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Today's Messages:

Date: Friday, 24 May 2015

From: Dinesh C Fernandes (dinesh.fernandes@indiavisioninstitute.org)

Subject: IVI Website Revamping

The India Vision Institute (IVI) is in the process of revamping its website www.indiavisioninstitute.org. A new, dynamic, informative and user friendly website is in the process of development and will soon be launched. During this process certain options on the website would not function. Individuals are informed to keep a tab of the latest developments of IVI through its Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Date: Monday, 25 May 2015

From: Shyam Sunder T (shyamsunder@lvpei.org)

Subject: Welcome to 51st ICLEP

LVPEI is organizing the longest successfully running contact lens program, Indian contact Lens Program (ICLEP).

The 51st Indian contact Lens Program (ICLEP) is a must attend three-day program scheduled from July 3- 5, 2015. Our aim is to educate eye care practitioners/ Optometry students focusing on the successful management of ocular conditions using today's specialty contact lenses and also to promote basic and advance contact lens education enhancing the clinical skills in the field of contact lenses. Last but not least, the great pleasure to discuss and exchange views on a highly professional level with speakers coming from all over the India is paramount.

Program attendees can also look forward to attend the Instructions courses on fitting silicon hydrogels, toric contact lenses, Gas permeable contact lenses and specialty lenses for keratoconus, along with multiple clinical case scenarios.

51st ICLEP welcomes contact lens practitioners and optometry students and educators for an exciting program of highly topical speakers and lively debates.

Registration forms and brochure related to the program can be downloaded from <http://www.lvpei.org/51sticlep/>

For further details, please contact Shyam Sunder T (shyamsunder@lvpei.org)

Date: Monday, 25 May 2015

From: Abhishek Kalbarga(abhishek.kalbarga@indiavisioninstitute.org)

Subject: Dyslexia not linked to eyesight, says study

Dyslexia is not linked to any problems with eyesight, say researchers. Teams from Bristol and Newcastle universities carried out eye tests on more than 5,800 children and did not find any differences in the vision of those with dyslexia. This raises doubts about the value of using coloured overlays or lenses to help dyslexic children with reading.

The study draws on a long-term tracking study in the Bristol area, which has followed the health of more than 14,000 children since the 1990s. About 3% of children have severe dyslexia and researchers, using a sample of 5,822 children from this tracking study, carried out detailed eye examinations on dyslexic and non-dyslexic children.

'Perfect vision'

They found that those with dyslexia were no more or less likely to have any sight or eye-related problems, such as short or long sightedness, squints or difficulties in focusing. "Some practitioners feel that vision impairments may be associated with dyslexia and should be treated. However, our study results show that the majority of dyslexic children have entirely normal vision on the tests we used," said Cathy Williams, lead author and a paediatric ophthalmologist.

This raised doubts about vision-based forms of assistance, such as using coloured filters to help with reading. This can include putting coloured acetate sheets over a page or wearing tinted lenses. Dr Creavin, from the University of Bristol, said the research showed the need for clearer, evidence-based guidance for parents on what might help. Dr Williams said the study was not looking for other possible causes for dyslexia, but it was the biggest study examining whether there was any link to children's vision.

For full article, please visit: <http://www.bbc.com/news/education-32836733>

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2015

From: Jissa James (jissa.james@indiavisioninstitute.org)

Subject: After Nearly Claiming His Life, Ebola Lurked in a Doctor's Eye

ATLANTA — When Dr. Ian Crozier was released from Emory University Hospital in October after a long, brutal fight with Ebola that nearly ended his life, his medical team thought he was cured. But less than two months later, he was back at the hospital with fading sight, intense pain and soaring pressure in his left eye. Test results were chilling: The inside of Dr. Crozier’s eye was teeming with Ebola.

His doctors were amazed. They had considered the possibility that the virus had invaded his eye, but they had not really expected to find it. Months had passed since Dr. Crozier became ill while working in an Ebola treatment ward in Sierra Leone as a volunteer for the World Health Organization. By the time he left Emory, his blood was Ebola-free. Almost nothing was known about the ability of Ebola to lurk inside the eye.

A Secondary Problem

Besides eye trouble, he has had debilitating joint and muscle pain, deep fatigue and hearing loss. Similar problems are being reported in West Africa, but it is not clear how common, severe or persistent they are. There have even been reports of survivors left completely blind or deaf, but these accounts are anecdotal and unconfirmed. Dr. Crozier’s condition, uveitis — a dangerous inflammation inside the eye — has also been diagnosed in West Africans who survived Ebola.

Receding Darkness

At first, there seemed to be no effect. But one morning a week or so later, Dr. Crozier realized that if he turned his head this way and that, he could find “portals” and “wormholes” through the obstructions in his eye and could see his brother Mark, who was sitting on the end of his bed. Gradually, over the next few months, his sight returned. Surprisingly, his eye turned blue again. “I think the cure was Ian’s own immune system,” Dr. Varkey said, explaining that he suspected the treatments had reduced Dr. Crozier’s symptoms and helped preserve his sight long enough for his immune system to kick in and clear out the virus — just as supportive care during the worst phase of his initial illness had kept him alive until his natural defenses could take over.

For Full Article, Please visit:

http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/05/08/health/weeks-after-his-recovery-ebola-lurked-in-a-doctors-eye.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&bicmp=AD&bicmlukp=WT.mc_id&bicmst=1409232722000&bicmet=1419773522000&r=0&referrer=

Date: Saturday, 6 June 2015

From: Alison Ewbank (a.ewbank@iacle.org)

Subject: IACLE presents first Lifetime Achievement Award in Contact Lens Education

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators has presented the first-ever IACLE Award for Lifetime Achievement in Contact Lens Education.

Professor Desmond Fonn received the award at a dinner at Manchester Museum on Wednesday 27th May to mark the Third IACLE World Congress (24th to 28th May).

His contribution to global contact lens education includes being a founding member of IACLE and its vice president for 15 years. He also served as Editor in Chief of the first edition of the IACLE Contact Lens Course (ICLC), used by educators around the world. And in 1994 and 2002, he organised the previous two IACLE World Congresses.

A Distinguished Emeritus Professor at the University of Waterloo, Canada, Professor Fonn joined the university in 1986 and was founding Director of its Centre for Contact Lens Research (CCLR). He retired from the university's School of Optometry in 2010.

At the award presentation, Professor Fonn's successor at Waterloo, Professor Lyndon Jones, described him as a 'giant in the contact lens world'. 'We owe Des a phenomenal thanks because without him we wouldn't be here,' he said.

'IACLE has been very dear to me,' said Professor Fonn, acknowledging the contribution of the association's co-founders and the support of industry since its inception. 'I've made incredible friends around the world who have spent thousands of hours working for IACLE. The result is that IACLE has been so instrumental in driving contact lens education.'

The Congress saw more than 100 contact lens educators and industry representatives gather in the UK for the four-day event, hosted by The University of Manchester. Delegates gained hands-on experience of innovations in teaching, such as learning delivery systems, the use of iPads in the classroom and for creating ePub content, and augmented and virtual reality technologies. IACLE members around the world also took part via a live online broadcast.

The Third IACLE World Congress was made possible by the generous support of sponsors Alcon, CooperVision and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care.

Many delegates travelled on from Manchester to Liverpool for the British Contact Lens Association's Clinical Conference & Exhibition (29th to 31st May). At a special IACLE session at the conference, President Dr Shehzad Naroo announced that a new edition of the ICLC was in preparation by leading educators and researchers worldwide.

The 2015 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards to recognise and reward achievement in contact lens education worldwide, supported by the BCLA and sponsored by CooperVision, were presented, one for each of IACLE's three global regions. The 2015 IACLE Travel Award, a travel bursary for an IACLE Educator Member who would not otherwise be able to attend the BCLA conference, was also presented.

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