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**World Sight Day 2014**

World Sight Day 2014 was celebrated all over the country on the 11th of October, 2014. Here are a few photos of World Sight Day Celebrations from around the country.


**NEWS & EVENTS**

**Prof.Brien Holden Interview**

Prof.Brien Holden, chief mentor of IOF has appreciated the efforts and work of IOF in his interview. The full interview can be accessed at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5lKj7P6BrY&feature=youtu.be

**Vacancy at a new project**

Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust, want to appoint an Optometrist with 1 or 2 years experience for their new project Amrita Dristhi. Any interested candidate can contact Dr Prashant Ph: 08277491865.

1) Examine eyes, using observation, instruments and pharmaceutical agents,

2) Analyze test results and develop a treatment plan.

3) Prescribe, supply, fit and adjust eyeglasses, contact lenses and other vision aids.

4) Educate and counsel patients on contact lens care, visual hygiene, lighting arrangements and safety factors.

5) Supporting doctor during eye surgeries.
In Tamilnadu, Special School Eye screening and Eye Awareness programme was organised at Pitchandi Middle School, (Govt Aided School), Bodinayakanur, Theni District. The event was held under the banner of Indian Optometry Federation, District Blindness Control Society (DBCS), Theni and Lions club of Bodinayakanur cardamom City. DCBS coordinator Mrs. Franciscal, Lions club President Lion. Rajkumar, Secretary Lion. Rajendra Prabu, Treasurer Lion. Naganathan and Zone Chairman Lion. Raju participated in this function. DBCS provided free spectacles to the Refractive Error Students. Total no of students screened was 115 and free spectacle were provided to 16 students.

In celebration of World Sight Day 2014, Rayhan College of Optometry, embarked on a road trip across Edappal, visiting the public, screening school children in need, informing communities on eye health and distribution of posters and lectures at schools, health centres and hospitals on October 9th 2014.

The Drive for Sight event aimed to inform local communities across Edappal about the Institute’s aim to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision impairment through increasing access to eye care and how the community can be a part of the program by seeking affordable eye care for their families and friends.

A screening of school children was arranged for refractive errors and dispensing of glasses for them at GLP school Porookkara. A total of 417 students were screened. Painting competition was also conducted for the children. Trophies and cash prizes were handed over to the winners.

On 11th October 2014 Rayhan college of optometry conducted a free cataract detection screening camp for the public at Edappal public library. The Rayhan faculty and 3rd year students participated in the screening programme. A total of 387 people were screened.

An awareness raising seminar on “Eye health” was held at Rayhan college with active participation of public and students.
Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy- EyeTeach: From Clinician to Educator

IVI Academy for eye care educators is pleased to announce the Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy- Eye Teach: From Clinician to Educator.

“Heart Clinician to Educator Workshop” is a two day face to face workshop introducing the concepts of learning & teaching best practice and developing teaching skills in optometry. The workshop is a hands on, active learning experience where all the participants are expected to join in learning and teaching activities. IVI acknowledges the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program.

Register here:
http://indiavisioninstitute.org/Upcoming114page.aspx

EyeTeach Series: Biostatistics and Scientific Writing Workshop

IVI in collaboration with African Vision Research Institute are inviting applications for a 3 day, Brien Holden Vision Institute Academy EyeTeach Series, Biostatistics and Scientific Writing Workshop scheduled on October 29 – 31 October, 2014.

The preliminary course on biostatistics will focus on several introductory topics in biostatistics which form the basis for further methods such as linear regression, logistic regression and survival analysis.

Scientific writing session will intended to help eye health cadres and researchers develop their skills in written communication and make them more effective in sharing their knowledge of science in the future in the form of scientific papers, reports and peer reviewed articles.

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Faculty support program – Binocular vision

The first round of the IVI Faculty Support Program (FSP) on Binocular Vision was successfully hosted by the School of Allied Health Sciences, Manipal University, Manipal during 22 September - 1 October 2014. Started in 2013, Faculty Support Program is an IVI’s initiative for Optometry educators from across India. Mr Sailesh Barve, Lecturer at MES College of Optometry, Pune, and Ms Dakaruhipaya War, Lecturer, Bansara institute of Ophthalmic Sciences, Shillong, participated in the program.
Workshop on Sports Vision

As part India Vision Institute’s (IVI) Faculty development and continuing professional development initiatives, IVI organized Change the Game: workshop on Sports Vision at the NSHM Knowledge campus in Kolkata on 25-26 September and Dr. Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi on 28-29 September 2014.

“Addressing a range of issues including the importance of vision in sports, specific visual considerations for individual sports, and benefits of vision therapy for excellence in sport, the two-day intensive workshop on sports vision highlighted the significant contribution optometrists can make towards securing excellence in sports and promoting safe sports”, said the IVI CEO, Mr Vinod Daniel, on the occasion.

“Through a range of intensive training programs for eye care professionals, IVI is committed to making a contribution towards excellence in sports”, Mr Daniel added.

The workshop was facilitated by Professor Graham Barclay Erickson, a Diplomat in the Binocular Vision and Paediatric Optometry Section of the American Academy of Optometry, Fellow of COVD, and Professor at Pacific University College of Optometry.

Over 70 optometry professionals, educators and students from a number of optometry institutions including, Vidyasagar College of Optometry, Rotary Eye Hospital, Ramakrishna Mission, NSHM, Vasan Eye Care, Lions Hospital, RSEI, Radiant Eye Foundation, Ashram Biwaniwalla and Health &Opticare, Amity University, Dr. Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital, AllIMS, Venu Eye Institute, K D Dalimya Eye Hospital, GKB Opticals, UP RIMS, NAIE, Netra Mandir, Teerthankar Mahaveer University and Fortis Eye Hospital participated in the workshop.

Collaboration and Support:
India Vision Institute, a joint initiative of the LV Prasad Eye Institute, India and the Brien Holden Vision Institute, Australia, supports research, education and technological development in vision correction, eye disease and blindness prevention. IVI acknowledges the support of Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation and Optometry Giving Sight in funding the program.

Masterclass Knowledge Fest

Masterclass Optometry is a unique educational initiative for upgrading Optometry profession in India. A three days fest of knowledge, skills, fun and networking is being organized in the form of an optometry conference. In the first two days there will be a plethora of eminent speakers sharing their knowledge, wisdom and experience.

The last day will be dedicated to workshops that will enhance practical skills and help the attendees apply the newly acquired knowledge and skills in their practice immediately.

For further details and registration please visit www.masterclassoptometry.com
Two New Services by IVI

OptDistList
The OptDistList is a consolidated e-digest, which will be emailed to all subscribers once/twice a month depending upon the volume of information received from the Optometry and eye care fraternity.

IVI invites contributions including latest updates and new developments in Optometry, innovative ideas, optometry job vacancies, conferences, links to interesting articles and other latest happenings.

All contributions need to be in word format (not more than two to three paragraphs including a title).

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Funding and support for the site is provided by Essilor.

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www.indianoptometryfederation.org/attachments/Indian-Optometry-Federation-Membership-Form-V2.pdf

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