The Quarterly Report is compiled by Team VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA: Mr. Mahaveer Jain, Ms. Vrinda Arora, Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan.
Greetings to all members of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA.

It has been an eventful quarter (July – September). We stepped into the quarter conducting the 8th Annual Conference at Madurai and ended the quarter on a very satisfying note with the VISION 2020 – INDIA’s participation at the IAPB 9th GA at Hyderabad.

The 8th Annual Conference was unique in its design to benefit all departments in a hospital and we are glad that it was welcomed by our members who participated in large numbers. We are glad that we could offer a useful conference to our members and we thank all our members who participated in large numbers - to enrich their knowledge and share their experiences and helped make the conference a success.

A large part of our gratitude goes to Dr. R.D. Ravindran and his very able team who organised the conference so meticulously, keeping the interest of all departments in mind. But it is equally important to thank all our members, who participated in large numbers - to enrich their knowledge and share their experiences and helped make the conference a success.

We are specially thankful to Mr. Keshav Desiraju, Special Secretary, MOHFW; Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, MOHFW; Dr. N. K. Aggarwal, Deputy Director General (opth)MoHFW; Dr. (Prof) Rajvardhan Azad, Chief, Dr. R. P Centre; Dr. V. Rajshekhar; and Dr. G. N. Rao, Chair, LVP Eye Institute; Mr. R. D. Thulasiraj, Executive Director, LAICO, Aravind Eye Hospital; Mr. Peter Ackland, CEO, IAPB; Dr. Pararajashegaram, Past President, IAPB; Dr. Praveen Vashist, Dr. R. P. Centre, our Executive, Board and General Body Members and others for their valuable inputs.

And now, plans are afoot for the 9th Annual Conference. The venue is: Bhopal; dates: April 6 & 7, 2013 and the host for the conference is Sewa Sadan, our member from Central Zone. Kindly block your dates.

Best Regards

Col. M. Deshpande, President

Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO
Five parallel tracks, 460 participants from 18 states: VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA’s 8th Annual Conference hosted by Aravind Eye Care, Madurai created history of sorts in eye care management. It was perhaps for the first time that such a large number of clinical and non-clinical professionals in eye care were attending such a conference under one roof.

“It was an unique opportunity for learning which is generally not available in the more commonly held CME’s that are more clinical in nature. This conference focused more on delivery aspects and involved all the departments in an eye hospital,” commented Dr. R. D. Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System and Organising Secretary for the conference on the profile of the conference.

Held on July 21 & 22, 2012 the annual conference titled ‘Taking your ophthalmic practice to the next level’ was inaugurated by Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India while Mr. Anshul
Mishra, Collector, Madurai, Dr P. Namperumalsamy, Chairman – Emeritus, Aravind Eye Care Systems were the distinguished guests at the inaugural function.

In another first, the conference also provided a platform for the manufacturers of ophthalmic equipments and drugs to participate. “Our aim was to bring all the stakeholders in eye care delivery together on a single platform for a fruitful sharing and learning to manage the problem of avoidable blindness,” said Dr.G.V. Rao, CEO, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA about the participation of the traders.

Post the conference, an analysis of the various sessions and participation throws some interesting trends: the number of supporting staff outnumbered the ophthalmologists to attend the conference. Out of the total participants at the annual conference, 136 were doctors/ophthalmologists, 171 were administrators and 153 were paramedical staff. These numbers reaffirm the need for such comprehensive conferences.

An analysis of the sessions show that out of the five sessions the most well attended, going by the number of supporting staff outnumbered the ophthalmologists to attend the conference. Out of the total participants at the annual conference, 136 were doctors/ophthalmologists, 171 were administrators and 153 were paramedical staff. These numbers reaffirm the need for such comprehensive conferences.

We would like to thank Ms. Lakshmi Shinde, India Coordinator, International Centre for Eyecare Education who coordinated the session on optometry and optical dispensing along with Dr. T.P. Das, Vice President, VISION 2020 – INDIA, Ms. Dhivya, Faculty at LAICO and Dr. R.D. Ravindran for taking all efforts to make this session so successful.
The Leadership – Learning from Successful Practices track had 60 participants from over 32 institutions; the track on Operation Theatre Management & Sterilization saw 65 participants from over 32 institutions; the track on Achieving Excellence in Operations Management was attended by 58 participants from over 30 institutions while the one on Outreach Management had 57 participants from over 33 institutions.

Feedback

"Thank you so much for exposing us to such an informative CME on Leadership and all that goes with it,” Dr.(Col) Madhu Bhadauri, Medical Director, Sitapur Eye Hospital.

"I am very impressed with the way you have attached this AGM to educating the members in various sessions. The speakers in Leadership development were all excellent. It was a good learning and motivational experience,” Dr. Ravindra Salunke, Trustee, J.F.Ajmera Rotary Netra Rugnalaya

Media Reports

The stalls at the Annual Conference
At the annual conference, the 1st Shri Dharamsey Nensey Oman award for Outstanding High Quality High Volume Comprehensive Eye Care Service Delivery instituted by VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA was awarded to Sankara Eye Care Institutions. Dr. R.V. Ramani, Founder & Managing Trustee received the award from Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Government of India. VISION 2020 – INDIA invited applications from its member organization for the award and received a total of 16 nominations for the award.

The eminent jury of Dr. S. Chandrasekhar Shetty, Mr. R.D. Thulasraj and Mr. N.P. Pandya scrutinized all the entries according to the set criteria before announcing the winner.

The award carries a one lakh rupees and a citation.

On the occasion, VISION 2020 – INDIA as a token of appreciation presented mementoes to the volunteer faculty of the hospital based skill transfer programme.

VISION 2020 – INDIA’s participation at the IAPB 9th GA
A technical session, breakfast session and promotion stall: this was VISION 2020 – INDIA’s participation at one of the most sought after global conference in eye care: the IAPB 9th GA held at Hyderabad from September 17 – 20, 2012.

The technical session on ‘Technology and Innovation in Eye Care’ was held on September 20 2012 in the main auditorium of the venue, HICC. The session was chaired by Ms. Sujaya Krishnan Jt. Sec MoHFW and co-chaired by Mr. Thulasiraj, Executive Director, LAICO, Madurai. The session had an impressive 12 national and international key speakers speaking on new technological developments being made in the field of eye care. The session covered a wide ranging topics right from community approach to research to medical records to interesting innovation. Nearly 170 attended the session. Most of those who attended the session were eager to learn more about the subject prompting Mr. Thulasiraj to suggest that VISION 2020 – INDIA should organize a separate session on this.

Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA welcomed the audience and introduced the session and VISION 2020 – INDIA. Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO, VISION 2020 – INDIA gave the vote of thanks.
The VISION 2020 – INDIA’s Breakfast Session at the IAPB 9th GA was held on 19th September. The aim of the session was an opportunity to showcase the work being done by VISION 2020 - India to an international audience and generate ideas for the way ahead for VISION 2020 – INDIA.

Speaking at the session, Dr. Allen Foster, President, CBM & Professor, International Eye Health emphasised the need for working at grass root level. He urged VISION 2020 – INDIA to work in the areas where there is a need to develop eye care facilities and reach the unreached.

Dr. G.N. Rao, Chairman, LVPEI highlighted the need for trained manpower if we want to see a country where no one is blind. He said that there is a need for more programmes to develop more trained support staff.

Mr. Peter Ackland, CEO, IAPB brought home the point about what VISION 2020 as a global body can do to influence policy makers and bring about a difference in the issue of eye care in the world. He said that VISION 2020 – INDIA was doing some good work and several other country programmes try and replicate some of them.

Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA welcomed the guests at the session. The others speakers at the session were Dr. Rahul Ali, India Country Director, ORBIS International who Introduced VISION 2020 - INDIA team and their roles; Dr. Chandrashekar Shetty, Sr. Technical Advisor, LCIF: VISION 2020—INDIA: Challenges and way forward; Dr. Sara Varughese, Acting Regional Director, CBM: VISION 2020 – INDIA: INGO perspective; Ms. M. Kräuter, Head, Unit Asia, Europe, Latin-America, Light for the World: Current situation and future strategies of North-East India. Dr. G.V. Rao, CEO delivered the vote of thanks. The session was attended by nearly 150 people.

“The key to a successful partnership is where one does not get into it thinking what one can get out of it but what one can give,” Allen Foster at the V 2020 breakfast session.
The VISION 2020 – INDIA stall at 9th GA, showcased our activities, about our members. The banner of our brand ambassador, Hema Malini received the maximum eye balls. The footfall at the stall was 150 with several visitors evincing an interest in membership. Some important visitors to the stall included – UK Chair of VISION 2020, CIDA (a Canadian funding agency). Dr. G.N. Rao, Dr. Chandrashekhar Shetty, Dr. R.D. Ravindran and Dr. N.K. Agarwal.

On 16th September, the VISION 2020 India team: Dr. Col. Deshpande, Dr. G. V. Rao and Vrinda attended a program on Strategic Planning of Optometry Education in India organised by Indian Optometry Federation and Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. The workshop was aimed at addressing issues related to standardizing optometric education, competency standards, skill levels and lateral entry pathways to help achieve the qualified personnel required to provide quality eye care to India’s population. The workshop was held in the presence of Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary – MoHFW and Dr. N.K. Agarwal, DDG – NPCB. IOF will be taking forward the discussions for appropriate actions.
• Dr. G.V. Rao spoke at a pavilion session organised by CBM that focused on development of VISION 2020 in South Asia and Dr. Rao made a presentation on the development of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA: genesis and its activities.

• VISION 2020 India also presented papers on the following topics –
  - Team Building and Strategic Planning of Eye Care Hospitals for Sustainability
  - Costing of eye care services
  - Public Private Partnership Models for Eye Care Service Delivery
  - Vision Centers for Primary Eye Care Delivery in India

• Col. (Retd) Dr Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao and Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan from VISION 2020 – INDIA attended the breakfast session organized by IVI ‘Optometry in India: Making Giant Strides Forward’. Dr. Deshpande and Dr. Rao also joined the IVI team for their dinner celebration.

• Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao, Ms. Sridevi Sunderarajan and Ms. Vrinda attended the breakfast session organised by ORBIS International to mark their 30th anniversary.

• Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande and Dr. Rao also attended a special dinner by CBM for its partners.

• On the sidelines of the 9th GA, Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao, Dr Chandrashekar Shetty, Dr Ravi had a meeting with the optometry fraternity (Vinod Daniel (IVI), Vivek Mendonsa (ASCO president), Aditya Goyal (ASCO Vice president), Prema Chande (ASCO Treasurer), Monica Chaudhry (ASCO north rep), Nilesh Thite (ASCO west rep), Lakshmi Shinde (IOF and OCI representative) where various issues were discussed. Some of the actions points included: for the forthcoming AGBM 2013, a 2 day program on optometry will be held. Ms. Lakshmi Shinde to coordinate with ASCO regarding the program. Further, training sessions and best optometry practice: ASCO to prepare document and Prema/Adi to liaise with Vision 2020 regards visits.
Eye Donation Fortnight

On the occasion of eye donation fortnight (August 25 – September 8) VISION 2020 - INDIA collaborated with Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) to raise awareness about eye donation. Messages from Dr. Usha Gopinathan, EBAI President and Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande’s were shared with our members with an aim to urge them to observe the fortnight.

We shared EBAI brochures and eye messages and the posters of our brand ambassador with our members for the occasion. Through the case study of ‘Chayan’ we paid homage to a brave boy from West Bengal who dedicated his life to raise awareness on eye donation. The case study of was shared by our member Disha Eye Hospitals, Barrackpore.

VISION 2020 – INDIA team attended Eye Donation Function-“Amarjyoti-2012” at Dr. Shroff’s Charity Eye Hospital on 3rd September, 2012 to felicitate the families of those who donated their eyes and to increase awareness about the practice of eye donation. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam graced the occasion and urged the organisation to make a video capturing the emotions of the donor and the recipient families.

Eye Fund services

On request of Deutsche Bank, a mail to all our members was circulated seeking inputs on the Eye Fund services offered by Deutsche Bank. This was a brief survey from Deutsche Bank regarding need for loans to grow eye care program.

Situational Analysis of Diabetic Retinopathy Services in India

Ahead of the workshop on Diabetic Retinopathy in February which is in association with Dr.R.P. Centre, we conducted a survey among our members on Situational Analysis of Diabetic Retinopathy Services in India. Till date a whopping 50 responses have been received by us. The questions in the survey aimed at gauging the DR facility in our member hospitals, trained manpower and required equipment.
Meeting with NRHM Odisha: The Mission Directorate, NRHM, Odisha, called a meeting with VISION 2020 - INDIA and some of its leading members from Odisha on September 28, 2012 to discuss eye care programme in the State. Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao and Dr. T.P. Das attended the meeting along with SPO, INGOs (Sightsavers and CBM) and local NGOs. VISION 2020 – INDIA members Kalinga Eye Hospital, ECOs Eye Hospital were also part of the meeting. During the meeting, NRHM mission Directorate proposed a strategic planning workshop where VISION 2020 - INDIA would provide resource persons including from Dr. RP Centre and others.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

East Zone Meeting

The VISION 2020 – INDIA East Zone Members Meet was held at Vivekananda Mission Ashram, Haldia on 25th August. Twenty five participants from 11 member organizations attended the meeting.

The meeting was moderated by Col. (Retd) Dr. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA and Dr. Asim Sil, zonal representative, East Zone, V 2020 – INDIA. The member organisation present at the meeting made a presentation about their organisation: the challenges faced and their expectation from VISION 2020 – INDIA.

The meeting concluded with Dr. Sil presenting the expectation from the members from east zone.
Peer reviewed Quality Assessment process was held at the following at VISION 2020 – INDIA member organisations:

- H. V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune with the support from Dr. Usha Gopinathan, Executive Director, LVPEI and Dr. Col Deshpande, President, VISION 2020 – INDIA. VISION 2020 India team joined the team in the quality assessment process.

- Dr. Usha Gopinathan led the assessment process at Choithram Netralaya. In conjunction with the quality assessment, a CME on ‘Ocular Infection Control’ addressed by Dr. Usha Gopinathan.

Two member organisations benefited from Hospital Based Skill Transfer Programs/ CMEs held during the quarter facilitated by VISION 2020 – INDIA.

- A two - day CME on June 30th and July 1 Diabetic Retinopathy was conducted Dr. T.P. Das, LVPEI, Bhubaneswar at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital.

- 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.
A CME on Pediatric Ophthalmology was held at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital from 16\textsuperscript{th} – 18\textsuperscript{th} August 2012 with faculty Dr. Sumita Agarkar and Dr. Abhishek Dagar.

A CME on Strabismus was held at SNC, Chitrakoot on 17\textsuperscript{th} – 18\textsuperscript{th} August by Dr. Pradeep Sharma and Dr. Kuldeep Srivastava.

We are thankful to all the faculty for conducting the above programmes.

**Team Building & Strategic Planning workshops**

With a view towards building the capacity of our member organizations and developing effective and efficient operations, we conducted two team building & strategic planning activities in the month of September:

- One was held at Karad Eye Institute at Latur on 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} September.
- Second workshop was held at Udaigiri Lions Eye Hospital at Udgir on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} September.

Mr. Kashinath B. participated in the activity along with Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande and Dr. G.V. Rao. The organisations have been requested to share the progress made after implementing the plan based on the findings from the strategic plan.
Dr. G.V. Rao visited Kantalaxmi Shah Eye Hospital in the tribal area of Nandurbar on a two-trip in August to carry out quality assessment along with Dr. Col. Deshpande and help them develop sustainability strategies.

Combining with the east zone meeting, the VISION 2020 INDIA team of Col (retd) Dr Deshpande, Dr. G.V. Rao and Sridevi Sunderarajan also visited two member organisations of east zone: Susrut Eye Hospital, Salt Lake, Kolkata and B. C. Memorial Eye Foundation, Barrackpore, West Bengal.
Dr. G.V. Rao attended the ISGEO Congress on 21st September held at Hyderabad and presented papers on “Team Building and Strategic Planning of Eye Care Hospitals for Sustainability”, “Costing of eye care services”.

Dr. G.V. Rao and Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande attended a workshop on “Health Systems for Universal Coverage in Eye Care” at LAICO, Aravind Eye Hospital from 23rd – 25th September. One of the recommendations from the workshop was that if funding is available then VISION 2020 - India can incorporate health systems in eye care at district level on pilot basis for wider coverage.

World Sight Day: October 10 & 11 at Gujarat.


November 3 & 4, 2012: Third Annual Conference of ACOIN; 2012 & International Assembly of Community Ophthalmologists & Eye India 2012 at HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune.
New Members

Three applications for VISION 2020 – INDIA membership was approved at the 36th Board meeting held at Vadodara on October 10, 2012. We welcome the new members to the VISION 2020 – INDIA family.

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News from Members

We would like to use this section in the Quarterly Report that will highlight any important achievement, news of the member organization. We would invite members to send in their inputs to us with photographs. The news can be about any award, national, international recognition for the hospital or any of the staff, any new hospital, clinic opened, or any other news that has been instrumental in the development of the hospital/organization.

Feedback from members is welcome.
Kindly mail the information to Sridevi Sunderarajan: sridevi@vision2020india.org.

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