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Dear Members,

Greetings from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India

Thanks for all your support for making this year a very fruitful one. The past year has been a dynamic year for VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA. The year was packed with activities with a number of new initiatives launched towards building the capacity of our member hospitals; a year with a number of significant activities towards advocacy and program development.

Apart from the advocacy and planned activities as per VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India strategic planning 2012 – 13, special efforts have been made towards benefiting our member organisations. We offered them programmes towards strengthening their hospitals: Team Building and Strategic Planning workshops, Hospital based Clinical Skills Transfer Programs and Peer Reviewed Quality Assessments.

We have made an effort to touch base with our member organisations, communicate with them through visits to individual member hospitals, through state level and zonal level meetings where we have tried to understand their problems and their regional priorities.

We would take this opportunity to thank our Advisors to the Board, Government, INGOs, Corporate supporters and all our members for their continuous support to VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA and to the cause of eliminating avoidable blindness.

We would also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our member organisations who have been extremely positive towards participating in all our programs and lent able support to make it successful. We are sure that with their coordinated effort and cooperation we will be able to achieve our goal of eliminating avoidable blindness.

In 2012, in the Madurai conference, we made an attempt to expand the scope of our annual conference to include five tracks towards making the conference more comprehensive in nature. We got a tremendous response for the efforts. This year, our conference is in Bhopal and till date several preparatory meetings have been held and the entire team is putting in all their efforts to make this meeting a grand success.

In the ensuing pages of the annual report, we present a glimpse of our journey in year 2012 - 13. We hope that through our efforts we have been able to make some improvement in the scenario of avoidable blindness in the country.

Col. (Retd) Dr. M. Deshpande
President

Dr. G.V. Rao
CEO

ADVOCACY

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. In 2012 – 13, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India as part of its advocacy, took several new initiatives even while continuing to advocate for several others.

The year saw several advocacy initiatives. VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India shared SICS costing with the central health ministry, a draft with estimated need for Uttar Pradesh for cataract, school screening and other diseases to NRHM, Uttar Pradesh and had constructive state level meetings.

The costing workshop was an outcome of a growing concern among our members, INGOs that it was essential to work out a minimum cost for treating eye care diseases. Towards this effort, a significant workshop on 'Costing of eye care services' was held at HV Desai Eye Hospital, Pune, Maharashtra on 21st & 22nd June, 2012. The workshop aimed at developing a minimum costing of common eye diseases that can be used as a standard tool while requesting the government, INGOs and other supporters while considering the minimum cost.



The 'Costing of Eye Care Services' workshop in progress

Mr R Thulasiraj, Executive Director, LAICO, Madurai, Tamil Nadu coordinated and facilitated the workshop. Over a period of two days, nearly 35 participants brainstormed to decide on the standard protocols based on which the costing would be worked out. The participants were divided into disease specific groups: Cataract, Refractive Error, Glaucoma, Retina, Corneal diseases and Childhood Blindness. They discussed and worked out costing of treatment right from the primary level.

As a follow up of the workshop, the results of the SICS costing have been shared with Mr. Keshav Desiraju, Special Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India; Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, MoHFW and Dr. N K Agarwal, DDG(O), National Programme for Prevention of Blindness (NPCB).

We would like to thank the management of HV Desai eye hospital for hosting the workshop and all participants who made valuable inputs for making the workshop a success.



Participants at the Costing of Eye Care Services workshop

Keeping in with one our aims of integrating eye health into primary health care, an initiative was launched at State level. VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India along with members from the North and Central zone and INGO Sightsavers had a constructive meeting with Director, NRHM (Uttar Pradesh), Mr Meshram in May 2012. The aim of the meeting was to discuss how members of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA from Uttar Pradesh can integrate eye care into primary health care under the NRHM programme.

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: The Right to Sight – India also had meetings with the Health Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare & Ayushi Services, Government of Karnataka and Dr R.S.Chib, Honourable Minister for Medical Education, Technical Education and Youth Services and Sports, J &K, Prof Rafiq A. Pampori, Principal Govt. Medical College, Srinagar; Prof. Showkat Ali Zargar Director SKIMS & Ex-officio Sect to Govt; Dr. Keng, Principal GMC Srinagar.



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.



Dr R.S.Chib, Honourable Minister for Medical Education, Technical Education and Youth Services and Sports, J &K; Prof Rafiq A. Pampori, Principal Govt. Medical College, Srinagar; Prof. Showkat Ali Zargar Director SKIMS & Ex-officio Sect to Govt; Dr. Dhaliwal, Deputy Director, CMRI; Dr. Keng, Principal GMC Srinagar with, Mr. George, Sightsavers, Dr. Samanta, Dr. Praveen Vashist from Dr. R.P Centre



One of the main advocacy events organised by VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA annually has been the World Sight Day which has participation from the government. Observed on the 2nd Thursday of October every year and is a platform to raise awareness about a specific eye disease. The event is held in coordination with the government and has the active participation of the government officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the Centre.

This year was no different as walkathon, painting exhibition by school children, a cultural programme by the visually challenged, exhibition and many more events were observed by VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India and its members to observe the World Sight Day in the country. All the events focussed on the theme of WSD: to create awareness in the community about the need for regular eye testing.

A colourful walkathon led by school children was the highlight of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India's event to observe the WSD in Vadodara, Gujarat.

The walk that was flagged off by Ms Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Mr Ashwini Kumar – I.A.S, Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara saw participation from school children, ophthalmologists from the city. Dr N K Agarwal, Dy Director General (Ophthal), National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), Government of India and Col (retd) Dr Deshpande, President, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India released multicoloured balloons to mark the Day. The event was organised with the support of our member organisation Care Group and we thanks Care Group for their support.



Ms Sujaya Krishnan, Jt Secretary, MoHFW, Government of and Mr Ashwini Kumar – I.A.S, Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara flag of the walk. Col (retd) Dr Deshpande, President, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India looks on.

The WSD programme also included a technical session 'Glaucoma: an emerging eye care challenge in India' at one of our member organisations - Sankara Eye Hospital, Anand, Gujarat on October 10, 2012. The technical session emphasised various aspects of glaucoma with a special emphasis on Gujarat, the venue of the session. Eminent ophthalmologists from across the country and from Gujarat through their presentations discussed what needs to be done to manage this emerging eye problem, which is the third leading cause of blindness in India. There was good participation from the government both from the Central and the State government departments of health.



Dr NK Agarwal inaugurating the technical session to mark WSD.

We would like to thank Mr Lal Dave from Care Group for hosting the main event at Vadodara and his team led by Mr. Bharatsinh Sarvaiya and Mr Rangan Iyer; Dr RV Ramani and Mr Mayur Vyas, for hosting the technical session at Sankara Eye Care, Anand.

Our special thanks to Mr Ashwini Kumar – I.A.S, Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara for accepting our invitation to grace the occasion as guest of honour. We would also like to thank Govt officials: Ms. S Krishnan, Dr. N K Agarwal, Dr. V. K. Tiwari from blindness control program, Govt of India, Blindness Control Programme of the State for supporting the event: Dr Deepak Mehta, Director, RIO, Gujarat, Dr Jasalpura, SPO, Gujarat; Dr. Utpal Jani Consultant to SPO and Ophthalmic Surgeon, Ruxmaniben Govt. Hospital, Ahmedabad Dr. Mariam. N. Mansuri, Professor & Head of Glaucoma Unit, M. & J. Western Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and Dr Pran Nagpal, President, Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Gujarat Chapter; Dr Uday, Gajiwala, Divyajyothi Trust, Ms. Trupti Khaladkar, Senior Lecturer, Lotus Eye Hospital, Mumbai; Dr. A. K. Agrawal and Dr. Suneela Garg from Society for Sound Hearing; members of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India Dr. Jateen Shah, Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Ms. Manimala, Dr. T P Das, Ms. E. Kurian, Dr. R. D. Ravindran, Dr. Sara Varughese, Mr. Jesuraj, Mr. Kashinath for their able support for making the event a success.

On the occasion an exhibition of painting by school children was also organised. The topic was on eye care. These paintings by students of class 9 have been translated into a desktop calendar.

Advisory Committee Meeting

On the sidelines of IAPB in September 2012 at Hyderabad, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India’s Advisory Committee to the Board’s meeting was held. We are thankful to Mr Keshav Desiraju, Special Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; Ms Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dr NK Agarwal, DDG (O), NPCB, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; Mr Peter Ackland, CEO, IAPB; Dr Parveen Vashist, Head, Community Ophthalmology, Dr RP Centre, AIIMS; Dr V Rajsekhar, Consultant, DADG (O), Senior Eye Specialist, Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi; Dr Pararajsegaram, Consultant, Ophthalmology; Dr RD Thulasiraj, Executive Director, LAICO; DR GN Rao, Chairman, LVPEI; Dr Rahul Ali, Country Director, ORBIS International; Dr Sara Varguhese, south Asia Regional Director (acting) CBM; DR SC Shetty, LCIF; Dr Usha Gopinathan, Executive Director, LVPEI for attending the meeting and providing their valuable inputs.



Programme Development

It is VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India’s constant endeavour to help strengthen its member organisations. We conduct a number of theme based workshops, zonal meetings, Team Building and Strategy Planning and Quality Assessment exercise aimed towards this objective.

Zonal Meetings

During 2012 – 13, four zonal meetings were held: central, east and two zonal meetings in the south. All these meetings were designed to map the areas in each State under the zones and learn about the challenges faced by our members.

The meetings in the south zone were theme based to focus on ‘Bringing Equity in Eye Care Services’ and ‘Eye Care and Health Care – Integration at the Primary Level’.

The south zone meeting for the members from Andhra Pradesh saw a strong participation of 32 member organisations including INGOs and Dr. Shankariah, Joint Director and SPO, Govt of Andhra Pradesh. 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.

We thank LVPEI for hosting the meeting and AP Right to Sight Society for helping in all the logistics.

Eye Care and Health Care – Integration at the Primary Level’ was the theme for the south zone meeting held at Sankara Eye Care, Bangalore. During the south zone meeting held in Bangalore, 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.



Participants of the south zone meeting of members from Karnataka & Tamil Nadu



The south zone meeting of members from AP

The other two zonal meetings that were held were in central and east zone. The central zone meeting was held at Sri Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya Chitrakoot and the east zone at Vivekananda Mission Ashram, Haldia, West Bengal.

For the central zone meeting 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. In some of the key highlights of the meeting Dr. Ranjana Mehra of Chattisgarh Eye Hospital requested VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India to provide



The central zone meeting in progress



training support for repairing of instruments. SNC offered to conduct training for her team and Dr. Deepshikha of MGM Eye Institute enquired if VISION 2020: The Right to Sight - India could arrange for training at subsidised costs.

East zone meeting in progress

The VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA east zone members meet was held at Vivekananda Mission Ashram, Haldia where twenty five participants from 11 member organisations attended the meeting.

Peer Reviewed Quality assessment exercise, Team Building and Strategic Planning and Hospital Based Skill Transfer is some programmes that we offer to our member towards a more holistic development of their organisation.

Peer Reviewed Quality Assessment Exercise

During this exercise, generally spread over two days, the team led by Dr Usha Gopinathan, Executive Director, LVPEI assesses all the departments – both clinical and non clinical - of the hospital for quality and shares her inputs with the management. We conducted Peer Reviewed Quality assessment exercise in the following hospitals:

- Sadguru Nethra Chikitsalya, Chitrakoot
- Mahatme Eye Hospital, Nagpur
- H. V. Desai Eye Hospital, Pune
- Choithram Netralaya, Indore

Dr. Col. Deshpande and Dr. GV Rao visited Kantalaxmi Shah Eye Hospital, Pune in the tribal area of Nandurbar to carry out quality assessment along with and help them to develop sustainability strategies.

Hospital Based Clinical Skills Transfer Program

Through Hospital Based Clinical Skills Transfer Program we offer to upgrade the skills of in our member organisations. The faculty is drawn from a pool of voluntary faculty from our member organisations. We identify the requirement of our member organisation and request the appropriate faculty for training.

The programmes were held at:

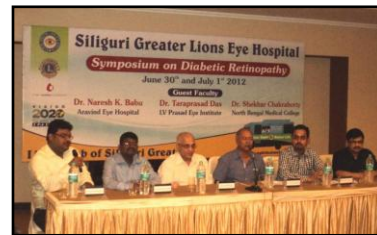
Central Zone	East Zone	West Zone
Dr. Kalyani from H.V. Desai Eye Hospital conducted training in Glaucoma at Udaygiri Lions Eye Hospital	Dr. T.P. Das from LVPEI, Bhubaneswar conducted a CME on Diabetic Retinopathy at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital	Dr. Kalyani from H.V. Desai Eye Hospital conducted training in Glaucoma at Udaygiri Lions Eye Hospital
Dr. Suma Ganesh from Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi, conducted a HBP in Strabismus at SSNC, Anandpur	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	Dr. Vinay Nangia from Suraj Eye Institute conducted a HBP for Glaucoma from June 15th -17th, 2012 at K.K. Eye Institute
Dr. Padmaja Kumari Rani of LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, conducted HBP on retina at Sitapur Eye Hospital, UP	A CME on Pediatric Ophthalmology was held at Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital from 16th – 18th August 2012 with faculty Dr. Sumita Agarkar and Dr. Abhishek Dagar	

Central Zone	East Zone	West Zone
Dr. Rohit Khanna from LVPEI, Hyderabad conducted a program on Glaucoma at Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal.		
A CME on Strabismus was held at SNC, Chitrakoot by Dr. Pradeep Sharma and Dr. Kuldeep Srivastava.		

We extend our sincere thanks to the entire voluntary faculty for their service.



Dr Suma Ganesh at SSNC, Anandpur



CME on DR in progress at Greater Lions Hospital,

Team Building & Strategic Planning workshops

A cohesive team combined with an effective working plan can be a success story for any organisation and recognising the potential of such a combination, VISION2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA, holds Team building and Strategic Plan workshops for its member organisations.

The following organisations benefitted from the workshops:

Central Zone	South Zone	West Zone
Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Mahipatiraj Eye Bank & Research Foundation Trust, Hubli, Karnataka	Karad Eye Institute at Latur
Khairabad Eye Hospital, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Al Salama Eye Hospital, Perinthalmanna, Kerala	Udaigiri Lions Eye Hospital at Udgir
JL Rohatagi Eye Hospital, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Rajavalli Radharaman Lions Eye Hospital, Palakol, Andhra Pradesh	Lotus Eye Hospital, Mumbai



The aim of the workshops were to enhance and strengthen the member hospital towards providing quality eye care services, hospital's productivity by optimum utilization of existing resources, and reaching out to the unreached areas. The workshop's sought to build the team at the hospitals for the efficient use of the organisation's existing resources.

The workshops were designed to be participatory with all the departments encouraged to actively engage in it. The entire staff was encouraged to honestly assess the strengths and weaknesses of their own departments. Through intense group work, the participants by the end of the workshop developed a plan for growth for the hospital.

Two significant workshops aligned with our objectives were held in the last quarter of this year. One towards advocacy **'Media's role in eliminating avoidable blindness'** and the other towards strengthening the eye care services through **'Operations Management for effective eye care services'**.

'Media's role in eliminating avoidable blindness'



(Left): The media panelist (from left to right) Dr NK Agarwal, Dr Prabhakar, Mr Rengarajan, Mr Arun Ram, Mr N Ram and Dr Badrinath.(Right): Participants of the workshop.



The aim of the one – day national workshop on '**Media's role in eliminating avoidable blindness**' held at Sankar Nethralaya, Chennai was to sensitise the media about the issues in eye care, especially regarding limitations faced by NGOs working in eye care to reach out to the masses for creating awareness. And take the media's inputs as to how best can we collaborate with them.

Heading the panel of speakers from the media was Mr N Ram, Editor in Chief, The Hindu; Mr SK Kulkarni, Advisor, Kesari; Mr Arun Ram, Senior Editor, The Times of India, Chennai; Ms Aarti Dhar, Senior Assistant Editor, The Hindu, Delhi Bureau; Dr Neeraja Prabhakar, Programme Executive, All India Radio, Chennai and Mr Rengarajan, Chief Reporter, Dinamani, Chennai.

The one common message that threaded the presentations of all the media persons was that the communication should be interesting, saleable, news worthy and simple. The audience of nearly 45 included ophthalmologists, local NGOs, students of journalism and media professionals.

The speakers included Dr NK Agarwal, DG (O), MoHFW, Ministry, Dr Rohit Khanna, Associate Director, LVPEI, Hyderabad, Dr M Pratibha, Joseph Eye Hospital, Trichy, Dr S Chandrashekar Shetty, Technical Advisor, Lions Club International Foundation, Bangalore and Dr RD Ravindran, Chairman, Aravind Eye Care Systems, Madurai, Dr VM Loganathan, former Director of Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Chennai, Dr Praveen Vashist, Additional Professor and Head, Community Ophthalmology Department, Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi, Mr Govind Hari, Pushpagiri Vitero Retina Institute, Secunderabad, Dr. Krishna Kumar, Principal, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, Dr RV Ramani, Founder & Managing Trustee, Sankara Eye Centre, Coimbatore, Dr VK Tewari, National Programme for Control of Blindness & National Programme for Mental Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of and Dr RR Sudhir, Head Dept of Preventive Ophthalmology, Senior Consultant Cornea Services, Consultant In-charge Electronic Medical Records, Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai.

Sanakara Nethralaya hosted the workshop. We would like to thank Joseph Eye Hospital for facilitating the workshop and Dr Badrinath for being hosting the workshop.

Some of the key recommendations that emerged from this workshop was that:

News when communicated to the journalist should be newsworthy. It should be interesting
The news should be communicated to the journalist in a way that is simple and allows the journalist to further pass it on to the readers in a that is effective.

A panel of writers should be there who will write in popular language about what you are doing and about eye care messages.

Have fellow ship where journalist can be assigned to study a particular problem in a particular area. This will take care of creating awareness in remote areas like the north east.

A two day workshop on '**Operational Management for Effective Eye Care Services**' on March 8 & 9, 2013 was held at LVPEI, Hyderabad. The seven sessions spread over two days included topics ranging from: Blending of system management for effective hospital operation, Strategic Benchmarking, Business operations, Corporate & Government case presentations / strategies for effective resource optimization, Hospital Management Hospitality & house keeping, Financial management, forecasting, budgeting and financial monitoring, Role of Hospital Information Management System (HIMS), Electronic Medical Records (EMR) & IT applications for effective hospital management and Outcome Assessment.

Dr GN Rao, Chairman, LVPEI inaugurated the workshop and set the tone of the workshop by emphasising the importance of the topic in eye care. The workshop was attended by nearly 40 delegates and among the speakers, Dr N Ravichandran, Director, IIM, Indore through a video conferencing participated in the workshop. Mr Govind Hari, Dr. K. Viswanath, Mr B. Kashinath, Dr R.R. Sudhir, Mr. Bilimoria, Dr Usha Gopinath, Mr. Mohammad Gowth, Ms Mani Mala, Mr. Surendra

Kumar, Mr. PK Shah, Mr. Ramesh Sive, Dr. Shivam Maini, Dr. Bharath, Mr. Santosh Moses, Mr. Daniel Franklin, Mr. Daniel Franklin, Dr. Abhishek Dagar, Dr. Padmaja Rani all spoke at the workshop.

As a follow up of this workshop, a manual on this subject will be developed.



Participants at the 'Operations Management for Effective Eye Care' workshop

Visits to VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA Member Organisations

The team from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA members are spread across the country in six zones and we make a continuous effort to visit the members to get a first hand understanding of their working which enables us to identify areas where we can offer our assistance.

Central Zone

Sitapur Eye Hospital



Dr. (Col.) Madhu Bhaduria taking the VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA on a tour of the hospital.

Indira Gandhi Eye Hospital and Research, Lucknow



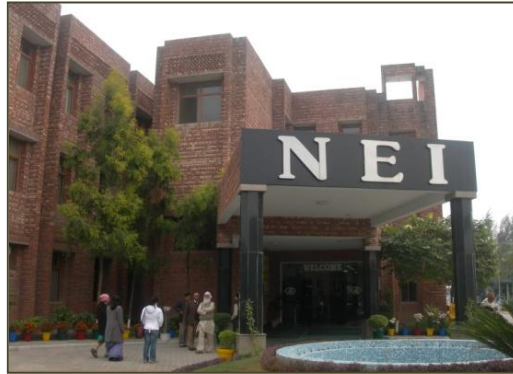
Visited a new member, J.L. Rohtagi Eye Hospital in Kanpur and explained about VISION 2020 - India programmes and how they can benefit from the programs. Mr. Vijay Tandon, Head of the hospital took the team from VISION 2020 – INDIA for a tour of the hospital and also introduced his entire medical team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

Dr. Arvind Dayal and his team with Col Deshpande, Dr.G.V. Rao and Dr. Mahendra.

North Zone



Ms Vrinda and Dr Rao with Dr Dhasmana, acting VC, Himalyan Institute Hospital Trust, Dehradun.



VISION 2020: The Right to Sight -India visited the Nirmal Ashram Eye Institute, Rishikesh, a potential member.

West Zone

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. The VISION 2020 - INDIA team participated in the Sightsavers India's program on '**Through Different Eyes**' at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai which included a display of images taken by children whose eyesight were restored only recently with Sightsavers support. CEO of Sightsavers and Mr. Suresh Shetty, Public Health Minister of Maharashtra were present among other dignitaries.



DR screening van at, KB Haji Bacholi Eye Hospital Mumbai



Dr GV Rao with health workers working at Aditya Jyot Foundation



At KK Eye Institute, Pune



Ahaliya Foundation

SOUTH ZONE



VASM Charitable Eye Hospital



VASM Charitable



At Little Flower, Anganmally



KG Eye Hospital, Coimbatore



At Arasan Eye Hospital, Erode



At PIMS, Pondyicherry

Dr. G.V Rao and Ms Vrinda Arora visited Narayana Nethralaya where they met Dr. (Major) Narendra P. They also visited 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.

EAST ZONE



Susurat Eye Hospital, Kolkata

The team also visited Disha Eye Hospital, Barrackpore, West Bengal and met with Dr Basak.

Support for VISION 2020 - INDIA members

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India constantly makes an effort to offer benefits for its members. This year also we made efforts to offer some exclusive benefits for our members.

We were able to extend the benefit of a project of **National Association for the Blind (NAB)**, in collaboration with **Project Reliance Drishti**. This was towards disbursing financial assistance of Rs. 5000/- per case for up to 400 corneal grafting surgeries on a first come first served basis. We would like to thank Mr Dinoo Gandhi for sharing this benefit with our members.

HMIS: We had been receiving constant communication from our members regarding facing problems while registering for the HMIS. On a suggestion from Ms Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to give her a consolidated feedback, we collected feedback from our members. Twenty one members have given their feedback which has been submitted to Ms Krishnan.

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India at IAPB



Technical Session at IAPB

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.

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



Breakfast Session at IAPB

"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’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.

Col. (retd) Dr. M. Deshpande, President, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA welcomed the guests at the session. The other speakers at the session were Dr. Rahul Ali, India Country Director, ORBIS International who introduced the 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.



We are grateful to Dr Pararajasegaram and Dr Alan Foster for attending our session at IAPB and providing useful guidance.

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.

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – INDIA participated in the APAO – AIOS in January 2013 at Hyderabad. Dr GV Rao from VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India coordinated the session on 'Ophthalmic epidemiology sessions'.

VISITORS to Our Office



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



Light for the World member Ms. Sabine Rehbichler(left) and Johannes Trimmel & Manuela Kräuter, Light for the World, Mr Rishi R Borah, ORBIS and Dr.G.V. Rao (right) at the VISION 2020 – INDIA office.

Some of the others who visited our office: ORBIS Country Director, Dr Rahul Ali, CBM team of Mr Jesuraj and Mr Umesh Bahuraj, South zone representative, Ms Mani Mala and North east zone member Ms Jennifer.

Resource Centre

It was decided to publish a manual on Leadership. The publication was supported by ORBIS International. The manual would contain excerpts from the presentations made at the Organisational Development and Leadership session at 8th annual conference.

The issue of the Indian edition of the Community Eye Health Journal was published and disseminated to our members and also to a larger audience of eye care professionals.

VISION 2020: The Right to Sight – India 8th annual conference

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.

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.



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.

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. Thulasiraj 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: The Right to Sight – India New Members

In year 2012 – 13, 19 new members joined our organisation thus making our networking stronger.

	Name of Organization	State/UT	Represented by
1	Indore Eye Hospital Society	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. Sudhir Mahashabde
2	Fatima Hospital	Uttar Pradesh	Fr. Jeejo Antony
3	Ratan Jyoti Charitable Foundation	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. Purendra Bhasin
4	Ishwar Charitable Trust (ICARE Eye Hospital & PG Institute)	Uttar Pradesh	Dr.Saurabh Choudhry
5	Sri Sai Lions Netralaya (Lions of Patna Service Trust)	Bihar	Ruby Sharma
6	Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra	Jharkhand	Shri Girija Nandan
7	Shankar Eye Foundation	Odisha	Dr. BNR Subudhi
8	Arunodaya Charitable Trust	Haryana	Dr. Arun Sethi
9	Disha Foundation (High Tech Eye Institute & Laser Center)	Uttrakhand	Dr. Satanshu Mathur
10	Niramaya Charitable Trust	Haryana	Dr. Hitendra Ahooja
11	Phanidhar Bordoloi Memorial Trust	Assam	Dr. Narayan Bardoloi
12	Nalbari Eye Hospital "Sight First Eye Hospital"	Assam	Dr. Subhra Kinkor Goswami
13	Save Sight Foundation (Arasan Eye Hospital)	Tamil Nadu	Dr. V. Panneerselvam
14	Siloan Eye Hospital	Andhra Pradesh	Dr. K. Shobha Naveen
15	S.S.M. Eye Research Foundation (Giridhar Eye Institute)	Kerala	Dr. A. Giridhar
16	Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust	Karnataka	Mr.Prashant S B
17	Laxmi Charitable Trust	Maharashtra	Dr. Vasudev Karira
18	R.N.C. Free Eye Hospital	Gujarat	Mr. Dhananjay T. Desai
19	Rotary Eye Institute, Navsari	Gujarat	Mr. Viral K Purohit

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We would also like to thank LCIF, SEVA for their active participation in our programmes.

We would like to thank Mr. Nitin Desai, who is the Corporate Advisor to our Board and has supported us this year. We also thank him for committing to fund our programmes in the future.

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