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News Letter

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CEO's Message



It is important for the optometry profession to share success stories and interact at a national level. It was a delight to attend the 36th annual conference of the Indian Optometry Association held during 6-8 September in Agra – a well-attended and well organized event, credit for which goes to the IOA organizing committee. EIVOC 2015, international conference of the Elite School of Optometry, will be another opportunity for the Indian optometry community to converge in August 2015. A country as vast and diverse as India needs many such forums, both at national and regional levels, as the optometry profession seeks recognition from the general public and the Government.

As part of our wider support to the profession, IVI will launch two new initiatives on 15 September: **eyecarejobs.in**, an exclusive platform for Optometry and related eye care jobs; and **Optdistlist**, a platform to share interesting news and latest developments in optometry and eye care. I look forward to active participation from the Optometry and the wider eye care fraternity in both the above platforms.

I am very appreciative of the ongoing support we receive from all Optometry professional bodies and educational institutions. We have received many positive and encouraging emails from across the world for which I am very thankful. We look forward to your continued active participation and support for all IVI initiatives.

Vinod Daniel - CEO

IVI at 36th All India Optometry Conference

IVI, in association with the Indian Optometry Association (IOA), organized a pre-conference Workshop on Optometric management of Glaucoma on 5 September in Agra, as part of the 36th All India Optometry Conference.

Facilitated by Mr Michael Yapp, Chief Optometrist, Centre for Eye Health, UNSW, Sydney, the workshop enhanced practitioner's ability to differentially diagnose glaucoma through a systematic approach. The workshops incorporated a combination of lectures, case studies and practical sessions including the assessment of narrow angle and secondary glaucoma. Over 50 delegates benefited from the workshop.

Mr Yapp also delivered two key note addresses at the conference on 6 and 7 September, including detecting glaucomatous progression-clinical pearls; and Glaucoma diagnostics and role of optometrists-practice model abroad.

IVI acknowledges the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program



Faculty and participants at the pre-conference workshop organized by IVI

Seminar on Ocular Surface and Contact Lens

A one-day seminar on Ocular Surface and Contact Lens was organized by IVI and Brien Holden Vision Pvt Ltd in Hyderabad on 12 July. Designed to benefit the wider Optometry community including practitioners, educators, researchers and students, the workshop covered a broad range of topics including Ocular surface discomfort with and without contact lenses, Osmolarity/osmolality importance in dry eye, Mechanism and clinical significance of corneal staining, Lid wiper epitheliopathy, Grading of meibomian gland dysfunction, Methods of diagnosis, Evaluation, Management and treatment for MGD. Over 50 participants attended the workshop.

Ling Lee, research scholar from the University of New South Wales in Sydney and Srikanth Dumpati, from L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, along with a panel of experts including Dr Krupa Philip, Dr Nagaraju Konda, Swati Kanduri and Dr Kalika Bandamwar from the Brien Holden Vision Pvt Ltd in Hyderabad, facilitated the workshop.



Participants and faculty at the seminar

Workshop on The Art of Clinical Refraction and Dispensing

IVI organized a two-day workshop on the Art of Clinical Refraction and Dispensing in collaboration with Choithram Netralaya, Indore, on 26-27 July. Covering various aspects of clinical refraction and dispensing, the workshop was facilitated by Ms Anitha Arvind, ASCO Regional Representative of Madhya Pradesh and Mr Revanth Kumar of IVI.

The workshop was attended by 50 participants from a number of eye care institutes including from Choithram Netralaya, Hardia Eye Hospital, Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Indore Eye Hospital, Center for Sight, Rohit Eye Hospital, Indore Lasik & Eye Care Center, Nihar Netralaya, ESIC Indore Model Hospital, Devi Ahalya Paramedical College, Shri Vaishnav Polytechnic College and a number of optical retailers in Indore.

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The participants and faculty at the workshop

Higher Education Scholarship for Valarmathi



Ms Valarmathi Arunachalam from Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai, has been awarded an IVI Higher Education Scholarship to pursue her PhD. The title of her research is *Efficacy of coloured filters on the environmental perception, social behaviour and reading ability of children with autism spectrum disorder.*

Sponsored by Lawrence & Mayo, the higher education scholarship program was initiated by IVI to support and encourage outstanding research by Indian optometrists, thereby promoting research in optometry and eye care.

'In conversation with Vinod Daniel'



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Mr Amit Dasgupta
Former Ambassador of India to Philippines

Workshop on Essentials of Spectacle Dispensing: Naidu Thota & Anaparthi

IVI conducted two one-day workshops on Essentials of Spectacle Dispensing for eye care professionals and paraprofessionals at Naidu Thota and Anaparthi in Andhra Pradesh on 19 and 21 August respectively. Over 45 participants attended the workshops facilitated by Abhishek Kalbarga from IVI.



Glimpses of the Workshop in Naidu Thota and Anaparthi

Workshop on Essentials of Spectacle Dispensing: Chennai

Sandeep Devan and Revanth Kumar from IVI facilitated a workshop on Essentials of Spectacle Dispensing for optical sales personnel predominantly from the smaller players in the retail sector in Chennai on 24 August. The workshop was attended by 16 optical sales personnel.

The interactive workshops provided opportunity for participants to share learning outcomes in approaches to dispensing and ways to channelize a mix of both technical knowledge and hands-on experience in improving their retail practice to the satisfaction of their clients.



Participants and facilitators at the workshop in Chennai

Making it Happen: YLP Online Seminar on Leadership

Complementing the face-to-face Young Leaders Program workshop series, IVI organized an online leadership seminar on Leadership: Making it Happen for the second group of the Young Leaders program on Wednesday, 27 August.

Picking up the threads from the first workshop held at Hyderabad in April, Consultant Mr Ravi Shivram discussed a range of leadership issues including qualities of a leader, leadership mastery, style and communication; and relationship management.



Orientation Seminar for Students

IVI organized an Orientation Seminar for the first and second year students of optometry graduate program at Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai to assist them in understanding the broader landscape of optometry in India and the scope of the profession in terms of career development. About 100 students attended the orientation program facilitated by Revanth Kumar of IVI on 14 August. The students found the seminar to be very useful in terms of optometry education and career opportunities.



Students and IVI staff at the orientation

IVI-NVG Capacity Building Workshop

IVI organized a comprehensive hands-on capacity building workshop for a group of 40 vision care professionals of the National Ophthalmic Association at Mundada Eye & ENT Care Center, Aurangabad from 28 to 31 August. The workshop comprised theory and practical sessions on refraction and dispensing.

Revanth Kumar and M Chandra Shekher from IVI facilitated the workshop. This was the third workshop organized by IVI following an agreement between IVI and New Vision Generation India Pvt Ltd (NVG) to conduct capacity building workshops for ophthalmic assistants.

IVI acknowledges the support of New Vision Generation India Pvt Ltd in funding the program



Participants and faculty at the workshop in Aurangabad

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IVI Student Research Grants for 2014 -15

To develop interest in research among optometry students in India, IVI is pleased to offer eight Research Grants of INR 6000/- each for ongoing projects.

Students pursuing Bachelor's or Master's degree in Optometry are invited to apply on or before 15 September 2014. Grant recipients will be selected on a competitive basis and will be notified by the end of September 2014. Projects should be completed within one year of the applicant being notified of the selection.

For further details please write to sailakshmi.sridharan@indivisioninstitute.org or log on to www.indivisioninstitute.org

www.eyecarejobs.in

Exclusive website for jobs in Optometry and eye care

IVI is launching an exclusive job portal on 15 September to publicize all available job opportunities in the Optometry and associated professions. A sector specific portal, www.eyecarejobs.in is part of IVI's industry and educational support initiatives.

Please visit www.eyecarejobs.in if you have an available vacancy for listing and also to seek new opportunities in eyecare.

IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor India Pvt Ltd in funding this initiative

Online Seminar Series for Institutional Development

IVI announces Online Seminar Series for Institutional Development. The online workshop series comprising eight seminars will assist current Optometry faculty, particularly heads of Optometry schools, to strengthen aspects within their operations and further develop their optometry institute.

Registrations are open for joining the online seminar series, with the first session scheduled in September. Deadline for registration: 15 September

Please write to ivi@indivisioninstitute.org for more details.

OptDistList

IVI is launching OptDistList, a new optometry information sharing platform, on 15 September. OptDistList, a consolidated e-digest, will be emailed to all subscribers on a regular basis depending upon the volume of information received from the Optometry and eye care fraternity.

IVI invites contributions including latest updates and new developments in Optometry, innovative ideas, optometry job vacancies, conferences, links to interesting articles and other latest happenings. All contributions need to be in word format (not more than two to three paragraphs including a title).

Send in your contributions along with your name and contact details to: optdistlist@indivisioninstitute.org

To subscribe to OptDistList, please send an email to optdistlist@indivisioninstitute.org with the subject line titled 'SUBSCRIBE'. Please also include your name and contact details.

Upcoming Programs

Program	Place and Date	Registration Deadline
1) Low Vision Awareness Program	Hyderabad 12 September	Spot registration available based on prior request
2) Workshop on Essentials of Spectacle Dispensing	Pondicherry 21 September	14 September
3) Online Seminar series for Institutional Development	18 September; 16 October	15 September; 10 October resp.
4) Online Students Seminar	13 & 26 September; 17 & 31 October	10 and 23 September; 14 and 27 October resp.
5) IVI-NVG Capacity Building Workshop for National Ophthalmic Association	Patna 18-21 September	Closed
6) Optometry Orientation Seminar	Pondicherry 12 September	Closed
7) Faculty Support Program on Binocular Vision	Manipal 22 Sept-1 Oct	12 September
8) Workshop on Sports Vision	Kolkata: 25-26 Sept Delhi: 28-29 Sept	18 September
9) Young Leaders Program, workshop II	Chennai 11-12 October	NA
10) Workshop on Research Methodology and Biostatistics	Hyderabad 5-7 November	25 October
11) Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy - Eye Teach: From Clinician to Educator	Angamally (Kerala): 9-10 November Surat: 14-15 Nov	20 October

What people say about IVI

Congratulations to team IVI for coming up with this brilliant idea of hosting online session for YLP. Such sessions are good to keep up the spirit high and make way for future possibilities" – **Seema Banerjee, Consultant Optometrist, L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad** on **Making it Happen: YLP online seminar on leadership**

"I thank IVI for conducting Optometry orientation program for the first and second year students in our institute. The program was very informative and has given them the understanding of the optometry education and career opportunities" - **Fouzia Khan, Course Administrator, Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai** on **Optometry orientation seminar for students**

"IVI and NVG conducted an excellent optometry capacity building workshop. Presentations, practical exercises and information provided were all very useful to ophthalmic officers and optometrists to make an immediate impact in their daily practice. It is a valuable investment in time, money and effort to make professional unification and development of optometry in India. I highly recommend this workshop to all professionals working under NPCB to achieve the goal of Right to Sight" - **Dr Kailash Baviskar, Joint Secretary, NOAI and State Coordinator, Govt. Ophthalmic Officers Association, Maharashtra** on **IVI – NVG Capacity Building Workshop**

IVI team and facilitators during its annual retreat in Chennai: 14-16 July



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