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VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA

QUARTERLY REPORT **April – June 2012**

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Greetings to all members of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA

The last quarter April to June has been a hectic period full of activities as the team of VISION 2020 – INDIA have been facilitating workshops and meeting members.

It has been an important period for advocacy as we have several meetings both at the State and the Central level senior health officials advocating the need for giving emphasis to eye care programmes.

One important workshop on Costing of eye care services that saw participation from very experienced eye care fraternity will go a long way in our advocacy with the government and INGOs as far as the costing of services is concerned.

We have also have began Quality Assessment workshops from this quarter in the hospitals that were decided at the Board Meeting. This is aligned to our commitment to one of the focus areas of achieving quality eye care.

But most of all, it has been a hectic period preparing for the AGBM to be held at Aravind. A record number of members have already registered for the AGBM and we hope that the interaction at Madurai will be invigorating and will prove to be motivating for us to pave new ideas to achieve our goal of eliminating avoidable blindness.

See you all in Madurai.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Deshpande'.

Col. M. Deshpande,
President.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G.V. Rao'.

Dr. G.V. Rao,
CEO



VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA
8th Annual Conference
July 21 -22, 2012
Hosted by
Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai

VISION2020—INDIA invites all its members for the 8th Annual Conference

This year for the first time in the history of VISION2020 - INDIA, we have redesigned the conference to incorporate FIVE parallel tracks for the Technical Session. The sessions are offered under **Five Parallel Tracks** -

LEADERSHIP	OPERATION THEATRE MANAGEMENT	OUTREACH MODULE	OPTOMETRY	ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
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The themes are designed to cover the different aspects of a hospital's performance that are critical to achieve excellence. All the sessions have been designed to be highly practical and focus on drawing best practices from successful eye care organisations across the country.

The Annual Conference, for the first time, will have participation from the manufacturers of ophthalmic equipments. The aim is to provide them with a platform where the requirements of our member organizations can be discussed.

Till date nearly 300 participants have registered for the Annual Conference. Registrations are still open. We would encourage all members to avail of this opportunity to interact, network with the eye care fraternity in India and to take home learning that will take your hospital and your practice to the next level of excellence.

The entire event has been designed and is being hosted by Aravind Eye Care, Madurai.

For members who have not registered as yet, kindly do so. Else you can spot register at the venue:
www.vision2020india.org/ www.araving.org

For Our Members

VISION2020 – INDIA is taking forward a dialogue that was initiated with the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) to develop a separate Accreditation for eye centre and hospitals. This effort is in collaboration with All India Ophthalmology Society. After a recent meeting with the Assistant Director, NABH, VISION2020 – INDIA is in the process of drafting a proposal to be submitted to NABH citing aspects for considering separate accreditation standards for eye hospitals and Small SU's. The proposal will highlight the medical interventions and the social aspects in eye care that makes them different from a general hospital.

We will keep our members posted on the development on this aspect.

Advocacy

VISION 2020 - India team along with Mr. N.P. Pandya and Col. (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, met with former President of India, His Excellency Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and invited him for the forthcoming Annual Meeting to be held in Madurai in July and for World Sight Day in October at Baroda.



While interacting with the team, Dr Kalam expressed his concerned about Glaucoma and what work was being done by NGOs to create awareness about it and also treating it.

VISION 2020 – INDIA team with His Excellency former President, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Meetings with the government: It is our constant endeavour to represent the voice and the concerns of all our members to the policy makers at the Centre and State level. And for this, we make all efforts to have regular meeting with senior government officials. Col (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao and Ms Sridevi Sunderarajan had meetings with government officials. They met Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, MoHFW and invited her to attend the Costing of Eye Care Services workshop in June, 8th AGBM in July and VISION 2020 India's technical session at IAPB 9GA in September. She agreed to come to 8th AGBM and IAPB meetings. During the meeting, Ms. Sujaya Krishnan expressed that she was keen that all VISION 2020 – INDIA members enter data through HMIS. She was apprised about the concerns faced by our members for registering in HMIS. Ms. Krishnan has requested for a feedback on the kind of problems our members are facing. Subsequent to this meeting, a compiled document with the problems faced by our members was submitted to Dr. Rajasekhar, who is coordinating the HMIS program. This will be further followed up to resolve the issues.

Col (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao and Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan also met Dr. Rajvardhan Azad, Chief, RP Centre, AIIMS to invite him for the forthcoming VISION 2020 – INDIA events. Dr. Azad reiterated the need for HR mapping in the country and the need for VISION 2020 – INDIA to coordinate the entire exercise. He appreciated VISION 2020 – INDIA’s skill transfer programs and suggested that the aim of the program could be further extended to the private medical colleges where there is a huge need for such programs.

While discussing the need for a national level workshop to highlight the eye disease burden in the country, Dr. Azad suggested holding of a national workshop on Diabetic Retinopathy, which is the need of the hour. The workshop will be held in February, at AIIMS, Delhi.

Meeting with NRHM Director, UP

In an effort towards advocacy at the State level, VISION 2020 – INDIA had constructive meetings: one with Director, NRHM (Uttar Pradesh) and Health Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare & Ayushi Services, Government of Karnataka.

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA’s members from Uttar Pradesh and INGO Sightsavers met NRHM Director of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Meshram in May 2012. The aim of the meeting was to discuss how members of VISION 2020 – INDIA from Uttar Pradesh can integrate eye care into primary health care under the NRHM programme.



Following discussions with the NRHM Director, Mr. Meshram and suggestion from him, a draft with estimated need for Uttar Pradesh for cataract, school screening and other diseases based on the standard tools was compiled by our members from Uttar Pradesh and submitted to NRHM, UP.

VISION 2020 – INDIA team with Mr. Meshram, Director, NRHM, Uttar Pradesh.

The team from VISION 2020 – INDIA that met the NRHM Director were: Col.(retd) Dr. M. Deshpande; Dr GV Rao; Dr Mahendra, Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Mr. A.K. Arora, Dr Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi; Mr Vijay Tandon, JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Dr Ashi Khurana, CL Gupta Eye Hospital, Mordabad; Dr.(Col.)Madhu Bhadauria Sitapur Eye Hospital, Sitapur; Mr Subramaniam, SNC, Chitarkoot, Madhya Pradesh and representing INGOs voice was Ms. Monu Ravindran from Sight Savers. Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan from VISIN2020 – INDIA was also part of the meeting.



From left: Mr. Anurag Misra & Mr. A.K. Arora, Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi; Dr. (Col.) Madhu Bhadauria, Sitapur Eye Hospital, Sitapur; Col(Retd.) Dr Deshpande; Mr Vijay Tandon, JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Mr Vijay Tandon, JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Mr Vijay Tandon, JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Dr . Y.Mahendra, Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur; Mr Subramaniam, SNC, Chitarkoot, Madhya Pradesh; Ms. Monu Ravindran from Sight Savers; Dr Ashi Khurana, CL Gupta Eye Hospital, Mordabad.

We would like to thank all our members from Uttar Pradesh who came for the meeting and especially to Dr Mahendra for coordinating the meeting with NHRM.

Meeting with Karnataka Health Commissioner

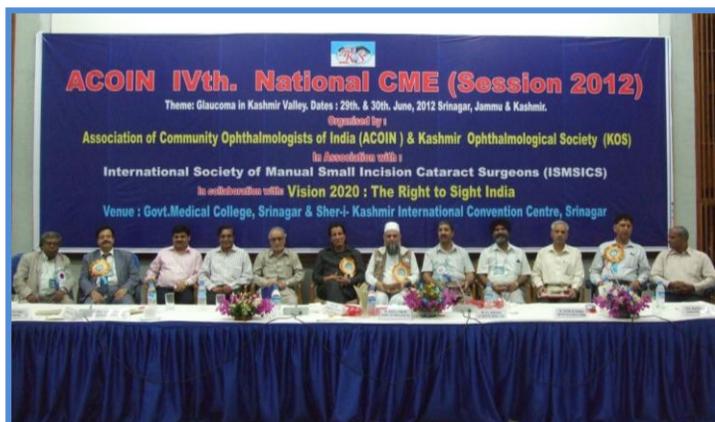
In another State level advocacy, VISION 2020 – INDIA team met Mr. B.S. Ramaprasad, Commissioner Health and Family Welfare & Ayushi Services, Government of Karnataka. The Commissioner, Mr. B.S. Ramaprasad was apprised of the role of VISION 2020 – INDIA. He was also informed of VISION 2020 – INDIA's Karnataka state level meeting discussion to develop/ review the existing primary eye care models and developed monitoring indicators for the existing primary eye care model. The Commissioner was requested to hold a workshop in Karnataka with DPMS and NGO eye care service providers to further discuss disseminate the programs details. The Commissioner has agreed to the proposal.

The team from VISION 2020 – INDIA comprised of: Col (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande; Dr G.V. Rao along with Dr. R. V. Ramani, Director, Sanakara Eye Institutions and Mr R Balasubramaniam Founder, Sankara Eye Hospital, Mr. Antony from CBM, Ms. Vrinda Arora, Program Manager and Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan, Development Communication Officer.



From left: Mr R Balasubramania, Sankara Eye Hospital; Col (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande; Mr. B.S. Ramaprasad, Commissioner Health and Family Welfare & Ayushi Services, Government of Karnataka; Dr. R. V. Ramani, Dr G.V. Rao; Mr. Antony, CBM and Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan.

Meeting with J & K Health Minister



ACOIN members, Dr. Praveen Vashist from Dr. R.P Centre, AIIMS at the meeting with Honourable Health Minister, J & K Shri Sham Lal Sharma in Srinagar.

Dr. G.V. Rao attended a CME organized by ACOIN in Srinagar in June. During the CME, Dr. G.V. Rao, Dr. Praveen Vashist, Dr. Swapan Samanta and senior ophthalmologists from ACOIN met Hon'ble Minister for Health, Floriculture & Horticulture, Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Sham Lal Sharma. The team discussed the situation of eye care in the State and the step that needs to be taken to improve it. Minister, Shri Sham Lal Sharma was concerned about the situation in the State regarding eye care and has assured that he will call for a meeting in September for a more detailed discussion.

Programme Development

This quarter saw a number of zonal meetings and workshops to develop our programmes to align with our focus areas of Quality, Equity and Comprehensive eye care.

In the month of April a meeting of Central zone members was held at Sri Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya Chitrakoot on the 25th. Twenty nine participants from ten member organisations from the central zone attended the meeting along with INGOs Sightsavers and ORBIS International. From the government, Dr. V.A. Joshi, Jt. Director, State Blindness Control Program, Madhya Pradesh participated in the workshop and provided valuable inputs.



Participants at the central zone meeting.

The post lunch session involved group work to map their service delivery network and work out the gaps in need and availability.

During the open forum, members were encouraged to discuss any matter and share feedback.

All members expressed their satisfaction with the zonal meeting and expressed interest in having such

Dr. Ranjana Mehra requested VISION 2020 - India to provide training support for repairing of instruments. SNC offered to conduct training for her team.

Dr. Deepshikha enquired if VISION 2020 - India could arrange for training at subsidised costs.

We thank Dr. B.K. Jain for hosting the event and his team for arranging all the logistics excellently.

'Bringing Equity in Eye Care Services'



Participants at the VISION 2020 – INDIA South Zone meeting with the members from Andhra Pradesh.

Bringing Equity in Eye Care Services' - A zonal meeting of VISION 2020 - India's members based out of Andhra Pradesh was held at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad on 19th May with the theme for the workshop was 'Brining Equity in Eye Care'.

Dr. Shankariah, Joint Director and SPO, Govt of Andhra Pradesh and the meeting saw a strong participation of 32 including INGOs. Dr. G.N. Rao addressed the meeting outlining how we can move ahead by developing linkages with other government programmes and integrate with general health care without losing focus on eye care and the need to develop models for creating awareness.

Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA addressed the meeting and apprised the members about VISION 2020: The Right to Sight, the global initiative and recent activities and achievements. He also made a presentation about the strategic planning exercise conducted at H.V. Desai thus highlighting the benefits of such an exercise.

Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO, VISION 2020 – INDIA made a presentation on the membership benefits and encouraged all members to avail the services being provided by VISION 2020 - INDIA. Ms. Manimala, representative, VISION 2020 – INDIA spoke about “Management Systems for bringing in Sustainability and Equity in Eye Hospitals”.

All member organisations present made presentations and share their problems. They also discussed various issues faced by them and requested Dr. Shankariah to help them resolve these issues.

We are thankful to Dr. G.N.Rao, Dr. Usha Gopinathan and Dr. G.Chandrashekhar, LVPEI for participating in the meeting and hosting the meeting. We are also grateful to Dr. Srinivas Reddy from Andhra Pradesh Right to Sight for supporting the meeting.

‘Eye Care and Health Care – Integration at the Primary Level’

‘Eye Care and Health Care – Integration at the Primary Level’: On 20th May, VISION 2020 – INDIA south zone meeting with members from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu was held at Sankara Eye Hospital in Bengaluru. The theme for this workshop was ‘Eye Care and Health Care: Integration at the primary level’. The meeting had a strong participation of twenty participants including INGO CBM. The meeting was hosted by Sankara Eye Hospital, Bengaluru.



Participants at the south zone (Karnataka & Tamil Nadu) meeting

Dr. R.V. Ramani, Director, Sankara Foundation addressed the meeting highlighting the integration of eye care and health care at the primary level. Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA addressed the meeting and apprised the members about VISION 2020: The Right to Sight, the global initiative and recent activities and achievements. Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO, VISION 2020 – INDIA made



a presentation on the membership benefits and encouraged all members to avail the services being provided by VISION 2020 - INDIA.

We had the privilege of Dr. Chandrashekhara Shetty as a distinguished guest for the meeting and thankful to him for his valuable inputs

Participants at the meeting were divided in group to work out on the theme of the meeting.

Group work in progress

Some of the suggestions that came up during the open house of the meeting were:

- To conduct workshops on 'Proposal Writing' and 'Resource Mobilization'
- Share case studies on successful fund raising initiatives
- Vision 2020 India members may be allowed to use the logo of Vision 2020 India on the official letterheads of member organizations with necessary approvals and specifications as applicable.

Members shared their feedback on the meeting:

- They felt that the meeting has brought them closer and we should continue to have such meetings.
- VISION 2020 as a collective voice and forum should be able to get all the hospitals' voice across to the government.
- These meetings should be developed into a module and then presented to the government.

A small workshop with Dr. R.V. Ramani, Dr. S.C. Shetty, Ms. Manimala, Col (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, Dr. G. V. Rao, Ms. Sridevi and Ms. Vrinda was held to discuss how to develop/ review the existing primary eye care models and developed monitoring indicators for the existing primary eye care model. A concept had been developed and shared with the team for further action.

'Costing of Eye Care Services'

A two day workshop on 'Costing of Eye Care Services' was held at HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune on 21st & 22nd June. 34 participants attended the meeting. Mr. R. Thulasiraj coordinated the workshop. Over two days the participants brain stormed to decide on the standard protocols based on which the costing would be worked out. All the participants divided into disease specific group: Cataract, Refractive Error, Glaucoma, Retina and Childhood Blindness discussed worked out costing of treatment right from the primary level.



Workshop in progress

The aim of the workshop was to develop a common costing of common eye disease that can be a referral while advocating with the government, INGOs and other supporters.

As the outcome of the workshop, templates are being prepared that will be shared with all the members.

Mr. Nitin Desai hosted a dinner for all the participants and HV Desai Eye Hospital hosted the workshop. We are thankful to both of them.



Participants at the Costing of Eye Care Services'

Quality assessment workshop: Two Quality Assessment workshops were held in this quarter: one was conducted at SNC, Chitrakoot (May 11 & 12, 2012) and Mahatme Eye (June 8 & 9, 2012) Hospital in Nagpur. Dr. Usha Gopinathan, Executive Director, LVPEI was the resource person for these workshops. Over the two days, she assessed all the departments – both clinical and non clinical - of the hospital for quality and shared her inputs with the management.

As a follow up to the workshop, both the hospitals will provide inputs about the progress quarterly.

Dr. Usha was supported by team from VISION 2020 – INDIA: Col (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao and Ms. Vrinda Arora.

We would like to thank Dr. G.N. Rao for accepting LVPEI to provide the resource person and Dr Usha Gopinathan for accepting to conduct the workshops.



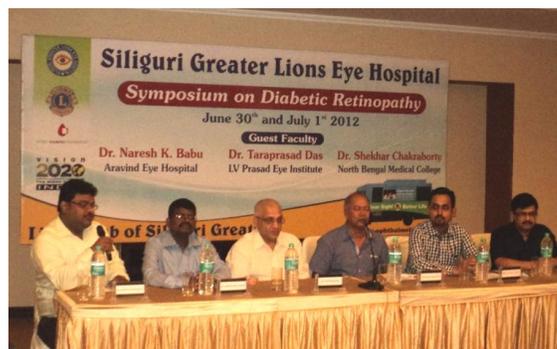
Review of the strategic planning at Khairabad Eye Hospital.

Strategic Planning Review: VISION 2020 - India team comprising of Col.(Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, Dr. GV Rao and Sridevi Sunderarajan visited Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur to conduct a review of the strategic plan and quality systems of the hospital. They also reviewed the branding of the hospital and suggested a promotion plan for branding of the organisation.

The review included heads of all the departments. Areas for improvements were identified by the team for a follow up.

Hospital Based Programs for skill transfer: Four programmes were held in this quarter. We would like to thank the volunteer faculty who took time off from their very busy schedule to provide training. The pool of voluntary faculty is from VISION 2020 – INDIA member organisations. The programme was held in the following hospitals:

- Dr. Subodh Sinha from Venu Eye Institute conducted a HBP for Glaucoma at Sadguru Sankalp Netra Chikitsalaya, Anandpur from June 3rd – 7th, 2012.
- Dr. Vinay Nangia from Suraj Eye Institute conducted a HBP for Glaucoma from June 15th -17th, 2012 at KK Eye Institute, Pune.



CME on DR in progress at Greater Lions Hospital, Siliguri.

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- Dr. T.P. Das from LVPEI, Bhubaneshwar conducted a CME on Diabetic Retinopathy at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital during the programme that was conducted from June 30th June – July 1st, 2012.
- Mr. Vijay Kumar from Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai facilitated the development of a long-term strategy on prevention and control of Diabetic Retinopathy at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital on 30th June – 1st July.

Other Meetings



The 34th Board Meeting and Executive Committee meeting was held at the VISION 2020 – INDIA national office in NCR Delhi on 27th April. Among other points, the details of the AGBM were finalized in consultation with the Board members and LAICO.

We thank ORBIS for providing us the venue to hold the meeting.

Board Meeting in progress.

VISIT to Member Organisations

VISION 2020 – INDIA team visited a number of member organisations with an aim to touch base with them and also to learn the areas where VISION 2020 – INDIA can offer its benefits. Visit to Uttar Pradesh: Col (Retd) Dr.M. Deshpande, Dr.G.V. Rao and Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan visited four member organizations in Uttar Pradesh. The team visited Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur.

VISIT to Uttar Pradesh



Dr Mahendra and his team Dr. G.V. Rao and Col Deshpande At Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur.

Visited a new member, J.L. Rohtagi Eye Hospital in Kanpur and explained about VISION 2020 - India programmes and how they can benefit from the programs. Mr. Vijay Tandon, Head of the hospital took the team from VISION 2020 – INDIA for a tour of the hospital and also introduced his entire medical team to the visitors.



Dr. (Col.) Madhu Bhadauria taking the VISION 2020 – INDIA for a tour of the hospital.

Indira Gandhi Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Lucknow was the last stop for the VISION 2020 – INDIA team in UP. Dr. Arvind Dayal, CEO of the hospital welcomed the team and met a presentation about the activities of the hospital.



Dr. Dayal with the VISION 2020 – INDIA team while visiting the Indira Gandhi Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Lucknow .

We would like to thank all the members from UP who welcomed our team and explained their activities. They were all wonderful hosts. We would especially like to thank Dr. Mahendra from Khairabad Eye Hospital who accompanied the team from VISION 2020 – INDIA to all the hospitals. We look forward to having a stronger partnership with them in the future.

Kerala Visit



From June 11th – 14th the VISION 2020 - INDIA team visited five of its six members in Kerala. The main purpose of this visit was to take a tour of the facility and suggest ways of working together. It was a successful trip with members expressing interest in the services offered by VISION 2020 - INDIA.

At Little Flower Eye Hospital. From left Dr. Ramanan (HOD), Dr. Thomas Cherian, Col. Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao, Father Sebastian. Ms. Mary Sebastian and Ms Vrinda Arora standing behind.

At Little Flower Eye Hospital, the team from VISION 2020 – INDIA: Col (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, Dr.G.V. Rao and Ms Vrinda Arora were greeted by Dr. Ramanan (HOD), Dr. Thomas Cherian and Ms. Mary Sebastian. They took the team from VISION 2020 - INDIA on a tour of the hospital which was opened only recently in February 2012.



At VASM Charitable Trust: Dr. G.V. Rao, Col Deshpande, Dr. Verghese Joseph, Dr. Amita Verghese, Ms Vrinda Arora and the VASM Team.

The next member organisation to visit was Ranjini Eye Hospital which is headed by Dr. NSD Raju, current President of All India Ophthalmological Society, and Dr. Biju Raju. Col. Deshpande and Dr. GV Rao provided them with updates on VISION 2020 - INDIA's activities and also discussed ways of further involving VISION 2020 - INDIA with AIOS and other platforms.

On the second day of the tour, the team VISION 2020 - INDIA, **VASM Charitable Trust** at Tiruvalla. Mr. Sharon, Dr. Rahul and Ms. Sheeba. They took us on a tour of the hospital which included the OPD, medical records department, examination rooms, spectacles shop etc. Dr. Verghese Joseph and Dr. Amita Verghese also met the VISION 2020 - INDIA team and apprised them about the facility at the hospital.



At Ahalia Foundation Eye Hospital: Dr Sajeev Jacob and Dr G.V. Rao with their lab in charge.

The next member was in the neighboring Pallakad – Ahalia Foundation Eye Hospital. The VISION 2020 – INDIA team was given a tour of the hospital and met with the Chief Medical Director, Dr. Rajkumar Maheshwari and his team.

From Pallakad, the team VISION 2020 – INDIA visited two member organizations in the neighbouring state – Tamil Nadu. The team met with Dr. R.V. Ramani from Sankara Eye Hospital and Dr. Sivabalan of K.G. Eye Hospital.

Back to Kerala, the last stop of the visit was at Al Salama Eye Hospital at Perinthalmanna where the VISION 2020 – INDIA team met with Adv. Samsudeen, Dr. Swadique and their team. They made a brief presentation about their organization and the work being done by them



At **Al Salama Eye Hospital**: Adv. Samsudeen with Col Deshpande.

We would like to thank all the members who helped us coordinate the entire visit and for their wonderful and generous hospitality.

Highlights

Networking Meetings

April 7: Col. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao attended the Delhi Ophthalmology Society conference on 7th April and made presentations on 'Excellence in Eye Care' and 'Sustainability of Eye Care Services' respectively.

April 28: Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO, VISION 2020 - INDIA and Dr. (Mrs.) Jennifer V. Basaiawmoit, representative, north east zone, VISION 2020 - INDIA attended the foundation day function of R.P. Centre, AIIMS at New Delhi on 28th April. Both Dr. Rao and Dr. Jennifer met Dr. N.K. Agarwal, NPCB who was also attending the event.

April 29: Dr. G.V. Rao and Dr. (Mrs.) Jennifer Basaiawmoit attended the LIONS North East conclave at Guwahati on 29th April. At the conclave, both had the opportunity to meet a number of potential north east members.

May 1st and 2nd Dr. GV Rao visited Hyderabad to meet with Dr. Usha Gopinathan, LVPEI to discuss the details of quality assessment workshop. During the same visit he also met with Dr. Srinivasa Reddy from A.P. Right to Sight Society to discuss the logistics of the A.P. member's meet scheduled to be held on 19th May at LVPEI, Hyderabad. He also met Mr. Ganesh from EBAI to get updated guidelines on eye banking and discuss how Vision 2020 India can work with members on eye bank fortnight events.

May 15: VISION 2020 India team visited a partner in East Delhi, Anugraha Drishtidaan, to explore ways of working together. They have offered support for WSD 2012 scheduled to be held in Baroda.

May 18: Vision 2020 - INDIA members: Col (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, Mr. N.P. Pandya and Dr. G. V. Rao visited Lotus eye hospital, Mumbai and held a meeting with the management and the team to explain VISION 2020 - INDIA programs.

May 18: The VISION 2020 – INDIA team participated in the Sightsavers India’s program on ‘**Through Different Eyes**’ at St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai including children’s photo exhibition. CEO of SSI and Minister of Health of Maharashtra were present among other dignitaries.

May 22: During the visit to Bangalore, on 22nd May, Dr. G.V Rao and Ms Vrinda Arora visited Narayana Nethralaya. They met Dr. (Major) Narendra P and Dr. Jyoti Shetty, Mr. Sankarappa and the clinical team at Bangalore West Lions Eye Hospital to discuss about the VISION 2020 - INDIA programs and how they can collaborate with us.

The VISION 2020 – INDIA team also visited the office of CBM and met Dr. Sara Varughese, Mr. Antony, Mr. Prateep Chakraborty and Ms. Nagaratnam and shared the work of Vision 2020 India’s programs.

May 25: Col (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, Dr.G.V. Rao and Ms Sridevi Sunderarajan met Mr. Vinod Daniel, India Vision Institute on **25th May**, and discussed ways to develop human resources for optometry and how to create a bridging course for the same. Areas where the two organizations can collaborate was also came up during the meeting.

June 1: Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao attended LVPEI’s silver jubilee function held in Hyderabad on 1st June 2012.

June 28 – 30: Dr. G.V. Rao attended a CME organized by ACOIN in Srinagar from 28th – 30th June. The three day event involved community eye health activities, strategic planning for Kashmir and a CME on Glaucoma.

Visitors to our office

- Manuela Kräuter and Johannes Trimmel of Light for the World visited VISION 2020 - India’s office and discussed about their work in North East and gave their inputs for the northeast zone meeting that is to be held.



From Left: Johannes Trimmel & Manuela Kräuter, Light for the World, Mr Rishi R Borah, ORBIS and Dr.G.V. Rao at the VISION 2020 – INDIA office.

- Mr. Gimms Andrews, the new CEO of Mission for Vision visited VISION 2020 - India office in the month of April and discussed the activities of his organisation. He wanted to learn about VISION 2020 - INDIA's role and discussed the possibilities of areas of collaboration.



Ms. Caroline Harper, OBE, CEO of Sightsavers International visited the VISION 2020 India. She was accompanied by Ms.Elizabet Kurian. The VISION 2020 - INDIA team updated Ms Caroline on the recent activities and the benefits being offered to the members and also about plans for the upcoming months including VISION 2020 India's involvement at IAPB 9GA.

From Left: Ms Sridevi, Dr. G.V. Rao, Ms. Caroline Harper, Ms Elizabeth Kurian and Ms. Vrinda Arora.

- A team from Nanritam, an organization based in Purulia, visited the VISION 2020 India office on 4th June to meet with the team and discuss ways of collaborating together. They have become members of VISION 2020 India.
- Mr. Kevin Hassey, President, Vision Spring and Mr. Pritpal Marjara, Regional Director - Asia, Vision Spring visited the VISION 2020 India office on 6th June. They discussed issues related to refractive errors - magnitude, prevalence, access at the primary level.

Member's Corner

Two of our members have given us news to be shared with other members. Indian Optometry Federation has given us news about Prof Brien Holden.

IOF Mentor receives prestigious honor from University of Houston



University of Houston has honored the mentor of IOF, Prof.Brien Holden with their highest honor, "Honorary doctor of Humane letters" .Professor Holden has been "the most influential optometrist of our generation", according to world authority on myopia research, Professor Earl Smith III.

Congratulations from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA!

The other news is from MGM, Raipur. Their first Vision Centre was inaugurated by local patients Mr. Bihari Ram Dewangan and Baby Reshma in the presence of Mrs. Gurjeet Kaur Bhatia, Vice Chairmen, Nagar Panchayat, Kharora, Consultants of MGM Eye Institute and Dr. Anupam Sahu and Dr. Mihir Mishra and public of Kharora.

This is indeed great news and we wish MGM Eye Hospital all the best in all their future endeavours.

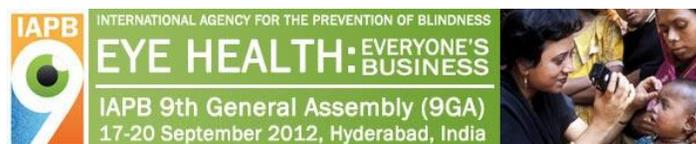


Organisational Development

Mr. Mahaveer Jain, Finance & Administration Officer, VISION2020 - INDIA attended a workshop on 'Workshop on Changes in FCRA 2010, Its implications and other legal issues for NGOs' on 17th April organized by South Asian Fund Raising Group (SAFRG).

Upcoming Events

Eye Donation fortnight is observed every year from August 25 to September 8 and the last day of the fortnight is observed as eye donation day.



The IAPB 9th General Assembly is one of its kind of events for the eye care community in India. It is an opportunity to hear the best speakers in eye care from around the world. From September 17 – 20, 2012

At Hyderabad. VISION 2020 – INDIA will be holding a technical session on 'Technology and Innovation in Eye Care' on **20, 2012 from 3.30 to 6 p.m. at Hyderabad.** The session will feature some interesting sharing of experiences and information.

You may visit their website for details about the program schedule, registration details, supporters etc. – <http://9ga.iapb.org>.

The World Sight Day, this year is on October 13. This year's WSD by VISION 2020 – INDIA will be observed at baroda.

Feedback from members is welcome.
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