

Message from the CEO

It is encouraging to see the marked difference IVI makes in the lives of people by the simple provision of glasses to those who need them. Without good vision, thousands of underprivileged individuals suffer needlessly, facing great difficulties with even the most basic day-to-day activities. A pair of glasses changes all that, making their lives brighter.

Dedicated to reducing the prevalence of uncorrected refractive error in India, IVI has screened the vision of 19,412 children and 1,784 adults from underprivileged backgrounds in the last two months. I am grateful for the generous support of the Australian Consulate General, Chennai, the Australian Consulate General, Mumbai, Cooper Vision, Allergan International Foundation, Optometry Giving Sight and Essilor Vision Foundation in helping us accomplish this.

IVI has a lot planned for the next few months. The upcoming Walk in the Dark in Bangalore will help raise awareness

about refractive error, a major cause of avoidable blindness, the importance of eye-health care in preventing blindness and also to highlight the role of the government and civil society in assisting those with impaired vision. We look forward to partnering with all those interested in helping us take our initiatives forward. Please help us make a difference.

The short-term fellowship program in Diabetic Retinopathy being rolled out in association with LVPEI will throw much needed attention on the growing diabetic epidemic. The project will also train Optometrists through six workshops over the next two years. Thanks to Alcon Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight for funding this program. The ongoing National Quiz is also gathering attention and the third web round is scheduled on 23 September. Please participate and get a chance to win exciting prizes.

I am also very pleased to remind you



that the World Congress of Optometry is coming up from 11-13 September 2017, in Hyderabad. This is an exciting, one of a kind event that is happening for the first time in India. Be a part of this global event and help shape the future of Optometry and eye care in India. We look forward to seeing you there.

Vinod Daniel

Australian High Commissioner Distributes Spectacles

Australian High Commissioner to India, Ms Harinder Sidhu, accompanied by Mr Vinod Daniel, CEO India Vision Institute, distributed free spectacles to the students of Corporation Primary School, Taramani, on 23 August. This program is part of an ongoing project to screen the vision of 10,000 children from disadvantaged communities, primarily in Southern India.



350 primary school students were screened, and 30 students received spectacles from the High Commissioner. This spectacle distribution follows a vision screening program conducted by IVI on 17 June at the school.

IVI acknowledges the support of the 'Direct Aid Program' of the Australian Consulate General, Chennai, in funding this project



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IVI Job Portal (www.eyecarejobs.in)

Launched in September 2014, IVI's sector-specific job portal is available free of cost to both recruiters and job seekers. This industry and education support initiative has over 300 registered members.

Optometry students and practitioners across India are invited to sign up. Companies wishing to advertise a current job opening can forward details to murali.krishna@indiavisioninstitute.org or call 040 - 2354 8269

IVI is a member of

- (1) World Council of Optometry
- (2) Asia Pacific Council of Optometry
- (3) VISION 2020
- (4) Indo Australian Association
- (5) Indo Australian Chamber of Commerce

Online Career Counselling (Cracking the Code)

To advance career development for Optometry students, IVI conducts online career counselling every year for Optometry undergraduate and postgraduate students. This year the online counselling comprised two sessions.

The first session was facilitated by Optom Nilesh Thite – Director, Educational Programs, International Association of Contact Lens Educator (IACLE) on 15 July, covering Optometry career options in a range of fields such as public health, academics, entrepreneurship, clinical practice and various options in the government sector for vocational aspirations. In addition to an active discussion on potential career options, the prospect of pursuing a Master's in Optometry was also discussed. The session was attended by over 800 students from 11 Optometry institutions across the country.

On 22 July, Dr Ramesh S Ve – Associate Professor (Selection Grade), Manipal University, conducted the second session of this series. Dr Ramesh provided a comprehensive perspective on vocational options in academics, research and technology and entrepreneurship during his talk. Attended by 13 Optometry institutions across India, the session wrapped up with a discussion on a range of career and educational choices.

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

Optics and Dispensing Workshop

IVI organized a two-day comprehensive workshop on Optics and Dispensing for Optometry professionals and students in Hyderabad on 29 and 30 July.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. L Srinivasa Varadharajan, Research Scientist, Brien Holden Eye Research Centre, L V Prasad Eye Institute; Ms Sandhya Shekar, Senior Program Manager, India Vision Institute; and Mr Saif Ahmed, Senior Varilux Consultant (AP and Telangana), Essilor India Pvt. Ltd. It focused on the concepts of Thick lenses & Thin lenses, Prisms, Third order aberrations and ways to minimize them, Gullstrand's schematic eye, Polarized and unpolarized light, Types of lenses, Lens materials & treatments, Frames, Basics of PALS, Trouble shooting and latest advancements in PALS.

The workshop was attended by over 45 Optometry practitioners, educators and students from Netra Mandir Optometry Institute, Mumbai; Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research & Leprosy Centre, Vellore; Netradeep College of Optometry, Beed; University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad and various other Optometry institutes and Eye hospitals across India.

IVI acknowledges the support of 'Essilor India Pvt Ltd' in funding the program



IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year 2016

The IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year 2016, a national quiz to bring together Optometry educators, practitioners and students on a common platform, and promote the need for continued skill and knowledge enhancement is currently in progress.

Two of the three rounds of the Quiz have been completed so far. The first web round component was conducted on 29 July and the phone component on 12 August, while the second web round took place on 26 August. Optometrists from various organizations across the country as well as neighbouring countries are participating in the national quiz. The first finalist, Ms Suma Gunda from L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and the second finalist Ms. Maimuna Naaz – Faculty Optometrist, Centre for Sight, Hyderabad will compete with the third finalist selected from the monthly rounds in a final face-to-face component.

The winner could earn a maximum prize amount of INR 10,000 (based on the number of correct answers.) Other finalists will receive a memento and a certificate following the final face-to-face round. This is the second year of the Quiz which was initiated in 2015.

IVI acknowledges the support of 'Essilor India Pvt Ltd' in funding the quiz



**First
Finalist
Suma
Gunda**



**Second
Finalist
Maimuna
Naaz**

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3rd WEB ROUND
23 September 2016
10 AM - 10 PM
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Australian Consul General Attends Screening

Mr Mark Pierce, Australian Consul General, Mumbai attended an IVI vision screening program on 10 August at Nutan Bahuddeshiya School, Aurangabad, Maharashtra. A total of 350 school children were screened for refractive error and other eye conditions, of whom 40 will receive free spectacles. The program is part of an initiative to screen 11,000 school children from the socio-economically disadvantaged communities in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

IVI acknowledges the support of the 'Direct Aid Program' of the Australian Consulate General, Mumbai, in funding this project



Optometry Education & Career Program

IVI organized an Optometry Education and Career program for 40 second and third year optometry students and interns at Vasam Institute of Ophthalmology & Research (VIOR) in Salem, Tamil Nadu on 27 August. The program was facilitated by Mr Revanth Kumar, Program Manager, IVI.



The program is designed to help Optometry students understand the broader landscape of Optometry in India and the scope of the profession in terms of career development.

VIOR also assisted IVI in its vision screening program at Kolli Hills, Namakkal District.

Eye See & I Learn (July – August)

IVI screened 665 underprivileged students from underserved communities and distributed 30 spectacles at the Corporation Primary School, Taramani, Chennai.



IVI acknowledges the support of the 'Australian Consulate General in Chennai' in funding this program.

In Aurangabad, IVI partnered with Mundada Eye & ENT Clinic, and screened over 1,550 underprivileged children across 5 schools in August.



IVI acknowledges the support of the 'Australian Consulate General in Mumbai' for funding the program.

IVI screened 11,285 underprivileged children across 19 schools in the semi-urban and rural areas of greater Chennai in July and August. 1,009 children diagnosed with refractive error will be provided with free spectacles in the near future.

At Hyderabad IVI has screened 292 children from Government schools in the underprivileged areas of Humayan Nagar and Masab Tank and 14 spectacles will be provided. 6 children identified with other ocular conditions will be referred to L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.



Funding for the 'One Bright Vision Child

'Eye Health Project' was kindly provided by 'Cooper Vision' and 'Optometry Giving Sight'

IVI partnered with Vasam Institute of Ophthalmology & Research (VIOR), Salem, and screened over 3,580 underprivileged tribal children in Kolli Hills zone of Namakkal and Salem districts in August. 99 children diagnosed with refractive errors will be provided with free spectacles.

IVI acknowledges the support of 'Allergan International Foundation' and 'Optometry Giving Sight' for funding the program.

IVI Optometrists Mr Padhmanaaban, Mr Chandra Shekher, Ms Sony Singh, Mr Revanth Kumar, Mr Abhishek Kalbarga, Ms Apoorva Chauhan and Ms Sandhya Shekar along with Optometrists Ms Muthu Lakshmi, Mr Praveen, Ms Priya, optometrists' from Chennai conducted the vision screening programs.

All school screening programs are part of the Global 'Our Childrens Vision' campaign.

Eye See & I Work (July – August)

IVI screened 317 underprivileged people from disadvantaged communities in KK Nagar and Adyar, distributed 189 free spectacles on 4 and 6 August, respectively.



IVI screened 1,467 people from underprivileged communities such as daily-wage workers, slum dwellers across semi-urban and rural areas of Thiruvanmiyur, Kannagi Nagar, Chemmecherry, SK Puram, Dooming Kuppam, Sharma Nagar in Chennai, as well as firecracker workers in Sivakasi,

Virudhnagar in the month of July. 769 people diagnosed with refractive errors will be provided with free spectacles, and those who have been identified with ocular ailments will be referred to higher care facility with a referral letter. IVI partnered with the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology-Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore, Chennai and Dr.



Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Madurai for these referrals.

IVI partnered with Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS) in Chennai and Sivakasi Firecrackers Workers' Association, Sivakasi, in organizing these community vision screening programs.

IVI acknowledges the support of 'Essilor Vision Foundation' for providing the spectacles.

Vision Screening Programs

| | Children | Community | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|
| No. of Programs | 73 | 20 | 93 |
| Individuals Screened | 23,793 | 35,752 | 59,545 |
| Spectacles Distributed | 1,493 | 4,719 | 6,212 |



What people say about IVI

"Australia is proud to support this project that gives the gift of good vision to children who would otherwise face a much bleaker future. The necessity of good vision for children to get a good education as well as its impact on future development for the country is evident. It is very heartening to see the outcome achieved by IVI's DAP-supported program for children with vision impairment caused by refractive errors," - **Ms Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner to India**

"Students from an underprivileged background cannot afford to pay the minimal school fees most of the time and hence eye care becomes secondary. IVI's vision screening program was timely. The spectacles provided have helped the students visually and academically. I am grateful to IVI for this much needed program and request that it be an annual program at our school." - **Ms Prema Dorothy, Principal, Advent Christian Primary School, Chinnaneelankaraikuppam, Chennai**

"I would like to thank IVI for putting together a really informative and fun-filled workshop. It gave us an excellent networking opportunity to meet fellow Optometry students and professionals from around the country. Thanks once again for giving me this opportunity and am looking forward to attend more such events." - **Murtuza Abbas, Optometry student, Lotus College of Optometry on attending the Optics and Dispensing Workshop**

"The school vision screening program has helped 134 underprivileged children from our schools in Nagari and we are sure that our students will perform better in their studies with better vision. This program was very useful as there are no eye care clinics in and around rural and urban parts of Nagari." - **Mr Bhanu Prasad, HM, Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School, Nagari, Andhra Pradesh**

"The parents were completely unaware that their children had vision problems. They are happy that IVI has made the effort to identify and correct the problem." - **Helen Mary, Head Mistress, Corporation Primary School, Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

"The spectacles provided through the vision screening campaign are of good quality. The children, their parents and teachers are very happy as this program has provided eye health awareness and helped them in their academic performance."

- **Mr Saravanan, HOD Optometry Dept, Vasan Institute of Ophthalmology & Research, Salem**

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Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines

| | Program | Date | Deadline |
|---|--|----------|----------|
| 1 | IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year, National Quiz, Final Round | 12th Oct | N/A |
| 2 | IVI Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy | TBA | TBA |
| 3 | Walk in the Dark, Bangalore | 14th Oct | N/A |
| 4 | Student Research Grants | TBA | 15th Oct |
| 5 | Online Seminar for Optometry Students, Myopia Research Aspects – Does peripheral retina have a role in myopia development? | 20th Sep | 19th Sep |

Donate Online

Your contribution of INR 500/- will help to screen the vision of 20 underprivileged children and provide spectacles to those in need; or offer opportunity to an individual from the under privileged community to work to their full potential through a pair of spectacles.

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