

Message from the CEO

The first two months of the New Year have been the most fulfilling two months for our vision screening programs. We can now be assured that over 14,000 under privileged kids can go to school and learn to their full potential and 30,700 adults can work productively and minimize the risk of accidents. What a great privilege for all at IVI to contribute towards this, and a huge thanks to all those who partnered with us to make it possible. It is quite heartening that over the coming four years, IVI and its partners would have conducted vision screening for over 1 crore Indian children and provided spectacles to the needy under the aegis of the Global 'Our Children's Vision' campaign initiated by Brien Holden Vision Institute.

Our exciting plans for the year ahead will focus on all our key priority areas including Optometry awareness, capacity building, leadership development and vision screening. The future for Indian Optometry is indeed very bright looking at the potential and enthusiasm of the 30 young leaders nurtured through our Young Leaders Program, as also the caliber of students enrolled in Optometry schools across India.

As we work together in finding our way towards more formal recognition for Optometry, we need to recognize more than ever that *unity* is key to our strength. Our goal needs to be that irrespective of whether they live in Mumbai or Murshidabad, Kanyakumari or Leh, people should have access to an Optometrist to check their vision and an optical outlet to provide a pair of spectacles. We as a profession should strive to make this a reality.

Very much looking forward to working together for a bright future for Optometry and for India!

Vinod Daniel



Workshop on Clinical Skills Enhancement

IVI organized a four day 'Clinical Skills Enhancement Program' for Optometry professionals at Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH) in New Delhi during 28-31 January.

The program included sessions on contact lens; binocular vision, low vision and refraction and dispensing optics focusing on soft toric, multifocal, RGP, keraSoft, scleral lenses design and fitting; evaluation of binocular vision; vision therapy; prevalence, causes, clinical assessment and rehabilitation plan for low vision; paediatric refraction; trouble shooting and adaptation in progressives.

Organized in collaboration with Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi (SCEH), the workshop was facilitated by a distinguished panel of experts from ICARE Eye Hospital, Noida, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Essilor India Private Limited, Vaish Eye Clinic and SCEH, New Delhi.

The workshop was attended by 39 Optometry professionals including practitioners, educators, post graduate and undergraduate students from Nirmal Eye Institute, Rishikesh; Fortis Escorts Hospital, Faridabad; Bhaktivedanta Hospital, Thane; OPJS, Rajasthan; Health Department, Haryana; Himalayan University, Dehradun; ICARE Eye Hospital, Noida; Crystal Eye Clinic; Aruna Asaf Ali Govt. Hospital; Suvidha Eye Services and SCEH, in New Delhi.

The workshop was awarded 15 credit points by OCI.

IVI acknowledges Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, Optometry Giving Sight, and Essilor India Private Limited for supporting the program.



Participants during the workshop at SCEH, Delhi

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Workshop on Pediatric Optometry: Kolkata and Chennai

IVI organized 2 two-day workshops on 'Pediatric Optometry' in association with the Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy, Sydney:

- Kolkata: NSHM Knowledge Campus (18-19 January)
- Chennai: IIT Alumni Industry Interaction Center (21-22 January)

Dr Daniele P Saltarelli (OD, FAAO) from the University of Cincinnati, USA, covered a wide range of topics including pediatric vision testing, amblyopia, strabismus and its types, common accommodative and convergence disorders and their diagnosis, differential diagnosis, treatment options and an introduction to Pediatric contact lens.



Participants at the workshop in Kolkata

The workshops were attended by a total of 35 Optometry practitioners, educators and students from institutes in and around Kolkata and Chennai, including from the NSHM Knowledge Campus, Assam Down Town University, Sarkar Eye Institute, B B Eye Foundation, School of Allied Health Sciences, Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, University of Hyderabad, Centre for Sight, SRM University and Dr Agarwal Eye Hospital among others.

The workshop was awarded 10 credit points by OCI.



Participants at the workshop in Chennai

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Faculty Support Program: Binocular Vision

Ms Unnati Vaish, Assistant Professor at Teerthanker Mahaveer University in Moradabad, was hosted by L V Prasad Eye Institute during 11-23 January. This was the second batch of the IVI Faculty Support Program in Binocular Vision organized with LVPEI.



Ms Vaish receiving her certificate from Dr. Shrikant Bharadwaj, Associate Director - LVPEI

Ms Vaish particularly appreciated the opportunity to observe and discuss lecture delivery methods pertaining to binocular vision; as well as an evaluation by her mentors of her own lecture presentation. The program comprised sessions on curriculum designing, evaluation patterns, scope for research in binocular vision for faculty as well as students, among other key areas of binocular vision.

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Orbis Competency Based Assessment Workshop

IVI CEO, Mr Vinod Daniel, along with Program Officers Ms Apoorva Chauhan and Ms Sneha Ananthkrishnan, participated in the second Orbis CBA Rubrics Development Workshop on developing rubrics for skill based assessment of Optometry professionals in routine Optometry practice. Representatives from 11 major eye-care organizations across the country participated in the workshop held in New Delhi on 5-6 February.

An essential quality assurance exercise, the rubrics development was initiated in October 2015 by Orbis along with its partner organizations through two workshops facilitated by international expert, Brian Washburn, from Sightlife. The participating institutions agreed to implement the rubrics as applicable in their respective institutions.

IVI had earlier conducted a detailed assessment of infrastructure, human resources, monitoring and evaluation processes and capacity building initiatives at six Orbis partner institutes as part of this initiative.



Workshop on Competency-Based Assessment

Online Seminar for Optometry Students

Dr Daniele P. Saltarelli (OD, FAAO) facilitated the 16th IVI Online Seminar for students on 'Pediatric Contact Lens and Common Accommodative and Convergence Disorders' on Wednesday, 20 January. Dr Saltarelli is Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati, USA.

Attended by over 400 Optometry students from 12 Optometry schools across the country, the session focused on the basic principles behind accommodative and convergence disorders and the use of contact lenses to influence the status of these conditions in pediatric population. The session ensued to a brief discussion of the most used applications of contact lenses for infants and children.

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Light: Friend or Foe?

Online Seminar for Optometry Professionals

Addressing the importance of health hazard caused due to ultra violet radiations, the third online seminar for Optometry professionals was facilitated by Ms Ananthalakshmi, AGM- ECP Training & Development at Essilor India Pvt Ltd on Friday, 29 January.

The seminar was attended by Optometry professionals from seven organizations including practitioners, educators and post graduate students from across the country. Ms Ananthalakshmi emphasized the need to understand the risks of over exposing our eyes to sun, the visible and electromagnetic spectrum, eye conditions caused by the UV radiation and visible spectrum- particularly the blue turquoise light.

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IVI Online Series for Institutional Development

The sixth session of the IVI Online Series for Institutional Development focusing on 'Constituents of an Educational Institution', was facilitated by Mr Kesi Naidoo, HRD Manager, Public Health Division, BHVI, Africa Region on 18 February.

In addition to describing factors required for establishing a stable foundation, Mr Naidu discussed faculty development systems and various facets of an Optometry institution. Attended by heads of eight Optometry schools, the session wrapped up with a discussion on challenging issues faced by the participating institutions and possible solutions.

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Vision Screening Program at UDAYAN

IVI conducted a vision screening program for children of leprosy patients at UDAYAN in Barrackpore, West Bengal on 20 January. Over 240 children aged between 5-17 years were screened among whom 10 children diagnosed with refractive error were provided free spectacles.

UDAYAN is a not-for-profit residential home for the rehabilitation of children of leprosy patients initiated by Mother Teresa. The Australian cricketer Mr Steve Waugh supports UDAYAN through his foundation towards building infrastructure and various training projects for girls.



IVI Reaches Out to the Flood Affected Communities in Chennai

IVI conducted a series of vision screening programs between December 2015 and January 2016 as a relief measure to provide free spectacles for those from disadvantaged communities who lost their spectacles in the recent floods causing severe destruction in and around Chennai.



The campaigns were conducted across the flood affected areas of Palavakkam, Madipakkam, Pallikaranai, Saidapet, Kotturpuram, Palkalainagar, Triplicane (Amir Mahal) and Kolathur. Of the 1550 people screened, 1060 diagnosed with refractive error were provided free spectacles. 210 people diagnosed with other ocular ailments were referred for further treatment.

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

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Vision Screening for Children in Aurangabad and Navsari

As part of its *Eye See & I Learn* campaign, IVI will screen the vision of 11000 children from disadvantaged communities in Aurangabad in Maharashtra and Navsari in Gujarat.

The project is supported by the Australian Government's Direct Aid Program (DAP) through the Australian Consulate General in Mumbai. It will help children from 18 schools across the two cities. Those identified with refractive errors will receive free spectacles and those requiring comprehensive eye examinations will be referred to Mundada ENT & Eye Care Centre, Aurangabad & Rotary Eye Institute, Navsari respectively for treatment. Mr Mark Pierce, Australian Consul-General for Western India based at Mumbai, launched the program at Baliram Patil Vidyalaya, Aurangabad on 26 February.



The IVI *Eye See & I learn* campaign is part of the global *Our Children's Vision* campaign led by IVI in India aiming to screen the vision of ten million children in partnership with several eye hospitals over the period 2016-2020.

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



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Vision Screening for Children in Tamil Nadu

IVI will screen the vision of 30,000 school children from underprivileged communities in Tamil Nadu and provide free spectacles to those identified with refractive errors as part of its *Eye See & I Learn* campaign (under *Our Children's Vision* campaign in India). Funded by Cooper Vision through Optometry Giving Sight, the program was launched on 1 March in Chennai in the presence of Mr Arnab Sarkar, Country Head, Cooper Vision and Mr Vinod Daniel, CEO IVI.

The project is funded by the Cooper Vision 'One Bright Vision Child Eye Health Program' through Optometry Giving Sight



DONATE Online

Your contribution of INR 500/- will help to screen the vision of 10 under privileged children and provide spectacles to those in need; or offer opportunity to an older individual from the under privileged community to work to their full potential through a pair of spectacles.

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

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

To donate online and for additional information, please visit www.indiavisioninstitute.org.

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

Eye See & I Learn and Eye See & I Work Initiatives (Jan - Feb)

Eye See & I Learn	Total Screened	Spectacles Distributed
Govt. AdiDravada Welfare Primary School Palavakkam, Chennai	208	9
Govt. AdiDravada Welfare Higher Sec. School Palavakkam, Chennai	468	34
Kerala MalayalaVidyalaya High School, Purasaiwalkm, Chennai	140	24
Baliram Patil Vidyalaya, Aurangabad	573	110
Eye See & I Work		
Palavakkam	91	44
Madipakkam	199	112
Pallikaranai	487	319
Saidapet	152	125
Kotturpuram	170	105
Palkalai Nagar	84	68
Triplicane	138	102
Kolathur	229	182

Walk In the Dark Mumbai

**20 March, 2016
(Sunday) 7.00 AM**

**Venue:
Worli Sea Face**

See you there!!!

Upcoming Programs and Registration Deadlines

Walk in the Dark, Mumbai - 20 March (Sunday), 7 am,
Venue: Worli Sea Face (All are welcome)

Faculty Support Program-Geometrical optics
21 March - 02 April (Registration Deadline - 14 March)

Inviting applications for IVI Higher Education Scholarships

IVI is pleased to invite applications from Indian optometry students interested in pursuing PhD in Optometry from universities in India.

The IVI Higher Education Scholarship program was initiated in 2013 to ensure India sees qualified eye care specialists in the future, who in turn will help in improving the quality of eye care education and delivery. Recipients of previously awarded scholarships include:

Ms Jyothi Thomas, School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University, Manipal
PhD Research title: 'Development of a protocol for screening visual impairment in children aged 3 to 6 years'
Scholarship sponsored by JSW Foundation (2013-14)

Ms Valarmathi Arunachalam, Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai
PhD Research title: 'The effect of vision therapy in children with Autism'
Scholarship sponsored by Lawrence & Mayo (2014-15)

For further details and to apply for a scholarship please write to sneha.krishnan@indiavisioninstitute.org and/or visit www.indiavisioninstitute.org



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Outreach Initiatives - Screening and Spectacle Distribution

	Children	Community	Total
No. of Programs	38	14	52
Individuals Screened	14375	30745	45123
Spectacles Distributed	918	2917	3835

What People Say About IVI

• "I am thankful to IVI for screening our children's eyes on 20th of Jan. In total they screened 244 of our children. The result is that 10 of them would require glasses and one boy with squint eye may require surgery at the earliest. I thank the team members led by Sony Singh who was exceptional in establishing a bond with the children" - **Fr. Jose, Director, Udayan, Barrackpore**

• "It was a great experience for me as well as for the students. We have learnt many things and few doubts/ myths are cleared now. Thanks a lot Dr Saltarelli and IVI for giving us the opportunity to attend this enlightening webinar"-
Ms. Chandrani Datta, Training Instructor, Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital, Siliguri (WB)

• "A very carefully designed program, FSP was very much up-to my expectations. It has helped me develop more ideas while planning a lesson for my students and conducting practical exams. I have also expanded my perception in terms of research through FSP"- **Unnati Vaish, Assistant Professor, Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad.**

• "Blue Light and UV are some of the major concerns in our industry and its cumulative exposure has an impact on eye health. It was a great platform to address these issues with the Optometry fraternity!"- **Ms Ananthalakshmi N, AGM- ECP Training & Development, Essilor India Pvt. Ltd**



Watch 'In conversation with Vinod Daniel' video series on IVI YouTube channel

Episode 23 - Mr Dharmaprasad Rai - Head, Essilor Vision Foundation, India

Episode 24 - Dr Taraprasad Das - Vice Chair, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad

Episode 25 - Dr. R Krishna Kumar - Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai

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