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Date: 08 August 2018

From: Courtenay Holden (c.holden@brienholdenvision.org)

Subject: Campaign Manager Post vacant at Our Children's Vision

Job Title: UK, Ireland and Northern Europe1 Campaign Manager for Our Children's Vision

Location: Based with Vision Aid Overseas, Crawley, West Sussex (with some homeworking possible)

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer, Vision Aid Overseas (with dotted line to Our Children's Vision Programme Director, Brien Holden Vision Institute, Australia)

Job Description can be found at <https://www.iapb.org/news/vacancy-campaign-manager-our-childrens-vision-uk/>

Last date for applying: 28th August 2018

Date: 19 July 2018

From: Paula Mukherjee (paulaoptom@gmail.com)

Subject: 14th Annual Conference of Vision 2020 – A report by OCI

Vision 2020 annual conference for this year was held in Guwahati on 9th and 10th June 2018. Approximately 500 delegates, which included ophthalmologist, NGO's, public health experts, educators, optometrists and policy makers attended the meeting. Among the 500 who attended approximately 100 were optometrists.

This year Vision 2020 conference saw a great deal of optometry participation. Optometry as a profession was discussed and also mentioned in some of the key speeches.

The optometry session was organized by Mr. Prem Singh, which included training session on contact lenses, LVA, binocular vision and other important aspects of optometry. There were paper presentations and session on topics like

- School children eye screening, beyond a pair of spectacles and screening protocol
- Self-regulation of the profession of Optometry in India
- Accreditation: the corner stone to provide quality Optometry education in India
- Continuing Education In Optometry- A Way Forward
- Generating evidence on burden of Low Vision among children and adults-an experience from 5 districts & special schools of Odisha
- Maintaining quality standards in scaling up school eye health program: experiences in state of Odisha.

Optometry has come a long way from not being actively part of Vision 2020. The participation of optometrists in public health, policy making, research and many screening activities has improved the visibility of the profession among eye care providers and policy makers.

Date: 10 August 2018

From: Brien Holden Vision Institute (s.davis@brienholdenvision.org)

Subject: Dr Akio Kanai to receive Brien Holden Humanitarian Award

Dr. Akio Kanai, CEO of Fuji Optical, has been announced as the Brien Holden Humanitarian Award winner for 2018 by the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), for his efforts in delivering vision care to refugee communities over more than three decades.

Born in 1942 on the northern Pacific island of Sakhalin, Dr Kanai was forcibly displaced and moved to Hokkaido Island during the turmoil at the end of World War II. Dr Kanai began cooperating with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1984, and has since conducted more than 35 missions to help refugees in Nepal, Thailand, Azerbaijan and Armenia.

For complete article, click here: <https://www.brienholdenvision.org/news/item/162-dr-akio-kanai-to-receive-brien-holden-humanitarian-award.html>

Date: 12 August 2018

From: Swati Panigrahi (swatipanigrahi1998@gmail.com)

Subject: A non-invasive technique for correcting myopia

Myopia has become a major source of problem in eye care profession since last fifty years and the treatment for it has been given through spectacle, contact lens or refractive surgery which is having a number of complications in different aspects.

But recently Columbia engineering researcher Sinisa Vukelic have proposed a novel, non-invasive approach to permanent vision correction based on a different mode of laser–cornea interaction. Their approach induces the formation of low-density plasma that produces reactive oxygen species, which react with the surrounding proteins, forming crosslinks and triggering spatially resolved changes in mechanical properties. They showed that the proposed method changes the refractive

power of the eye, and confirmed its safety and stability. This can help the patient to get rid of myopia whose corneas are too thin. As they are not thinning the cornea at all with this procedure, it retains corneal integrity. Also the less invasive a treatment, the quicker a patient will recover. Meaning, changing the macroscopic geometry of the eye tissue will no longer require surgery and will have fewer side effects.

For complete article, click here: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41566-018-0174-8#auth-3>

Date: 25 August 2018

From: Chinmay Deshpande (chinmay_bop@yahoo.co.in)

Subject: 'Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement National Award" to Ms. Aditi C. Deshpande

'Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement National Award' by International Institute for Social and Economic Reforms (R) (IISER), Bengaluru was awarded to Ms. Aditi C. Deshpande for remarkable achievements in teaching, research and publications.

IISER recognizes and supports some of the professional distinguished achievers from the different vocations and honoring them with great honour along with National awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize honour, encourage and promote their profession. The program was held at ADA Ranga Mandir Bengaluru on 18th August 2018.

"Receiving this award on Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's name is an accolade in an educator's life. I am extremely delighted to receive this prestigious award. I congratulate IISER for their invaluable work for needy people of the country. I want to dedicate this award to all my students without whom I wouldn't be teacher, my teachers, parents and family. I am grateful to Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University for constant support and encouragement from past 10 years. This award will be a great boost for me and others to work with extra zeal and energy for our Optometry field."

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