2145774840.1500431201)

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