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Subject: Myopia Awareness Week is getting people talking...

World Council of Optometry and Brien Holden Vision Institute are collaborating to bring us Myopia Awareness Week, 13 – 19 May 2019.

Together they are inspiring action in caregivers to protect their children's vision and changing the way optometrists understand and treat myopia.

"We know that almost half the world's population will be myopic by the year 2050, with nearly one billion people in the high myopia category. Myopia Awareness Week is about getting people talking about myopia in homes and optometry practices around the world," stated WCO President, Dr Scott Mundle.

Together WCO and BHVI are addressing the prevalence of myopia globally by building an awareness that will help mitigate the effect that myopia will have on billions of lives.

Myopia\_Movement\_eCards-08 "We want to improve communication about myopia and its implication on lives, particularly children. We want caregivers to understand that children's eye health is an important part of their overall health and development. We also want to make sure that optometrists are equipped with the knowledge to help treat their myopic patients. Ultimately, our efforts are about building a movement to fight this myopia epidemic that we all see coming," said Dr Mundle.

“There is much happening in research, product development and professional education to meet the myopia challenge, but it is critical we engage with those at the frontline – parents, guardians and eye care practitioners – to ensure they have the understanding and tools to protect our children’s futures,” said Ms Yvette Waddell, CEO of Brien Holden Vision Institute. “This is an important and timely initiative involving the optometry profession globally,” she added.

For more information about Myopia Awareness Week email them at [MyopiaMovement@gmail.com](mailto:MyopiaMovement@gmail.com) or visit their social media accounts @MyopiaMovement

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From: Jenny Brown ([JennyB@aaoptom.org](mailto:JennyB@aaoptom.org))

Subject: Academy 2019 Orlando and 3rd World Congress of Optometry Education Program Announced

ORLANDO and ST. LOUIS – April 10, 2019 – The World Council of Optometry and the American Academy of Optometry have partnered to present an impressive education program taking place at Academy 2019 Orlando and the 3rd World Congress of Optometry, October 23-27, 2019. This joint meeting will bring global optometry together to offer a wide array of clinically relevant CE courses and cutting-edge research in the clinical and vision sciences. Attendees from around the globe can choose from over 450 hours of lectures and workshops, Section and Special Interest Group (SIG) symposia, hundreds of scientific papers and posters, an expansive exhibit hall, and several memorable social events featuring international optometry.

This year’s Plenary Session from 10 AM – 12 Noon on Wednesday, October 23 is titled, “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: WHO World Report on Vision, Opportunities for Optometry to Make an Impact,” and will discuss the World Report on Vision on the distribution of eye disease and blindness across the globe and the disease burden these eye conditions pose on nations and regions. Additionally, the human resource requirements of eyecare providers needed to address this public health crisis will be covered. Optometric representatives, specifically the session speakers, played an instrumental role in developing the report. They will discuss the findings and their implications for optometry internationally and for North America respectively. The keynote speaker from WHO will give attendees an overview of the organization’s efforts to tackle the extensive disease and blindness burdens on society throughout the world and where optometry fits into this effort. Speakers include Kovin Naidoo, OD, PhD, FAAO, Sandra Block, OD, MPH, FAAO, and a speaker from the World Health Organization.

The Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium is titled, “Gene Therapy for Ocular and Neurologic Disorders.” Contemporary issues in gene therapy will be

discussed including Leber's Congenital Amaurosis, animal models of glaucoma, and Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy. Speakers will include Stephen Russell, MD, Abbott Clark, PhD, and Byron Lam, MD.

Ezell Fellows Present is a symposium where three investigators at different stages of their careers, who were supported early on through the Foundation's Ezell Fellowships, present their research. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the symposium and is titled, "Public Health / Epidemiology Potpourri." Included in this session will be discussions on anterior segment infectious eye disease and US national health datasets used to assess vision impairment. Speakers will be Nicole Carnt, BOptom, PhD, FAAO, Charlotte Joslin, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Dean VanNasdale, OD, PhD, FAAO.

The World Council of Optometry President's Forum is titled, "Optometry's Role in Addressing the Changing Face of Technology, Public Health and Clinical care." This invitation-only event provides a platform wherein the highest level of decision makers and key partners of our profession come together to discuss the current development of optometry and the desired impact that it envisages in the broader health agenda across the world. The Global Summit on Optometric Education, co-sponsored by the World Council of Optometry, American Academy of Optometry, and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, will provide educators from optometric educational programs from around the globe the opportunity to share education philosophies/teaching methods and to discuss challenges facing institutions.

The meeting will take place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Registration and housing open on May 6, 2019.

For more information, visit

[www.aaopt.org/2019](http://www.aaopt.org/2019) or [www.worldcongressofoptometry.org](http://www.worldcongressofoptometry.org).

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From: [Rahul.Ali@orbis.org](mailto:Rahul.Ali@orbis.org)

Subject: Orbis International- Leadership Announcement

**Rishi Raj Borah:** We are thrilled to announce the promotion of Rishi Raj Borah as Country Director of Orbis India, effective May 6, 2019. He is currently, Director – Program at Orbis and manages our programs in India, Nepal and Indonesia. Rishi joined Orbis 12 years ago and has advanced through progressively more responsible positions. Over the years, Rishi has worked hard to develop innovative, impactful and sustainable home-grown eye care initiatives for communities across India and Nepal, impacting the lives of millions of children. .

**Dr Rahul Ali:** In his new role as Vice President, Africa and Asia Programs, Rahul will lead Orbis's efforts to establish, strengthen and maintain high quality programmatic capacity across all Orbis programs in the Africa and Asia regions. He will focus specifically on 4 key programmatic portfolios: Program Development; Leadership and supervision; Training; and Management & Quality assurance. He will directly supervise Country Directors and Senior Program Managers for Africa and Asia, and will work closely with the executive leadership team, and global development and fundraising teams.

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From: [vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org)

Subject: Clinical Internship in Optometry

LV Prasad Eye Institute invites applications for Clinical Internship in Optometry. The internship provides hands-on experience and enhance patient care management skills through practical-based training under the expert guidance of the LVPEI faculty.

Last date of application submission: 31 May 2019

Date of internship admission examination: 09 June 2019

For more details about the program and application process please visit [www.lvpei.org](http://www.lvpei.org) or contact Mr Vijay Kumar Yelagondula. Email- [vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org)

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From: [vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org)

Subject: Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry & Vision Sciences (PGDOVS)

Applications are invited for Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry & Vision Sciences. The program will develop the skills and knowledge of an Optometrist through rigorous training in various sub-specialties of Optometry and Vision Sciences.

Last date of application submission: 15 June 2019

Online examination date: 22 June 2019

For more details about the program and application process please visit [www.lvpei.org](http://www.lvpei.org) or contact Mr Vijay Kumar Yelagondula. Email- [vijaykumar@lvpei.org](mailto:vijaykumar@lvpei.org)

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