



Optometry in India is ushering in a golden era with the establishment of the Indian Optometry Federation and the Optometry Council of India, growing Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and the planned implementation of the "All India Strategic Plan". We are in the right path to position India as a global powerhouse in the Optometric industry within the next decade.

IVI is fortunate to have been established during this golden era and would be keen to catalyse and work collaboratively to achieve this for our great country India.

I acknowledge Prof Brien A Holden for being a pillar of strength in aiding this transformation in India and IVI is delighted to have him and another legend in the field of blindness prevention, Dr Gullapalli N Rao, as its Co-Chairs. I also thank Optometry Giving Sight and International Centre for Eyecare Education for their ongoing support to IVI.

Vinod Daniel
CEO

ICEE EyeTeach® Workshop:

On March 23rd & 24th, 2012 ICEE through IVI, held a two day capacity / skill building workshop for optometric educators. Twenty eight educators from 18 optometric schools in India attended this workshop which was led by Ms Helen Dalton & Mr Neilsen De Souza.

The feedbacks were very positive and to quote one participant – *"I feel elated after attending the EyeTeach because it was the most comprehensive and unique Programme."*
- *Optom Anil Kumar Kalia, Senior Optometrist & Educator, Chandigarh.*



Participants at the EyeTeach March 2012

IVI Student Grant:

IVI sponsored travel grants to 10 students from Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, Lotus College of Optometry, NSHM Knowledge Campus, AIIMS, & Manipal University to attend the Eleventh Dr E Vaithilingam Scientific Session organised by Elite School of Optometry on March 18th, 2012.

27th Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP):

IVI in collaboration with LVPEI organised a day long "Low Vision Awareness Program (LAP)" on April 7th, 2012 at LVPEI. Over 100 practitioners and students attended this program.

LVPEI's faculty from its Vision Rehabilitation Centers organised a series of didactic lectures and a 2 hour hands-on workshop. Participants said that they had never been exposed to such an armamentarium of devices and described the programme as being enriching.

The workshop was anchored by Ms Vijaya Kumari and her entire Rehabilitation & Education team, from LVPEI.



Participants at the 27th Low Vision Awareness Programme

All India Strategic Plan:

IVI along with IOF & ASCO had a progress meeting on India Plan on March 21st, 2012 in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Prof Brien A Holden.

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.



Attendees at India Plan Meeting

Update on IVI Higher Education Scholarships:

IVI in its first scholarship round will support full time Optometric educators. Future priorities for IVI Higher Education Scholarship would be practitioners and students.

IVI has shortlisted 18 educators who are being considered for scholarships in its first round of allotment. Candidates have been asked to submit a detailed research proposal followed by a personal interview in Hyderabad by late May 2012.

An IVI Higher Education Scholarship panel consisting of Prof Brien A Holden (BHVI), Mr Vinod Daniel (IVI), Dr Krishna Kumar (Elite School of Optometry), Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj (LVPEI) and Ms Priya Gupta (IVI) would manage the scholarship process.

Update on BHVI Scholarships for IAPB 9th GA (delivered through IVI):

The first scholarship committee meeting was held on April 23rd, 2012 in New Delhi. The committee members included Prof Monica Chaudhry (Amity University), Mr Rajbir Berwal (National Ophthalmic Association), Mr Jayanta Bhattacharjee (Vidyasagar College of Optometry), Mr Vinod Daniel (IVI) and Ms Jissa James (IVI).

178 registrations have been approved by the committee with each scholarship worth 6500 INR. Guidelines were also developed for applicants who have requested for travel and accommodation grants.

274 applications have been received so far and the last date for submission of application is June 30th, 2012.



Interested in working with IVI?

IVI is currently recruiting people to support in fulfilling its mission. If you are an experienced person with good business management skills or have good fundraising/communication skills or is an optometrist with good project management skills email your resume to IVI Administration Manager at Niranjan.yenamala@indiavisioninstitute.org

ICEE EyeTeach® Research Methodology Workshop in collaboration with African Vision Research Institute and India Vision Institute:

IVI announces ICEE EyeTeach® Research Methodology Workshop on July 6th & 7th, 2012 in collaboration with African Vision Research Institute and India Vision Institute.

The workshop will be led by Prof Kovin Naidoo and Ms Jyoti Jaggernath from AVRI and will bring together educators and researchers in optometry to discuss key methodological concepts, developing and writing a research proposal, undertaking a critical and relevant literature review, research report planning and writing, qualitative & quantitative data analysis and issues in eye care research.

Advanced workshop on Teaching and Learning:

IVI plans to organise two intensive courses for Optometric educators (who have been part of the Eye Teach workshops) in January and February of 2013. The aim of each course is to assist a small group of participants (6-7) in developing innovative teaching and learning materials to ensure quality instructions and increase student success. The workshop will be conducted by Mr Larry Hulbert.

This workshop would include hands on tutorials, small group sessions and presentations on re-designing an existing course, developing a new course, incorporating innovative interactive teaching methods into a course and revising student assessment methods for an existing course.

Planned Events – 2012

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| Aug/Sep | - ICEE EyeTeach® Workshop |
| Sep | - Workshop on Low Vision |
| Oct | - Seminar on Trends in Contact Lens Management |
| Nov | - Workshop on Non Strabismic Binocular Vision Anomalies |
| Dec | - ICEE EyeTeach® Workshop - Workshop on Occupational Optometry – Indian Scenario |

(Please note that the time frames are tentative for above events)

For further information on events, email us at ivi@indiavisioninstitute.org

Staff News:

Ms Deepthi Voolapalli has joined IVI as IAPB 9GA Events Coordinator. This position is fully funded by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and will be assisting in handling 9GA conference logistics.

