



IVI continues to focus on assisting Optometric educators through mid-career training. Over the next three months will see three intensive workshops being offered to educators.

The response for an IVI Higher Education Scholarship has been extremely encouraging with nearly sixty applications. The initial priority would be to support current full time educators; IVI is in the process of constituting a higher education panel.

It has been very encouraging to see the level of interest shown by Indian optometrists for the Brien Holden Vision Institute IAPB 9th General Assembly Scholarships that IVI is coordinating.

I am also delighted that Jissa James has joined IVI and will assist in dealing with the large number of scholarship enquiries that IVI is currently handling.

Vinod Daniel
CEO

India Plan:

IVI is working closely on the All India Strategic Plan (commissioned by Brien Holden Vision Institute). The plan will develop the resources required to provide India with an excellent vision care delivery system and position India as a world leader in vision care within 20 years.



Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP):

IVI hosted a Networking Reception for the participants of ARLP on February 21, 2012. Dr G N Rao (LVPEI) and Vinod Daniel provided a snapshot of the needs in “uncorrected refractive error” in India for the forty regional leaders from Australia which was followed by an open forum and dinner. The Australian Trade Commissioner Mr Michael Carter and Hyderabad based Austrade officials Mr Ramkrishna Dastrala and Ms Sangeetha Krishnamoorthy participated along with several LVPEI staff.

The ARLP is an opportunity for selected Australian rural and regional leaders to undertake a program of personal growth and develop the skills, knowledge and networks needed to be effective in regional, state, national and international arenas. The objective of the mission is to understand the rural leadership development initiatives, industry dynamics, leadership & capacity building in a rapidly changing business environment, especially in a growing market like India.



Workshops at IVI:

EyeTeach:

We at IVI are all geared up for the educator capacity building workshop "EyeTeach" which is scheduled for March 23rd & 24th, 2012 (in association with ICEE).

28 educators from 18 optometric schools in India will be attending this workshop.

The workshop also celebrates World Optometry Day.

Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP):

IVI in association with LVPEI is organizing a Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP) on April 7th, 2012. LAP is a one day orientation program providing the participants with a broad overview of low vision care and rehabilitation of the visually impaired. By the end of the program the participants will gain confidence in examining patients with low vision and will be able to provide simple low vision devices in their own set up. The workshop will be led by Dr Vijaya K Gothwal, Head, Meera & LB Deshpande Centre for Sight Enhancement & Senior Faculty – Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry.

Please email ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org for further details.

Research Methodology Workshop:

India Vision Institute in collaboration with African Vision Research Institute (AVRI) announces a workshop on Research Methodology which is scheduled for July 6th & 7th, 2012.

This workshop is aimed at strengthening the research foundation for Indian optometry and will be led by Prof Kovin Naidoo and Ms Jyoti Jaggernath from the African Vision Research Institute, Durban, South Africa.

The workshop will bring together researchers, trainers and academics in the optometry field, to discuss key methodological concepts, developing and writing a research proposal, undertaking a critical and relevant literature review, research report planning and writing, qualitative data analysis and issues in eye care research.

For further information please email ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org

BHVI Scholarship for the IAPB 9th GA (delivered through India Vision Institute):

Through generous support from the Brien Holden Vision Institute, IVI will provide financial support for Indian optometrists for registration and in some cases accommodation and travel to participate in the 9th General Assembly of the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness in Hyderabad from September 17th to 20th, 2012.

Please email ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org if you would need further details on this scholarship.

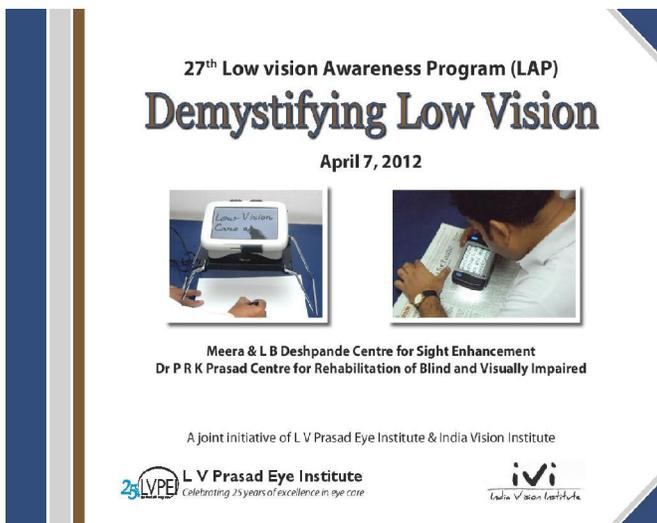
Staff News:

Ms Jissa James joined us as Program Officer.

Jissa graduated in Optometry from Little Flower College of Allied Health Sciences Angamaly, Kerala and has quality experience in teaching optometry and college administration.



Over the next six months, Jissa will be the primary contact for IVI BHVI Scholarships for the IAPB 9th General Assembly.



27th Low vision Awareness Program (LAP)
Demystifying Low Vision
April 7, 2012

Meera & L B Deshpande Centre for Sight Enhancement
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