



October has been a very exciting month at India Vision Institute. We formally launched this important initiative for India on October 18th, 2011 and also conducted our first major capacity building workshop for Optometry schools.

The launch was a very memorable occasion attended by over 150 dignitaries including the Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India

Dr Daggubati Purandeswari, The Australian Consul General for South India Mr David Holly, The American Consul General Ms Katherine Dhanani, The Chairman of L V Prasad Eye Institute & Co Chair IVI Dr G N Rao and CEO of the Brien Holden Vision Institute & Co Chair IVI Prof Brien A Holden.

I thank everyone for all your support and good wishes. I look forward to working with you all in this important journey for India.

Vinod Daniel
CEO



“The Ministry would work with the Institute & Brien Holden Vision Institute to make relevant changes in the national human resources programmes in order to increase the number of Optometrists. While the ratio of Optometrist & population in the west was 1:10,000, it is 1:6 lakh in

India. It is much worst in villages where there is only one Optometrist for every 10 lakh people”.

Dr Daggubati Purandeswari – Union Minister of State for HRD.



“50 million pairs of spectacles are imported from China each year and billions of dollars worth optical equipment are brought in from overseas. India had the knowledge and potential to be the leader in this sector like IT. We want to generate business, develop products and make this a self-sustaining industry”.

Prof Brien Holden, Co Chair IVI.



Dr G N Rao – Co Chair IVI.

“We would like to enhance the standard of Optometry schools, Ophthalmology training programs, Optician training programs and create new programs where necessary through a variety of approaches. It will be a fairly aggressive programme to make a difference in our country”.



“At the outset I extend my heartfelt congratulations on the launch of India Vision Institute. I am sure that IVI is a milestone in the history of India vision care and education”.

Mr Rajesh Wadhwa – President IOF.

EyeTeach Workshop:

On October 18th & 19th, 2011 ICEE through IVI, held a two day workshop. Through this workshop, various Optometry related issues were discussed, including; what makes a great Optometry programme, what makes a good learning experience, different learning styles, teaching, constructive alignment and learning cycle, introduction and preparation for teaching techniques and ways to encourage research skills in students. Mr Larry Hulbert & Ms Nina Tahhan led the workshop.



Participants of EyeTeach Workshop

IVI Students Seminar:

On October 20th, 2011, Prof Brien A Holden [Co-Chair, IVI] spoke to optometry students on future of eyecare and opportunities and challenges for Optometry.

Over 45 students from Bausch & Lomb School of Optometry & University of Hyderabad attended the seminar.



PhD Scholarship:

We were delighted to have received the first of the 4 sponsorship cheque's from Lawrence & Mayo Optical Industry (Mr Vivek Mendonsa) towards our PhD Scholarship Program.



IVI Launch:

