Message from President and CEO

Dear Esteemed Members,

Greetings from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA

The second quarter of this year was an important one for VISION 2020 INDIA. The highlight was the VISION 2020 INDIA’s 11th Annual Conference at CL Gupta Eye Institute in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. The conference was a successful event with around 400 delegates. The sessions in four tracks were highly appreciated by the delegates. We observed encouraging participation from government officials and from across the country. We are grateful to each and every one for their valuable time and effort towards making this event a success.

The efforts of CL Gupta Eye Institute’s team led by Dr Ashi Khurana is commendable. We are sincerely thankful to the management of the hospital for hosting the annual conference and their unstinted support for making it a success.

This quarter also saw a series of meetings with the ministry officials to discuss several issues related to delays in DBCS reimbursements and technical glitches in HMIS software and also the need for a hassle-free faster reimbursement process.

Further, we also initiated an exercise for HR mapping amongst our member organisations. Two zonal meetings—central and north east were held with interesting deliberations.

In this report, we also bring to you some of the remarkable achievements by some of our members.

We are thankful to our members for all their support and look forward for it to continue towards reducing avoidable visual impairment by ensuring comprehensive, quality and equity services in eye care.

Dr Sara Varughese                       Phanindra Babu Nukella, Ph.D.
President                                       CEO
Meetings at Ministry:
A meeting with the Joint Secretary, Ms Dharitri Panda and Deputy Secretary, Ms Velsamma Daniel, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India took place on 8 April 2015. Mr Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA had a discussion with them centring around the following:

- **Country action plan development**

  The need for developing/updating the country action plan for improvement in eye health in line with Global Action Plan 2014-19 of WHO was discussed at the meeting. Mr Phanindra highlighted VISION 2020 INDIA and IAPB’ support to work on the plan in close collaboration with NPCB and State level SPOs. The process for the workshop and the dates will be finalised soon. A formal communication will be sent to NPCB soon regarding the same.

- **DBCS Reimbursements and HMIS Software**

  Issues relating to delays in DBCS reimbursements, false claims and technical glitches in HMIS software were part of the discussion at the meeting. Mr Phanindra also discussed making the reimbursements process faster and hassle-free.

  It was suggested to the Joint Secretary Ms Dharitri Panda to look into similar reimbursement models like Employee Health Scheme and Arogya Sree schemes in Andhra Pradesh for a possible replication for possible improvements.

  Some of the VISION 2020 INDIA members also have effective HMIS software. CIPS, Hyderabad, may organise a consultation where Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai and a couple of other members of VISION 2020 INDIA could demonstrate their HMIS to the NIC team, who are handling the HMIS, for a possible adaptation of select features for the national HMIS for national program.

- **Tenure of MoU with DBCS**

  The annual MoU process between eye NGOs and DBCS in certain places takes about 4-5 months causing difficulty in planning for outreach and also to meet patients’ need in time. To ensure quality treatment and to be able to meet the national targets, need for making the MoU tenure more than a year was discussed. It was suggested to stretch the current MoU till March 2017 (end period of 12th plan) and then possibly once for five years.

Meeting with Dr V Rajshekhar

CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA, Mr Phanindra Babu met with Dr V Rajshekhar, Assistant Commissioner, NPCB on 11 June 2015. The purpose was to discuss the National Health Policy and also issues related to HMIS and DBCS. The discussion also focused on follow-up action points of developing country action including the draft agenda.

Participation in AOAC

Mr Phanindra Babu attended the Assam Ophthalmologic Association conference on 24 May 2015 at Guwahati. He made a presentation on VISION 2020 INDIA.

Titled ‘Excellence in Eye Care: Learning & Practices’, the conference attracted delegates from all over the country. Nearly 400 delegates from 70 organisations participated in the two-day conference to benefit from the discussions held in 4 tracks that covered all important dimensions of community eye care programme.

Objectives of the Conference were to:
- Increase the capacity of eye care fraternity towards meeting the goal of reducing visual impairment
- Create networking opportunity & overall atmosphere of upgrading knowledge and technology use
- Share experiences and good practices in the area of eye health for better planning and implementation of eye care services

An encouraging participation from government was also observed at the conference: Dr NK Agarwal, DDG, NPCB; Dr D Bachani, DC, NCD, MoH; Dr Dipali Deka, RIO Guwahati; DPM’s Kamrup and Tinsukia, Assam, Dr Praveen Vashist and Dr Suraj from RP Centre AIIMS participated in the conference. Around 50 member organisations of VISION 2020 INDIA were the part of this conference. This year a good number of participation was also observed from North East India.

"Kudos for a very well organised event...... thoroughly brilliant."
Dr Pankaj Bhatacharyya, Senior Consultant, Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya

"It was really a wonderful time at Moradabad. It was a memorable conference. The sessions were well organised and interesting. Appreciable work by all. Wishing all the very best for future endeavours"  
Dr BK Jain  
Director & Trustee  
Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh  
Chitrakoot

"Congrats to the entire team at CL Gupta for successfully organising the annual conference. It was very well attended."  
Dr. Satanshu Mathur, CEO, Disha Foundation
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Scientific Programme

Led by a stellar roster of renowned speakers, our two-day program offered four tracks & a common session to include topics that are a balanced mix of both clinical and non clinical. The three member scientific committee comprising of: Dr DRD Ravindran, Dr Umang Mathur and Dr Ashi Khurana designed the sessions:

1. Leadership & Service Excellence
2. Eye care delivery to the unreached
3. Quality Assurance

Inauguration

The annual conference inaugural function was held on the evening of 6 June 2015. The function was inaugurated by Dr N K Agarwal, DDG(O), NPCB, MoH&FW. A welcome note was delivered by Mrs Shikha Gupta, Vice-Chairman, C L Gupta Charitable Foundation. Dr Sara Varughese, President, VISION 2020 INDIA gave the key note address while Dr Ashi Khurana, Vice Chair, CLGEI briefed about the achievements of CLGEI. Mr AK Dwivedi, Commissioner, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh was the guest speaker for the event. Mr Phanindra, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA briefed about the achievements of VISION 2020 INDIA. Mementos to past President & zonal representatives of VISION 2020 INDIA and also to the Scientific Committee were presented.

Awards

VISION 2020 – India has instituted two awards to honour the work done by the members in the field of community eye care. These awards are presented to selected hospitals at the annual conference.

Shri Dharamsey Nansey Oman Award for Out-standing High Quality High Volume Comprehensive Eye Care Service Delivery was awarded to Sitapur Eye Hospital. The award carries a cash component for Rs.100,000 and a memento.

The Shri SN Shah Award for Equity: to provide comprehensive primary eye care screenings with a focus on women and children for 2014 was awarded to Velemegna Good News Society, Bidar, Karnataka. The award carries a cash component of Rs. 10,000 and a memento.
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School Children screening manual released

A School Children screening manual developed by Orbis India for school teachers was released by Mr AK Dwivedi, Commissioner, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh in presence of Dr Rahul Ali, Country Director, Orbis India.

Cultural Event

The evening ended with a colourful and musical cultural programme. Students and staff of CL Gupta Eye Institute gave a magnificent performance. A singing group from Delhi, of which most members were visually impaired, sang some soulful numbers. It was a relaxing evening for the delegates.

Common Session

The Common Session on day II of the conference focussed on prevention efforts, current status of eye care India and required future action, Universal eye health and road map for eye care services in the country.

Dr NK Agarwal focused on the current issues of NPCB while Dr D Bachani spoke on the convergence of NCD & eye care services.

Mr Thulasiraj highlighted the ‘Key to Universal Coverage-Vision Centres & Technology’ and Mr A K Arora highlighted ‘System Development in Eye Care Institutions’.
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**Media at the Conference**

A curtain raiser press conference was held on 5th July 2015 at CL Gupta Eye Institute. The media proactively reported on the conference covering a wide ranging aspects of the conference.

**PROGRAMME UPDATES**

**Visit to the North East**

During Mr Phanindra Babu’s visit to the north east he went to Bansara Eye Hospital and Boscho Reach Out, inviting them to the annual conference. He proposed to Boscho Reach Out to become members of VISION 2020 INDIA. He also met Dr Dipali Deka, Head, RIO Guwahati and invited her for the annual conference. She kindly accepted the invitation.

**Dr TP Das visited office:** Dr T P Das, Board Member, VISION 2020 INDIA visited VISION 2020 INDIA’s office on 2 June 2015. They both met Addl. Secretary and Joint Secretary, MoH to discuss various issues.

**Visit of Orbis team:** Mr Jamal Siddiqui, Sr. Programme Manager and Mr Manish Kumar, Programme Manager, Orbis India visited VISION 2020 INDIA office on 24 April, 2015 to discuss the activities supported by Orbis in detail. An action plan was prepared based on the discussion.

**HR Mapping tool:** A template had been shared with the member organisations related to the HR Mapping. We received an encouraging response from the members and are waiting for more responses. Once the tools are received it will be compiled and analysed to get the current status.

**GIA due:** DBCS reimbursement is always a burning issue for VISION 2020 INDIA members. By keeping the fact in view, VISION 2020 INDIA requested for the due details in a prescribed format from the members. The received data from members is compiled and shared with NPCB for the necessary action.

**Workshop participation on Google for Non profits:** Mr Mahaveer, Finance & Admin Officer, VISION 2020 INDIA attended a workshop on Google for Non profits.
Central Zone Meeting:

The Central zone meeting was organised at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal on 08 May 2015. Twenty seven participants from 12 organisations of central zone took part in this meeting.

Objectives of the meeting were to:

- Build stronger relations within VISION 2020 - INDIA member institutions
- Provide a platform for state level networking and
- Identify opportunities for supporting member institutions

Recently concluded activities of VISION 2020 INDIA were briefed to the members. Information on the upcoming activities for FY 2014-15 we also shared. Mr Phanindra Babu detailed on the membership benefits and provided an update on the annual conference.

Further, a group work was conducted where 3 groups were formed focused on listing priority areas that would strengthen central zone in terms of service delivery and advocacy. Later they presented the discussed points.

North East Zone Meeting: The North East Zonal meet was held alongside the Assam Ophthalmologic Association Conference on 24 May 2015.

Ex Com Meeting: Two meetings of the Executive Committee, VISION 2020 INDIA were held this quarter. One was held on 29 April 2015 and the second one was on 5 June, 2015. Four advocacy issues are prioritised for the year.

Board Meeting: VISION 2020 INDIA’s 46th Board Meeting held on 5 June 2015 at Hotel Clarks Inn, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.

AGBM: The AGBM meeting was held on 6 June at CL Gupta Eye Hospital, Moradabad.
MEMBER UPDATE

Dr. R. D. Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System has been awarded the

Geneva Forum for Health Award.

The award recognises Aravind’s innovations in healthcare delivery, providing high quality, low cost eye care to millions across India.

Geneva Forum for Health, Geneva, Switzerland is being organised by the Health Practice of McKinsey and Company during the World Health Assembly every year.

Award to Dr RD Ravindran was presented during the forum held in Geneva on 19 May 2015.

India Healthcare Awards 2014 to Sitapur Eye Hospital:

Sitapur Eye Hospital was awarded the India Healthcare Awards 2014 in the category of RSBY Award for Outstanding service to the community.

This Awards was given by Shri Shripad Yasso Naik, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare at a glittering function on 8 June, 2015 at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi.

Dr Uday Gajiwala from Divyajyoti Trust, Mandavi, Surat has been elected as President, Indian Medical Association, Mandvi chapter. We congratulate him.