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News Letter

December - 2014

Message from the CEO



Wish all of you a bright and prosperous 2015!

2014 proved to be a very positive year for India Vision Institute and Indian Optometry. IVI conducted nearly 70 activities reaching over 3000 Optometry professionals and students, all of which would not have been possible without support from number of sponsors and institutional partners for which I am very thankful. Our Facebook page now has a reach of 4600 (increased by 3500 over the year) and we had nearly 30 articles published through the mainstream and optometry specific media.

In addition to our initiatives on capacity building, awareness, leadership and industry support, IVI has been providing free spectacles through vision screening programs for underprivileged communities. I am thankful for the generous support from the Australian Consulate in Chennai for committing an additional 3800 spectacles for school children in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh as well as for people significantly disadvantaged due to Hudhud cyclone.

My sincere thanks to Professor Brien Holden and Dr G N Rao, our Co-Chairs, for their vision, support and leadership; and to the LV Prasad Eye Institute and the Brien Holden Vision Institute for their commitment to making a difference to eye care services in India. I am also thankful to Optometry Giving Sight for their ongoing support. Thanks are also due to our many partners in 2014 - supporters including Essilor India, Australian Consulate in Chennai, New Vision Generation Group, Vision Express, Korean Association in Chennai, Eye Gear Optics India, Alcon Foundation, Adler Aerospace, Paypal, Rane Madras as well as the nineteen individual donors.

Vinod Daniel - CEO

Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy EyeTeach©: from Clinician to Educators workshops

IVI organized Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy EyeTeach©: from Clinician to Educators workshops for Optometry educators in Angamaly in Kerala and Surat in Gujarat, under the aegis of the IVI Academy for Eyecare Educators working towards all-round faculty development.

Angamaly

16 participants from eight colleges including MOSC Medical College, Giridhar Eye Institute, Dr Tony Fernandes Eye Hospital, Sharat Laser Eye Hospital, Lotus Institute of Optometry, Rayhan College of Optometry, J.M. Institute of Ophthalmology and Research Institute, and Little Flower Hospital and Research Center participated in the workshop held in Angamaly on 9-10 November, 2014.

Surat

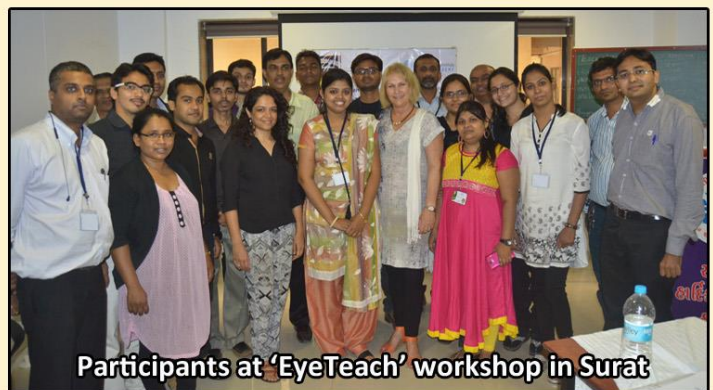
14 participants from seven colleges including Shree Bhartimaiya College of Optometry, Drashti Netralaya, Nagar School of Optometry, Optometry R & T Institute, College of Optometry and Ophthalmic Sciences, Gujarat Government College, and Harijot College of Optometry participated in the workshop held in Surat on 14-15 November, 2014.

Focusing on best practices in teaching and learning, the workshops were facilitated by Ms Helen Dalton, Education Consultant and Ms Salma Ismail, Global Education Officer, both from Brien Holden Vision Institute, Sydney.

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



Participants at 'EyeTeach' workshop in Angamaly



Participants at 'EyeTeach' workshop in Surat

IVI Online Seminar Series

An online seminar on 'Evidence Based Glaucoma Practice - Role of Optometry' was presented by Dr Ramesh S Ve, Associate Professor at School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University.

The seminar was offered in two sessions with the first session focusing on understanding glaucoma, definitions and classification, comprehensive ophthalmic examination, epidemiology of glaucoma, and the ISGEO classification was conducted on 5 December. The second session held on 9 December highlighted the importance of medical history, family history and ethnicity in glaucoma, various systemic diseases and glaucoma, screening techniques for PACS, techniques for ONH analysis, visual fields, and co-relation of disc and fundus findings with perimetry results during the presentation.

Attended by over 120 optometry students from several institutions across the country, it was the twelfth seminar in the IVI Online Seminar Series.

Faculty Support Program (Binocular vision Round II)

The concluding round of the 2014 IVI Faculty Support Program in Binocular Vision was hosted by Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University during 03-12 December 2014.

Four faculty members, one each from the Narayan Nethralaya (Bangalore), Rayhan College of Optometry (Edappal and Kondotty) and Laxmi College of Optometry (Panvel) participated in the ten-day program.

The program comprised sessions on curriculum designing, evaluation patterns and scope for research in binocular vision for faculty as well as students. The participants particularly appreciated the opportunity to observe lecture delivery methods pertaining to binocular vision and also evaluation by the mentors of lectures presented by them.

IVI acknowledges the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight for funding the program and School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal for hosting the program.



IVI-NVG Capacity Building Workshops for NOA

IVI organized comprehensive hands-on capacity building workshops in Ludhiana, Rajahmundry and Tumkur. Specifically conducted for the members of the National Ophthalmic Association (NOA), the workshops covered topics related to refraction and dispensing.

Ludhiana: Held on 1-4 December 2014 at Sankara Eye Hospital, Ludhiana, the workshop covered a range of topics including essentials of refraction, ophthalmic dispensing, soft skills and entrepreneurship development and hands-on practical sessions. Attended by 35 NOA vision care professionals, the workshops were facilitated by Mr Abhishek Kalbarga and Mr M Chandra Shekher from IVI.



Rajahmundry: Ms Sandhya Shekar and Mr M Chandra Shekher from IVI facilitated the sixth workshop at Rajahmundry on 11-14 December 2014 covering a range of topics including essentials of refraction, ophthalmic dispensing, ocular emergencies, soft skills and entrepreneurship development. The workshop comprised both technical and practical sessions and was attended by 29 vision care professionals of the NOA.



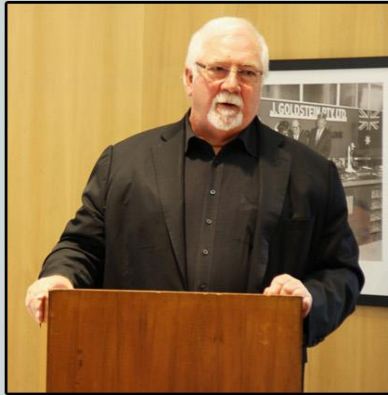
Tumkur: The seventh workshop in the series was organized at Tumkur in Karnataka from 17- 19 December 2014. A group of 50 vision care professionals of the NOA attended the workshop facilitated by Ms Sandhya Shekar and Mr M Chandra Shekher.



The workshops were organized by IVI following an agreement between IVI and New Vision Generation India Pvt Ltd (NVG) to hold capacity building workshops for ophthalmic officers. The previous workshops were held at Rohtak, Trichy, Aurangabad and Patna.

Congratulations, Professor Holden!

Professor Brien Holden, CEO of Brien Holden Vision Institute (Co-Chair, India Vision Institute) was conferred with the prestigious Charles F. Prentice Medal in recognition of his work towards advancement of knowledge in vision science, at the recently concluded ACADEMY 2014 meeting in Denver.



Optdistlist

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In conversation with Vinod Daniel



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In conversation with Vinod Daniel (Episode: 12)



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IVI Outreach Initiatives

Australian Consulate General - Chennai, supports IVI Vision Screening initiative

Australian High Commissioner to India, Mr Patrick Suckling, visited the Government Adi Dravidar Welfare Higher Secondary School, Palavakkam, Chennai on 7 November to attend the screening program funded by the Australian Consulate-General in Chennai, and handed over free spectacles to students.

Among 440 students screened at the camp, 60 required spectacle correction and 26 children were referred for comprehensive eye examination.

A vision screening program at the Social Service League Primary School in Queen Mary's college campus, Chennai, was conducted by IVI on 17 November 2014. Five students required spectacle correction and two of them were referred for comprehensive eye examination from amongst 35 students screened. Mr Revanth Kumar from IVI and optometrist Mr Stanley conducted the vision screening programs.



Mr Patrick Suckling - Australian High Commissioner to India, interacting with the school students

IVI vision screening initiative gets Korean Association support

IVI announced a new partnership with the Korean Association in Chennai to screen 1000 children from disadvantaged communities in Chennai for visual impairment due to uncorrected refractive errors. The Association will also support distribution of 100 free spectacles. Mr R. Viswanathan, Councilor, Chennai Corporation was present at the occasion, part of IVI's national campaign to deal with vision impairment, particularly among school children.



Representatives of the Korean Association in Chennai at the vision screening program

Upcoming Programs

Program	Place and Date	Registration Deadline
(1) Online series on institutional development	3rd week of January	NA
(2) Essentials of spectacle dispensing	Hyderabad (18 January) and Kanyakumari (Feb 1st week)	14 and 30 January
(3) Students' Online Seminar	23 January	21 January

Eye See & I Learn



**This is how
one in 10 people in India
see the image**

There is a direct correlation between vision and productivity among adults as also between vision and school performance among children. It is estimated that over 10 crore Indians do not have a pair of spectacles because of financial and access reasons.

This campaign will specifically target children because educated and skilled children will enable India to realize its demographic dividend.

For as little as Rs.500, which is what it costs to test and purchase a pair of spectacles, YOU can help a child see better, study better, do better in school and become an active contributor to India's growth.

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What people say about IVI

• "Thank you very much for this informative email. This is a good initiative by IVI" - **Md Jamil Akhtar, Senior Optometrist, Vasan Eye Care, Mumbai on the IVI Optdistlist**

• "It was a great experience being part of the Faculty Support Program in Binocular Vision, a joint venture of IVI and Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal. The participants were able to practically see the different modes of lecture, clinical skill delivery and assessment aspects. The program also trained them on the preparation and planning to deliver effective teaching. We look forward to be associated with such IVI initiatives in future too" - **Ms. Jyothi Thomas, Head, Department of Optometry, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal on the IVI Faculty Support Program**

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