CEO's Message

Wish you all a happy New Year. I am very grateful for your support for India Vision Institute through 2013 and look forward to working together in 2014.

IVI continued its capacity building initiatives for Indian optometry with two EyeTeach workshops in partnership with the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and a workshop each on Vision & Occupation, Contact Lens Fitting, and Paediatric Optometry. The monthly online seminars have gained further impetus with over 800 students and professionals from twenty five registered institutions participating.

EyeTeach: From Clinician to Educator

EyeTeach: From Clinician to Educator, an optometry educator training program developed by Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation was coordinated by IVI in Chennai and Gurgaon in October 2013. The workshop introduced the concepts of learning and teaching best practice, developing teaching skills in Optometry and research for Optometry educators.

Ms Helen Dalton, Higher Education Learning and Teaching Consultant and Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney and Mr Michael Morton, Project Development Officer, Brien Holden Vision Institute, facilitated the workshops.

Chennai: The EyeTeach workshop conducted in Chennai on 22-23 October 2013 was attended by 14 educators from nine optometry institutions including the Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, SRM University, JIMS, Lotus Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, Ahalia Eye Foundation Hospital, Narayana Nethralaya, Eye Microsurgery and Laser Centre and Little Flower Institute of Medical Science & Research.

Gurgaon: The EyeTeach workshop conducted at the Amity Medical School, Gurgaon on 25-26 October 2013 was attended by 29 educators from across 11 optometry institutions: Amity Medical School, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, PGIMER Chandigarh, Johnson & Johnson vision care, Bausch + Lomb Eye Care Pvt. Ltd, C L Gupta Eye Institute, Ganga Devi Pandey Eye Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, UP Regional Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Nagar School of Optometry and Teerthanker Mahaveer University.

IVI acknowledges the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program.
IVI Online seminars: Oct – Nov 2013

Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj, Associate Director of Optometry, LVPEI delivered the third online seminar on Binocular Vision – Are two eyes better than one? on 18 October 2013. The talk included advantages and disadvantages of binocular vision, how are the different stages of binocular vision achieved and implications of abnormal binocular vision for perception. About 200 students pursuing bachelor’s and master’s degree from 10 optometry schools participated in this seminar.

The fourth seminar was delivered by Professor Monica Chaudhry, Head of the Department of Optometry and Vision Science, Amity Medical School, Gurgaon on 29 November 2013. Her presentation on Low Vision Orientation included discussion on what is low vision, low vision assessment, different types of low vision devices and prescribing aspects. About 800 students pursuing bachelor’s and master’s in Optometry from across 18 optometry institutions participated in the seminar presented by Dr Chaudhry.

Workshop on Vision and Occupation

A two-day workshop on Vision and Occupation was organized at IVI, Hyderabad on 22 & 23 November 2013. Professor James Sheedy, widely recognized for his work in Vision Ergonomics and currently the Director of the Vision Performance Institute and professor of optometry at Pacific University, facilitated the workshop. The workshop was attended by about 30 optometric educators, practitioners and researchers from 16 optometry institutes across India.

Designed to provide tools and knowledge to teach a course on the topic of Vision and Occupation, the workshop focused on a range of topics including eye injuries, sunglasses and laser protection, vision and computers and occupational task analysis. The workshop also provided an opportunity for participants to learn about latest developments in Occupational Optometry.

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Workshop on The Art and Science of Contact Lens Fitting

India Vision Institute (IVI) in association with C L Gupta Eye Institute (CLGEI) and Bausch+Lomb (B+L) organized a day long workshop on The Art and Science of Contact Lens Fitting on 8 December at CLGEI, Moradabad. Over 120 optometry professionals including practitioners, educators and students from northern India benefited from the workshop.

Resource persons who facilitated the workshop included Mr Nilesh Thite, Director of Educational Programs, International Association of Contact Lens Educators; Mr Pushpender Singh and Mr Khemraj, Professional Services Executives, Bausch+Lomb and Mr Abhishek Kalbarga, Senior Program Manager, India Vision Institute

Capacity Building Workshop at Rohtak

India Vision Institute (IVI) organized a seven-day comprehensive hands-on capacity building workshop from 16-22 December 2013 at Rohtak, Haryana, for a group of 25 senior vision care professionals of the National Ophthalmic Association (NOA).

Facilitated by Mr Srikanth M, Associate Optometrist, Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, Hyderabad and Mr Revanth Kumar, Program Manager, IVI, Chennai, the workshop covered a range of topics including essentials of refraction, ophthalmic dispensing, soft skills and entrepreneurship development.

The workshop is the first of the two pilot workshops planned between December 2013 and February 2014 following an agreement between IVI and New Vision Generation India Pvt Ltd. to hold capacity building workshops for ophthalmic assistants.
Paedisight: Workshop on Paediatric Optometry

IVI in collaboration with the Sankara Eye Hospital organised a workshop on Paediatric Optometry during 13 - 15 December at Bangalore. Facilitated by Mr Aditya Goyal of the Sankara Eye Hospital and Professor Marc Taub, Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, USA, the three-day workshop focused on binocular vision anomalies; vision therapy; principles & management for strabismic & non strabismic disorders; latest trends in amblyopia management and visual information processing disorders: diagnosis & management. Over 30 paediatric optometry practitioners and educators attended the workshop.

IVI with the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight offered registration scholarship worth INR 7500 each to the following optometry educators and practitioners to enable participation in the workshop:
1. Anupam Kundu, Sight Saviour Eye Clinic, Kolkata, West Bengal
2. Moumita Mitra, Vidyasagar College of Optometry and Vision Science, Kolkata, West Bengal
3. Moumita Sarkar, MRCC College of Technical Education, Mimdapore, West Bengal
4. Ankit Varshney, Shree Bharatimaliya College of Optometry, Surat, Gujarat
5. Sankar Das, Narayana Nethralaya, Bangalore, Karnataka
6. P. Sandhya Rani, Swarup eye centre, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
7. Harjeet Singh, Directorate of Health Services, Bathinda, Punjab
8. Swathi, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai, Tamilnadu
9. Pooja Sarbajna, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
10. Mumtaz Firoz Ahmed Qazi, Lotus College of Optometry, Mumbai, Maharashtra
11. Kshama A Shah, Shroff Eye Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra

ACOIN Award For IVI CEO, Vinod Daniel

Mr. Vinod Daniel, CEO of India Vision institute has been honoured with the inaugural HV Desai Golden Eye ACOIN Award 2012 for his contribution towards community eye-health care. The award was presented by His Excellency Governor of Odisha, Dr S C Jamir, at the 4th annual conference of the Association of Community Ophthalmologists of India held in Bhubaneswar on 10th November, 2013.

Expressing his gratitude, Mr Daniel said, ‘to prevent avoidable blindness especially in rural India, intervention at the community level is of utmost importance – a gap that the highly skilled optometry community can fill’. He further dedicated the award to all IVI staff and partners.

The Golden Eye Award was instituted in 2012 to motivate eye-health care professionals to work for the benefit of the community.

Ms Jissa James, IVI Senior Program Manager, received the award on behalf of Mr. Daniel and also presented a talk on Akshuini - IVI’s long-term strategic plan to secure excellence in eye care services in India.

IVI Optometry Resource Platform

The IVI online resource platform - a one-stop online portal providing links to optometry resources incorporating latest developments in Optometry is scheduled to be launched in January 2014.

IVI Outreach Initiative

IVI supported a vision screening program for economically disadvantaged community at Jafferkhanpet, a suburb of Chennai on 10 December 2013. Free spectacles were provided to 23 people aged between 30 - 70 years.
Collaboration

IVI and New Vision Generation India Pvt Ltd (NVG) signed an agreement to collaborate in developing and conducting two pilot capacity building workshops for Ophthalmic Assistants and Technicians of the National Ophthalmic Association (NOA) in December 2013 and February 2014.

New Staff at IVI

Murali Krishna, Administration & Finance Manager. He has previously worked with Dr Agarwal’s Eye Hospital and more recently as Optical Manager in Maxivision Eye Hospital.

Revanth Kumar, Program Manager. Prior to joining IVI, Revanth worked at Bausch & Lomb Co as a Clinical Outcome Specialist. An Optometry graduate from Elite School of Optometry, he is currently pursuing Masters in Clinical Research and Regulatory Affairs.

Apoorva Chauhan, Program Officer. An Optometry graduate, Apoorva worked as a Consultant Optometrist at the Nethradhama Superspeciality Eye Hospital in Bangalore and also briefly as a Fellow in Clinical Optometry at LVPEI.

Dinesh Fernandes, Program Officer. A post-graduate in Mass Communication from the Xavier Institute of Communications, Mumbai, Dinesh has previously worked with Sudiksha Knowledge Solutions Pvt. Ltd. as their Communications Officer.

Upcoming Programs

Workshop on refraction and clinical implications
05 Jan, 2014, Erode.

Myopia - Current Research Trends and Treatment Strategies
24 Jan, 2014, Hyderabad.

Faculty Support Program in dispensing optics, Round III

Monthly online seminars
23 Jan, 14 Feb & 28 Feb, 2014.

IVI-NVG Capacity Building Workshop for NOA
Feb 2014, Trichy.

Workshop on ‘Geriatric Optometry: What the young minds should know’

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Applications are currently open for:

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Membership

Expanding its partnerships, IVI recently became a member of the following organisations:

- Affiliate member, Asia Pacific Council of Optometry - enhancing and developing primary eye and vision care by optometrists in the Asia Pacific region
- Member, Indo Australian Association - strengthening cultural linkages between India and Australia
- Member, Indo Australian Chamber of Commerce - promoting business linkages between India and Australia

What people say about IVI

- “It was indeed a pleasure to work with the IVI team. The attendees came very well-prepared and appeared to welcome and enjoy the proceedings. We share the common goal of improving the profession of optometry so that the visual needs of the Indian people can be better served. Perhaps we will find future ways in which we can work together” – Prof James Sheedy, Director, Vision Performance Institute, College of Optometry, Pacific University, Oregon, USA on the workshop on Vision and Occupation

- “It provides more practical approach which is useful while dealing with patients and also different aspects about the subject” – M Vidula Prasad Patil, Laxmi College of optometry, Panvel on the workshop on Vision and Occupation

- “The concept of webinar is fabulous and that too from well renowned faculties. We are thankful to IVI and the professor to take the effort for our benefit. Overall, the BEST experience. Once again thank you for the support from the WHOLE Bharatimaiya college of optometry” – Ankit S Varshney, Bharatimaiya college of optometry, Surat on IVI Online Seminar Series

- “A big thank you to IVI for organizing the “Eye Teach program” for the optometry faculty and making them better educators. The conversion of clinical skills to the students is a difficult path which was effectively trained to the participants. The resource team had engaged the participants and each one enjoyed the topics. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Such training will encourage and support faculty to achieve their goals of becoming good educators” – Prof Monica Chaudhry, Prof and Head Department of Optometry and Vision Science, Amity Medical School, Amity University, Gurgaon on EyeTeach: From Clinician to Educator

- “The response to the workshop was overwhelming and I must complement you on the professional standards of management and skills of the speakers. The workshop was a powerful statement on what professionally managed quality Eye Care Education should be” – Dr Ashi Khurana, Vice Chairperson, C.L Gupta Eye Institute on The Art and Science of contact lens fitting workshop

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