

CONFERENCE  
REPORT



**VISION2020: THE RIGHT TO SIGHT – INDIA**

*Achieving Universal*  
**EYE HEALTH**

... FOR EVERYONE & EVERYWHERE ...

**8-9 | JUNE | 2019**

**VENUE: ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL, CHENNAI**



A National Conference on Community Ophthalmology  
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Achieving Universal Eye Health for Everyone & Everywhere

Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai | 8 & 9 June 2019



*His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Banwarilal Purohit at the conference inaugural*



# Conference Report

## A Summary

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual conference of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - INDIA 'Achieving Universal Eye Health for Everyone and Everywhere' was successfully conducted on 8 & 9 June 2019 at Aravind Eye Hospital, Chennai.

**More than 600 delegates from 18 states and 2 UTs from 115 organisations from India**

attended the national conference on community ophthalmology.

The conference, a flagship event of VISION 2020 INDIA aims to:

Increasing the capacity of eye care fraternity towards meeting the goal of reducing visual impairment

Creating networking opportunities and 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

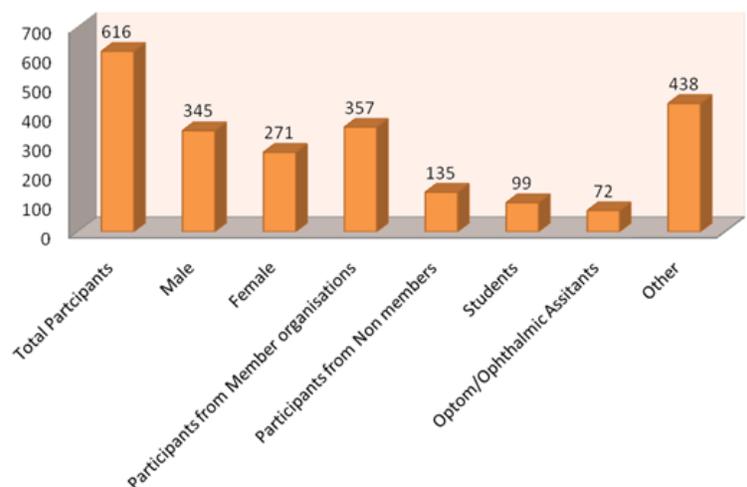
*“This Annual conference was extremely well organised and worth the time. Great effort by team Vision 2020 headed by Dr Phanindra and Aravind Chennai hospital team. Perfect timing content hospitality and lot more.”*

*Dr Madhu Bhaduria, Sitapur Eye Hospital*

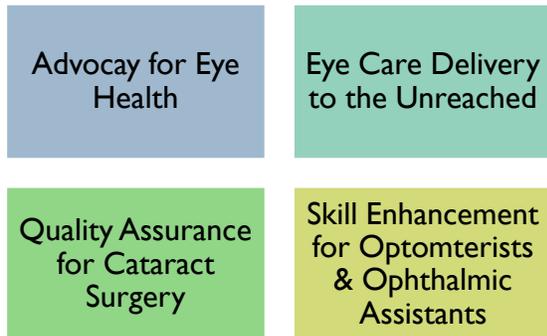
The two-day programme broadly incorporates the scientific programme, the conference common session, presentation of awards, and trade. It is a place where along with the scientific programme, meetings held, network established; experiences shared - a place that exudes an atmosphere of bonhomie where work and pleasure share a mixed platform.

This year's conference featured 20 dynamic sessions with a balanced mix of talks, panel discussions. In a novel approach a large number of topics were based on suggestions from our member organizations.

**15th Annual Conference**



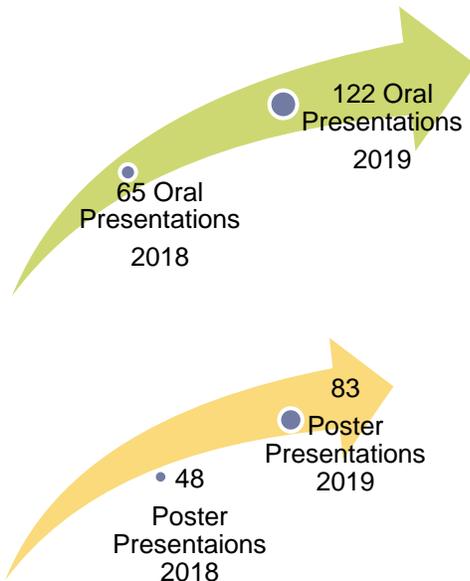
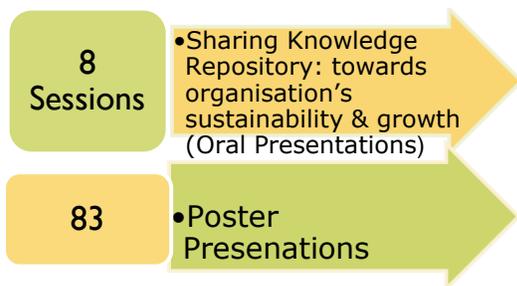
Conforming to the norm of the conference, the scientific programme had four parallel tracks:



A four member scientific committee chaired by Dr Praveen Vashist, Professor and Head, Community Ophthalmology, Dr RP Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences designed the sessions.



The scientific committee members were (L to R) Dr Praveen Vashist, Dr RP Centre, AIIMS; Dr Sandeep Buttan, Sightsavers; Dr Rohit Khanna, LV Prasad Eye Institute and Dr Haripriya Aravind, Aravind Eye Hospital. We thank the scientific committee for designed the sessions.



## CONFERENCE INAUGURATION

The conference was formally inaugurated on the evening of 8 June 2019 by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Banwarilal Purohit, who was the chief guest for the evening.

In his inaugural address Shri Banwarilal Purohit stressed on partnership for success of public health interventions that the success of success of public health interventions is dependent on a healthy partnership between the government, NGOs and private sectors.

He further said that such conference deliberations would bring out new ideas to increase the effectiveness of eye care service delivery models.



(above) TN Governor His Excellency Shri Purohit lighting the ceremonial lamp (below) addressing the delegates



[Dr Taraprasad Das](#), President, VISION 2020 INDIA, in his address at the



*Dr Das, President, VISION 2020 INDIA*

inauguration highlighted the work by VISION 2020 INDIA illustrating it through couple of case studies and reiterated the purpose of the organisation. “We are the public health arm of ophthalmology- the bridge between the science and the society, a bridge between the Government and non-Government eye care providers.” “Name VISION 2020 would change after year 2020; but not the mission.”

In his address Dr Das spoke about the challenge we face in reaching the SDG goals and outlined steps to achieve it. “We need to accelerate our pace and all of our actions must also direct to improve people’s health seeking behaviour.”



Dr R D Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care System welcomed the delegates.

Dr P Namperumalsamy, Chairman Emeritus, Aravind Eye Care System addressed the delegates.

Dr Haripriya Aravind, Organising Secretary for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual conference gave the vote of thanks.

[A special video](#) profiling VISION 2020 INDIA was released on the occasion.

## AWARD CEREMONY

Each year, VISION 2020 INDIA presents three awards for its member organisations:

**Shri Dharamsey Nansey Oman Award** for Outstanding High Quality High Volume Comprehensive Eye Care Service Delivery,

**LOTUS Award** for Holistic Development of an Organisation to Serve Community Better and

**Shri S. N. Shah Award for Equity:** to provide comprehensive primary eye care screenings with a focus on women and children

A three-member jury assessed the applications received for these awards.



*Mr Phanindra Babu, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA announcing the awards*

Mr Phanindra Babu Nukella, CEO, VISION 2020 INDIA announced the final awardees at the inaugural function.

The award comprises of cash and a memento. The chief guest of the occasion presented the awards.



*Dr Ajit Poddar receiving the award on behalf of the organisation*

Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital, Bihar received the Shri Dharamsey Nansey Oman Award

Our member from central zone Sitapur Eye Hospital received the Lotus award



*Dr Madhu Bhaduria receiving the award from the Governor*

Sankara Nethralaya received the SN Shah award.



*Dr Anuradha Narayanan receiving the award from the Governor*

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The 20 sessions across 3 tracks were a blend of panel discussion, course models and talks to share knowledge, learning on topics to benefit overall development of an organisation.

The 4<sup>th</sup> track was hands – on workshops for optometrists and ophthalmic assistants.

The galaxy of speakers for the sessions was included from our member organisations and invited speakers from relevant fields outside eye care fraternity.

### Advocacy for Eye Health

- ✚ Achieving Universal Coverage for Cataract Surgery
- ✚ Health Economics
- ✚ Strategic Thinking
- ✚ Universal Eye Health for Everyone & Everywhere
- ✚ Accessibility for Inclusion



*Dr Arvanind Srinivasan speaking at the session on Strategic Thinking*



*Dr Vashist, Mr Mohanty and Mr Balasubramanian conducting a session in the Eye Care Delivery to the Unreached track*

### Eye Care Delivery to the Unreached

- ✚ Bridging Gaps in Community Outreach
- ✚ Outreach model for awareness and screening for glaucoma and corneal opacity
- ✚ Models for Community Outreach
- ✚ Collecting, Managing and Using Data
- ✚ Technology and Innovation in Community Outreach



*Dr R R Sudhir at a session in the Quality Assurance in Cataract Surgery*

### Quality Assurance for Cataract Surgery

- ✚ Overview to Quality & Patient Safety
- ✚ Protocols/Processes to Ensure Good Clinical Outcomes
- ✚ Panel Discussion on Cost Effectiveness
- ✚ Clinical Dilemmas
- ✚ Protocols/Processes to ensure Patient centric care
- ✚ Monitoring for Continuous Improvement
- ✚ Planning the OT

## Skill Enhancement for Optometrists and Ophthalmic Assistants

### Hands on workshops on

- ✦ Optical Dispensing
- ✦ Equipments Maintenance
- ✦ Contact Lens
- ✦ Biometry
- ✦ Pediatric Optometry
- ✦ Low Vision Aids



presentation had eight sessions

Sharing Knowledge Repository: towards organisation's sustainability & growth a dedicated track on oral



Poster presentations were divided into five groups

The conference this year featured two common sessions. One was a joint one for Advocacy for Eye Health and Eye Care Delivery to the Unreached titled Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee trust project- DR & ROP. The session looked into the various aspects of the project on diabetic retinopathy and RoP in India and its activities.

### ► The conference's Common Session featured two stalwart speakers.



Mr Doraiswamy Nagarajan, Seva Foundation delivered a talk on 'Reaching the reached - closing the loop'



Dr GVS Murthy, Indian Institute of Public Health spoke on Focusing Beyond 2020: Endgame Avoidable Blindness

## THANKS

*The conference would not have been possible without the able support of: The scientific committee: to give their precious time for meetings and coordination and brainstorming to design the programme.*

*Aravind Eye System: Dr R D Ravindran; Dr Haripriya Aravind, Dr Aravind Srinivasan, Ms Veni and her team in Madurai and the dedicated team of volunteers who worked round the clock to ensure that all went without a hitch.*

*We thanks our Corporate Advisory Board for supporting us for this skill transfer initiative.*

*We thank the eminent Speakers, Chair/Co-Chair and Moderators and all other participants who made the conference vibrant place for learning and sharing of ideas.*

*We would also like to thank the Jury for selecting the awards.*

*Thank you all.*