



It has been a very busy start of the year for IVI with the release of the status report on Optometry Schools in India, launch of a scholarship program for Indian Optometrists to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, September 17-20, 2012 (funding provided by the Brien Holden Vision Institute), hosting of two student seminars

and working on All India Strategy Plan (developing optometry in India) with a consultant team.

IVI wishes its Co Chair, Prof Brien A Holden a very happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and it was a delight for me to be a part of the birthday celebration in Sydney.

I very much look forward to working closely with all of you in 2012 as we make Indian optometry a world power in the international business sphere and as we eliminate uncorrected refractive error in our great country-India.

**Vinod Daniel**  
CEO



**New Website:**

IVI is currently upgrading its website and will be ready by mid February 2012.

The new website will have an emphasis on better communicating our complete range of activities, events and programs.

**Reports by IVI:**

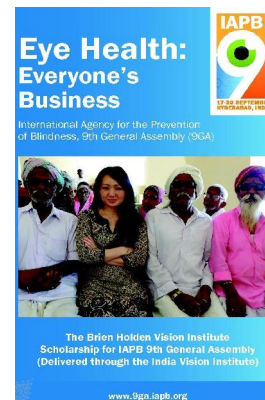
An online survey was done to understand the status on "Optometry Schools in India" and this report from India Vision Institute provides a snapshot of the schools and Optometry programs that are currently available in India. It also provides a glimpse into the uneven spread of schools across the country and the gaps that are currently visible in certain parts of the country. *(Please contact IVI for a copy of the report).*



Mr Puneet Sahai, a consultant from Sydney visited IVI to work on All India Strategy Plan (developing optometry in India).

**Brien Holden Vision Institute Scholarship for the IAPB 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (delivered through India Vision Institute):**

Through funding support from the Brien Holden Vision Institute, IVI announced that it will provide scholarships for up to 300 Indian optometrists to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness in Hyderabad from September 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



Applications are open to optometrists, optometry educators and post-graduate optometry students. For further details, contact India Vision Institute.

#### IVI Seminars:

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 IVI hosted a seminar on "Making Difference" by an eminent educator, Mr Larry Hulbert.

Over 35 optometry students from Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital, Hyderabad attended this seminar.



*Participants of Making Difference*

Below is a feedback we received from a student of Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital:

*Dear IVI team,*

*I am Tihitina, from Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital. I share your vision of providing highest quality of education to prevent blindness; If we all are committed and honest to our dreams, I'm sure that we all can make a difference in which we are involved in.*

*All in all, I appreciate the time you spent with us in realizing our dreams and recommending strategies for achieving them.*

*Hope you will keep in touch with us.*

*Thanking you!  
Tihitina Fetene*

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 IVI hosted an open forum by Ms Christina Sanko, Mr Alessandro Di Capua & Mr Tejah Balantrapu from International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. The session was an introduction of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the planned September 2012 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.



*IVI Team with IAPB Representatives*

#### IVI – Student Grant:

India Vision Institute is pleased to support Elite School of Optometry through provision of a travel grant for 10 students to attend the "Eleventh Dr E Vaithilingam Memorial Scientific Session" which is scheduled to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai.

#### Upcoming Events:

IVI in association with ICEE plans to organize an EyeTeach© workshop on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Through this workshop, various optometry teaching related issues will be discussed, including; what makes a great optometry program, 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.

The workshop will be hands-on, active learning experience in which everyone is expected to participate in the learning and teaching activities.

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please contact India Vision Institute.