

### Message from the CEO

Wish you all a happy New Year and a great 2016!

Reflecting back on 2015, we have made considerable achievement in progressing Optometry in India, delivering on specific activities across 18 states and three union territories reaching over 4800 professionals and taking the message of eye care to millions of people. All of this would not have been possible without support from our initiators L V Prasad Eye Institute and Brien Holden Vision Institute; our major supporters Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Optometry Giving Sight, Essilor India Pvt Ltd, Australian Consulates General in Chennai and Mumbai, all our sponsors and each one of you.

Along with the Optometry community in India, IVI welcomes the appointment of Professor Kovin Naidoo (Co-Chair, IVI) as the CEO of the Brien Holden Vision Institute. It is great to have a leader like Kovin to fill the large void created by Professor Brien Holden's passing away. We are also delighted with the recent announcement by LVPEI of the launch of the **Brien Holden Institute of Optometry And Visual Sciences** during early 2016 encompassing Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry, Optometry Fellowship and Residency, DOT courses, Vision Technician Training Program, Training of Dispensing Opticians and courses as well as research in Visual Sciences across their entire network. We congratulate Dr Shrikant Bharadwaj, on his appointment as its inaugural Director.



Announcement of Hyderabad as the host city for the 2nd WCO conference in September 2017 has also been a landmark in itself and we look forward to the participation of the entire Optometry fraternity in making the conference a grand success.

Our vision screening programs and provision of free spectacles to the needy have taken another notch with our new partnerships with Cooper Vision and Optometry Giving Sight and the Australian Consulates General in Chennai and Mumbai to screen children in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Puducherry. We are also looking forward to working closely with several NGOs and Eye Hospitals on the India segment of Our Children's Vision Campaign. We were able to provide free spectacles to some of the communities affected by the recent floods in Tamil Nadu, in partnership with the Essilor Vision Foundation.

We have a robust calendar of activities planned for 2016 and very much look forward to working with many of you. Let's all work together to make the difference India needs and make *excellent eyecare available to all* a reality.

*Vinod Daniel*

### IVI Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy

S Gayathri from SRM Medical College, SRM University, Potheri was adjudged the 'IVI Young Optometry Researcher 2015' for her project 'Accommodative facility and response time before and after sustained near work in myopes and emmetropes'. The IVI Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy initiative was launched in 2014 to promote research among Optometry students in India.

The announcement was made at the symposium held at IVI Hyderabad on 19 November at which project presentations were made by six shortlisted undergraduate students from Optometry institutes across India. The judging panel comprised Dr BR Shamanna and Dr PS Roopa Reddy from University of Hyderabad and Mr Nagesh Vuppalla from Neo Retina, Hyderabad.

S Gayathri received a certificate and travel grant of INR 5,000 enabling her to participate in a conference of her choice; and her college, the SRM Medical College was awarded the Rolling Trophy for the year 2015. Remaining five participants were presented a certificate of participation and a memento each. To watch the video, visit [www.youtube.com/indivisioninstitute](http://www.youtube.com/indivisioninstitute)



Participants at IVI Hyderabad

## IVI Online Seminars for Students

An online seminar for Optometry students on 'Introducing Perceptual Disorders' was presented by Mr Aditya Goyal-Principal, Sankara College of Optometry, Bangalore on Friday, 6 November.

Over 200 students from Down Town College of Optometry in Guwahati, NSHM Knowledge Campus in Kolkata, Ridley College of Optometry in Jorhat, Sri Jayendra Saraswathi Institute of Optometry in Chennai, C L Gupta Eye Institute, Moradabad and Vidya Sagar College of Optometry and Vision Science in Kolkata attended the seminar.

The seminar focused on the concept of perception, its measurement and its measurability; importance of case history and categories of Developmental Visual Information Process (DVIP). This was the 15th seminar in the IVI online students' seminar series launched in August 2013.

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## Workshop on Ocular Prosthetics

IVI organized a one- day comprehensive workshop on Ocular Prosthetics in collaboration with Dr D Y Patil Institute of Optometry and Visual Sciences in Pune on 21 November. Facilitated by Mr Sachin Gupta, Director, Art Eyes, New Delhi, the workshop focused on introduction to Ocularist, disfigurement of eye, making and fitting of prosthetic eyes and managing ocular discharge. The presentation was followed by a live demonstration of procedures involved in making of Ocular prosthetics at the institute laboratory.

Participants appreciated the workshop on a specialist topic seldom discussed in the academic circles; and expressed interest in attending advanced modules of the workshop in future. The workshop was attended by over 40 Optometry practitioners, educators and students from Dr D Y Patil Institute of Optometry and Visual Sciences, Pune; Bharati Vidyapeeth University, Pune; Laxmi College of Optometry, Mumbai and Nagar School of Optometry, Ahmedabad among other Optometry institutes and eye hospitals across India.

The workshop was awarded 05 credit points by Optometry Council of India (OCI).

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Participants at the workshop in Pune

## Online Seminar for Optometry Professionals

IVI facilitated online participation of over 50 Optometry professionals including practitioners and Optometry educators for a presentation on Charles Bonnet Syndrome (CBS) hosted by LVPEI- KAR Campus in Hyderabad on Wednesday 4 November.

The session was facilitated by Mr Scot Muirden, Director, Charles Bonnet Syndrome Foundation (CBSF), Australia. Mr Muirden introduced the audience to the concept of CBS and how it can cause vivid, complex, recurring visual hallucinations, usually (but not only) in older adults with later-life vision loss and discussed about further required interventions.

## EyeTeach - Problem Based Learning

Responsible for coordinating the India component, IVI facilitated the participation of two Indian academics in the online EyeTeach: Problem Based Learning course offered by Brien Holden Vision Institute (BHVI) during 27 July to 28 August. Offered to Optometry educators globally, participants from six countries undertook the course.

Facilitated by Helen Dalton and Jude Stern from BHVI, the course was the next step for educators having previously attended one of the foundational EyeTeach programs on Education Design for Learning comprising: From Clinician to Educator, Education Design for Learning (online) and Faculty Development Programs offered under the Australian Award Fellowship (AAF).

The course encouraged participation of educators in understanding the role of problem-based learning in engaging students and preparing them for professional practice. Feedback and reflection on the learning process were imperative components of the interactive format of course delivery.

## IVI Online Series for Institutional Development

Focusing on the need for additional student support development programs and current practices in faculty performance trackers, the fifth session in the IVI Online Series for Institutional Development was facilitated by Ms Helen Dalton, Education Consultant, Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy on 26 November.

Attended by heads of nine Optometry Schools, the session focused on factors that reinforce quality education at Optometry schools; how quality education can be promoted using the presage, process and product method; and how student supporting services can be developed by dedicating an advisor, maintaining a learning centre and providing them with psychological and counseling services.

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## IVI Optometry Wizard of the Year (National Quiz )

Mousumi Saikia from Amity University, Gurgaon, won the IVI Optometry Wizard of the year 2015. Suma Gunda from LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad won the second prize. The announcement was made following the final round of the national quiz held at IVI Hyderabad on 5 December. Students and faculty from eight Optometry schools across India shared the excitement of the final round through online webcast on the IVI website.

The three finalists selected after two previous rounds held over Facebook and phone respectively included Rashmi Bhimanapati, Optometrist, Centre for Sight, Hyderabad; Mousumi Saikia, Faculty, Amity University, Gurgaon; and Suma Gunda, Optometrist, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. The quiz was open to optometry professionals and students across India.

The top three winners were presented with an IVI memento and a certificate along with prize money of INR 10000, INR 5000 and INR 3000 respectively. Mr Indra P Sharma from Amity University received the special prize in the audience round.

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Essilor India Pvt Ltd in funding the program*



Participants at IVI Hyderabad

## Young Leaders Program 2016-17

**APPLY NOW**

Applications are invited for the fourth round of Young Leaders Program (YLP) 2016-17.

For details of the application procedure, please visit the IVI website. **Deadline for submission: Sunday, 7 February**

IVI aims to develop and mentor a pool of 50 young Optometry and eye care professionals to take up a leadership role in achieving excellence in eye care delivery in India through a total of five YLP rounds. Launched in April 2013, so far 30 young eye care professionals from across India have benefited from the IVI leadership initiative.



## Optometry Job Portal

Exploring better career prospects or seeking to employ qualified professionals in eye care and Optometry? Visit [www.eyecarejobs.in](http://www.eyecarejobs.in) a sector specific exclusive job portal.

## Student Research Grants

IVI is pleased to announce the recipients of the IVI Student Research Grants for 2015-16:

- **Lakshya Arora**, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi  
**Project:** Assessment of compliance to spectacles in school children provided spectacles under School Vision Screening Program in Delhi, India
- **Nimisha K Shaju**, Lotus Bausch and Lomb Institute of Optometry, Bangalore  
**Project:** Construction and Validation of Malayalam Log MAR chart
- **M Shiva Ram**, University of Hyderabad  
**Project:** Influence of illumination on Reading
- **Sowmya Saravanan**, Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai  
**Project:** Average Sim K versus 5 mm zone- K as a predictor of the final base curve of Rose K contact lenses in keratoconus
- **Memon Mehjabeen U**, Nagar School of Optometry, Ahmedabad  
**Project:** Development and initial validation of quality of life questionnaire specific to amblyopic children based on clinicians' perception
- **Ramya K**, University of Hyderabad  
**Project:** Correlation of Glycosylated Haemoglobin and Macular Thickness among Diabetic Retinopathy patients
- **Maithili Patel**, Nagar School of Optometry, Ahmedabad  
**Project:** Factors influencing the choice of Optometry as a career for Indian Students
- **E Priyanka**, University of Hyderabad  
**Project:** The study to assess the compliance to low vision devices and quality of life amongst the low vision and visually impaired people at University of Hyderabad

The awards were granted on a competitive basis from among a pool of 17 applications. The research grant aims to promote research in Optometry and eye care among students in India.



Lakshya



Nimisha



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## IVI is a member of

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## IVI Reaches Out to Flood Affected People in Chennai

IVI is conducting a series of vision screening programs through December'15 and January'16 as a relief measure to provide free spectacles to those from disadvantaged communities who lost their spectacles in the recent floods causing severe destruction in and around Chennai.

The campaign began on 16 December with the first vision screening organized in Palavakkam, in the presence of Mr Viswanathan, Councilor, Palavakkam; Mr Dharmaprasad Rai, Head, Essilor Vision Foundation and Mr Vinod Daniel, CEO of IVI. Similar screening programs followed in Madipakkam, Pallikaranai and Saidapet. Over 930 people were screened and more than 600 were diagnosed with refractive errors and would receive free spectacles.



Mr P Ramachandran (Group COO, Essilor India Pvt Ltd), Mr Rangarajan Sourirajan (COO, Essilor India Pvt Ltd), Mr Rajagopal Narasimhan (Regional Vice President–South, Essilor India Pvt Ltd) and Mr Dharmaprasad Rai (Head, Essilor Vision Foundation) were present at the screening program in Pallikaranai and spectacle distribution program in Palavakkam.

Optometrists Ms Sony, Ms Sandhya and Mr Revanth from IVI conducted the vision screening. Optometrists Mr Siva Kumar, Ms Janani and Mr Ambika Ram volunteered at the screening programs. Mr Ravindhran and Mr Babu provided Jaya Sankara Marriage Hall and Neelambal Marriage Hall free of cost for organizing the screenings.

Further campaigns are planned across flood affected areas in Chennai including in Red Hills, Kotturpuram and Triplicane among others.

**Plz contact Ms Sandhya on +91 8754473472**

**for volunteering in these programs**

*IVI acknowledges the support of Essilor Vision Foundation in providing the spectacles.*



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## Orbis CBA Review Board Meeting

Ms Apoorva Chauhan from IVI attended the Competency Based Assessment (CBA) Review Board Meeting organized by Orbis India at Gurgaon on 23 - 24 December. Attended by representatives of nine eye care organizations including IVI, the meeting aimed to review the rubrics developed at the first CBA workshop organized in October 2014 to assess Optometry professionals.

Having assessed six partner hospitals of Orbis India to review current programs, human resources and infrastructure of Optometry, IVI along with other Optometry schools and institutions is developing a CBA rubric for Orbis India.



## DONATE Online

Your contribution of as little as INR 500/- can help an under privileged child learn better; and offer opportunity for someone to work to their full potential.

You could also donate towards a range of other IVI initiatives in the following key areas:

- Capacity building
- Leadership development
- Optometry education & research
- Generating awareness about eye care

To donate online and for additional information, please visit [www.indiavisioninstitute.org](http://www.indiavisioninstitute.org).

*All donations shall qualify for deductions u/s 80 G of the Income Tax Act 1961.*

## School Vision Screening Programs (Nov-Dec)

Name of the schools	Total screened	Spectacles given
(1) Lady Sivsamy Iyer Girls Higher Secondary School, Mylapore, Chennai	2450	153
(2) Muslim Higher Secondary School, Triplicane, Chennai		
(3) Thiruvalluvar Gurugulam Middle School, Saidapet, Chennai		
(4) Government Higher Secondary School, Perumbavoor, Cochin (Partner: Little Flower Hospital & Research Centre, Angamaly)	536	14
(5) Government Vocational Higher Secondary School, Kondotty, Calicut (Partner: Al-Rayhan College of Optometry & Eye Hospital, Kondotty)	700	16

*IVI acknowledges the support of the Australian Consulate General in Chennai for funding the programs*

## Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines

<b>Faculty Support Program - Binocular Vision:</b> 11-23 Jan, LVPEI, Hyderabad ( <a href="#">Registration Closed</a> )
<b>Online Seminar for Optometry Professionals: Light - Friend or Foe?:</b> 13 Jan
<b>Online Seminar for Optometry Students - Optometry and Public Health:</b> 15 Jan
<b>Workshop on Pediatric Optometry - 18 &amp; 19 Jan, Kolkata</b> ( <a href="#">Registration Deadline - 16 Jan</a> )
<b>Workshop on Pediatric Optometry - 21 &amp; 22 Jan, Chennai</b> ( <a href="#">Registration Deadline - 18 Jan</a> )
<b>Clinical Skill Enhancement Program:</b> 28 - 31 Jan 2016, Delhi ( <a href="#">Registration Deadline - 26 Jan</a> )
<b>Low Vision Program Plus:</b> 9 - 11 Mar, LVPEI, Hyderabad ( <a href="#">Registration Deadline - NA</a> )
<b>Walk in the Dark:</b> March, Mumbai and Bangalore

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**Dr. Umang Mathur -**  
Consultant Ophthalmologist,  
Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital,  
New Delhi in conversation  
with Vinod Daniel.

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## Outreach Initiatives - Screening and Spectacle Distribution

	Children	Community	Total
<b>No. of Programs</b>	33	11	44
<b>Individuals Screened</b>	12323	27225	39548
<b>Spectacles Distributed</b>	821	2041	2862

## What People Say About IVI

- "Really appreciate the great work done by the IVI team. We could see the dedication and commitment in the approach" – **Mr P Ramachandran, Group COO, Essilor India Pvt Ltd** on IVI's vision screening programs for the flood affected people in Chennai
- "Heartfelt congratulations to the entire team of IVI that coordinated the two events at Palavakkam and Pallikaranai so efficiently - an effort that will help the needy people lead better life through better sight" – **Mr Dharmaprasad Rai, Head, Essilor Vision Foundation at Essilor India** on IVI's vision screening programs for the flood affected people in Chennai
- "I want to offer my heartiest congratulations on the impressive achievements you all have made in just four years' time! And this has been achieved starting from what was nearly a "dead start" as far as the role and visibility of Optometry in India was at the time IVI was birthed! It is lovely to reach out and acknowledge you for the outstanding work you, the IVI team and the many partners are doing to alleviate avoidable blindness in India and beyond. Keep up the great work!" – **Mr Larry Hubert, Sydney, Australia**
- "I always feel pleased to see your bi-monthly newsletter reflecting that the Optometry fraternity going hand in hand with Ophthalmology doing so much to cater to the giant problem of avoidable blindness across the world! I congratulate you and your team and wish all the best for future endeavours of IVI" – **Dr Sumit Grover, Gurgaon, Haryana**
- "I am glad and thank IVI that our student could be a part of the IVI Young Optometry Researcher Rolling Trophy contest. Events like this boost confidence in a student who gets an opportunity to come to a bigger platform and advance in academics. We appreciate IVI for coming up with this wonderful idea and implementing it so well."- **Ms Sheethal Pai, Optometrist & Lecturer, Nethradhama super-specialty Eye Hospital and College of Optometry, Bangalore**
- "Well-organized and informative workshop. The session on facial prosthesis was an added benefit" – **Mr Rakesh V Kaushal, Faculty Optometrist and Course Coordinator, Laxmi College of Optometry, Panvel on the Ocular Prosthetics workshop**

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