



**Aksauhini**, the All India Strategic Plan for Indian Optometry will be launched on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This will be the backbone for transformation of the Indian Optometry landscape. Its focus on both developing the human resources that India needs as well as setting the foundation for a domestic vision industry for India is a realistic goal. IVI is grateful to the Brien Holden Vision

Institute in Sydney for underwriting the development of this plan. I personally look forward to working along with every Indian optometric sector to make this change possible.

All Indian Optometric peak bodies have endorsed Aksauhini and close working relationships with these bodies is what makes visions such as this possible. My visit to a number of major ophthalmic industries all over India, along with Mr Vivek Mendonsa, President-ASCO, India has only reiterated my belief in the commitment of the industry towards making this change possible.

It is indeed a pleasure to observe the excitement and enthusiasm of the expanding IVI team towards strengthening the Optometry in India.

**Vinod Daniel**  
CEO, India Vision Institute

## IVI Collaborations:

### Memorandum of Understanding with African Vision Research Institute (AVRI):

IVI signed a MOU with AVRI, an affiliated research organization of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



The MOU will facilitate the two organizations to collaborate in furthering Optometry research in India.

### Memorandum of Understanding with Salus University (SU):

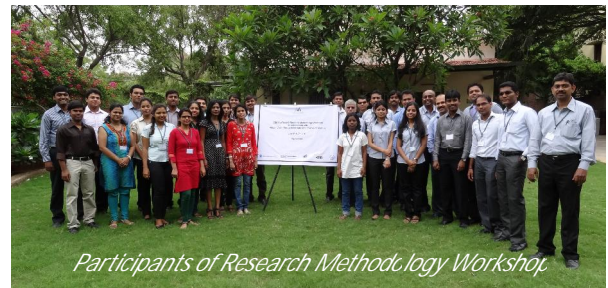
IVI signed a MOU with Salus University, Philadelphia, USA, on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, facilitating six scholarships for Indian Optometric students to pursue post graduate degree through online in public health at the prestigious Salus University.

Salus University, a fully accredited academic institution, offers professional and graduate degree programs in Optometry, Public Health & Education, Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

## Workshop on ICEE EyeTeach® Research Methodology:

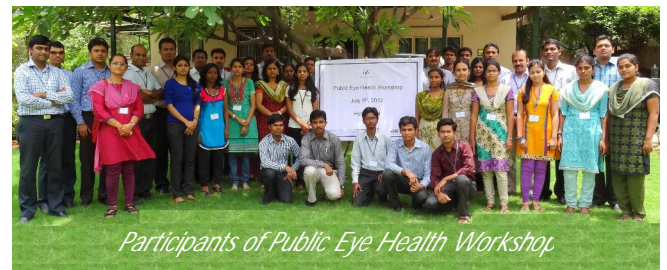
On July 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ICEE through IVI organized a two day long intensive workshop on "ICEE EyeTeach® Research Methodology". 25 Optometric professionals including educators and practitioners from 16 Optometric institutes in India attended. This workshop led by Prof Kovin Naidoo and Ms Jyoti Jaggernath.

We received exemplary feedbacks for this workshop and to quote one - *Mr Babu Noushad from Manipal College of Allied Health Sciences "It was really an eye opening workshop".*



## Workshop on Public Eye Health:

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 IVI held a day long workshop on "Public Eye Health". 32 Optometric professionals, comprising educators, practitioners and students from 18 Optometric institutes in India attended. This workshop led by Prof Kovin Naidoo, Ms Jyoti Jaggernath and Dr Srinivas Marmamula.



IVI thanks Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) for funding Workshops on Research Methodology & Public Eye Health.

## Major Grant for IVI:

IVI is pleased to receive a major grant from Optometry Giving Sight in association with ALCON Foundation. This would enable IVI to deliver capacity building initiatives for Optometric educators in eastern India along with other projects

Optometry Giving Sight is the global fundraising initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error.

Alcon and The Alcon Foundation seek to advance eye health education, improve the quality of eye care and access for patients, and support organizations and programs.

## VISION 2020 India:

IVI joined Vision 2020 - The Right to Sight- India as an institutional member. IVI looks forward to working jointly with Vision 2020 to achieve the common objective of quality eye care practices and eliminating avoidable blindness in India.

## Brien Holden Vision Institute Scholarships for International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (IAPB-9GA):

IVI has registered 325 Indian Optometrists to attend the IAPB 9GA. There was tremendous interest from the Indian Optometric community for this scholarship and we received over 505 applications. IVI is thankful to Rajbir Singh Berwal, Jayanta Bhattacharjee & Monica Chaudhry for assisting IVI in this very important initiative.



## IVI visit to Kolkata and Chennai:

IVI staff visited Optometric schools in Kolkata and Chennai to further partnerships between IVI and the Optometric education sector, develop new partnerships and explore the scope for furthering partnerships.

IVI team also met with ASCO Representatives and other Chennai based Optometric professionals. Collaborations on continuing professional education was an aspect that was extensively discussed.

A resource meeting was also initiated with OCE professional education team based in Chennai on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to explore delivery of online capacity building programs for Optometric practitioners and educators.



L – R: Jissa James, Niranjana Kumar, Vivek Mendonsa, P Sudarshan, Daniel, Vinod Daniel, Priya Gupta & Abhishek Kalbarga.

## Seminars by IVI Team:

Priya Gupta delivered a lecture on 'Scleral Lenses' at Shri Prakash Institute of Optometry, Chennai on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



Abhishek Kalbarga gave a talk on 'Progressive Lenses' at Sri Ramachandra University, Chennai on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



Both the lectures were well received and followed by lively discussions.

## Seminar on Ophthalmic Lenses & Frames:

IVI in association with Bharati Vidyapeeth organised a national seminar on Ophthalmic Lenses & Frames on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, School of Optometry, Pune. Over 150 Optometric professionals attended the seminar.

IVI gratefully acknowledges the support of the BVP Optometry School for anchoring the seminar and the role played by Mr Gopi Vankudre, Assistant Professor, Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Optometry in organizing the seminar successfully.



## New Staff Additions to IVI:

Ms Asha Lele Das joined the gradually expanding IVI team as a part-time Project Specialist, based out of Delhi. Asha brings over two decades of experience in international project management and communication.



Ms Pradnya Gogate joined IVI as Program Associate (Education). Pradnya has experience working as an educator in DY Patil and Bharati Vidyapeeth, School of Optometry.



## IVI upcoming Workshops/Seminars:

Date	Workshop/Seminar
September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	Demystifying Low Vision

### *Other Planned Workshops*

October 2012	ICEE ©EyeTeach
November 2012	Workshop on Non Strabismic Binocular Vision Anomalies
December 2012	Workshop on Bio Statistics, Scientific Writing & Clinical Trails
	ICEE ©EyeTeach
January 2013	Workshop on Dispensing Optics
January & February 2013	Advanced Workshop on Teaching & Learning



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