

*Wishing You a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year*

### Conferences, Meetings, Seminars & Continuing Medical Education (CME)

LVPEI hosted an **INSA-Leopoldina Joint Neuroscience** seminar on 'The Challenge to Learn: New Approaches to Study the Problem of Stability vs Plasticity in the Brain', 28-29 November 2017. Sponsored by Indian National Science Academy and the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the inter-academy seminar was organized by Professor Brigitte Roeder of the University of Hamburg, Germany and Professor Neeraj Jain of the National Centre for Brain Research, Manesar.



**Eye on the Future 2017**, 29-30 November 2017, commemorated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jasti V Ramanamma Children's Eye Care Centre. Spread across four key workshops – (a) Cross Talk: Strabismus & Beyond (b) CVI (Cortical visual impairment) (c) Pediatric Cornea, and (d) Pediatric Glaucoma - the academic sessions included highlights such as the 'What went wrong?' session that dealt with interesting case scenarios where the delegates benefited from the experience of the LVPEI faculty. More than 300 delegates from India and abroad participated in these interactive hands-on sessions.

*"Wonderful meeting. I was privileged and honoured to participate."*

- Alex V Levin, Chief, Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics, Wills Eye Hospital

The **DSEK (Descemet's Stripping Endothelial Keratoplasty) surgical training workshop** was conducted by the Tej Kohli Cornea Institute in collaboration with Sightlife International, 11-14 December 2017. It had 6 trainees from LVPEI, 4 from Nepal, Dubai, Varanasi and Chandigarh, and 3 observers. The faculty included Dr Mukesh Taneja, Dr Muralidhar Ramappa and Dr Sayan Basu from LVPEI; Dr Audrey Rostov from Seattle and Dr Michael Banitt from the University of Seattle. It was coordinated by Ms Nashrah Mazhar, Surgeon Training Associate from Sightlife International, Seattle.



A **workshop on smartphone accessibility for clients with vision loss** organized on 9 December 2017 by the Institute for Vision Rehabilitation aimed to provide exposure on using smartphones with assistive technology such as TalkBack. The workshop had 36 participants.

**Bhubaneswar Cadaver Course** offering advanced learning in lid, lacrimal and orbit procedures was organized, 9-10 December 2017, at the Bhubaneswar campus.



A **Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) workshop** was organized at the Hyderabad campus 4-7 December 2017.

The **7<sup>th</sup> Exit Competency Training program** at the Hyderabad campus on 26 November 2017 by Dr Vivek Pravin Dave included a retina laser workshop for comprehensive fellows across the network.

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**Mithu Tulsi Chanrai Campus, Bhubaneswar**, signed an MoU on 5 December 2017 with the National Health Mission - Odisha State Health and Family Welfare department to provide best quality pediatric eye healthcare to children in the state of Odisha. The Campus has performed 700 cataract surgeries and 85 ROP (Retinopathy of Prematurity) surgeries/ lasers in the past one year as part of the RBSK (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram) scheme. Additionally, ophthalmologists at the district level have been trained for ROP screening.



### Awards & Honours

**Dr Taraprasad Das** delivered the Yasuo Tano Oration on 'Decoding evidence based best practices in post-cataract surgery endophthalmitis prevention and treatment' at the Asia Pacific Vitreo Retinal Society (APVRS) on 8 December 2017.

At Keracon 2017, the annual meeting of the Cornea Society of India, 15-17 December 2017:

- **Dr Gullapalli N Rao** was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his stellar contribution to Cornea and Eye Banking in India.
- **Dr Mukesh Taneja** won the Best Poster presentation award for 'Teleophthalmology in rural eye care'.
- **Dr Bhavatharini M** won the Best Paper presentation award for 'Keratoconus in children'.

**Dr Indumathi Mariappan** has been appointed as Member for the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India's dedicated Task Force on 'Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine'.

**Dr Anthony Vipin Das** has been selected for the UK Government's Chevening Science and Innovation Leadership Fellowship (CRISP) in partnership with Rolls Royce. Twelve individuals from India have been selected for the 10-week program to commence in April 2018 at the University of Oxford, UK.

At the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (WCPOS), 1-3 December 2017 at Hyderabad, **Sujata Sharma** won the Best Poster Award for 'Impact of Congenital Cataract on Caregiver's Quality of Life'. The co-authors: Vijaya K Gothwal, Ramesh Kekunnaya, Preeti Patil Chhablani, Askhay Badakere and Ramkailash Gujar.

**Dr Gullapalli N Rao** delivered the Golden Jubilee Oration at the Ophthalmological Society of Assam (OSA) conference at Guwahati, 8-10 December 2017, on 'Quality Eye Health for All: Role of Education, Technology and Innovation'.

**Dr Savitri Sharma** and **Dr Swathi Kaliki** to be honoured with the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO) Achievement Awards 2018 in recognition of their contribution and time dedicated to the scientific programs of the APAO Annual Congresses.

LVPEI won the **Indywood Medical Excellence Award** for 'Best Initiative for Eye Care'. Dr Virender S Sangwan received the award on behalf of the Institute on 4 December 2017.



'Fittle', the world's first 3D Braille printed puzzle, won a Bronze at the 30<sup>th</sup> Eurobest awards, 28-29 November 2017, in the Healthcare category. Fittle is developed by LVPEI partnered with Serviceplan Health & Life and Ravensburger. It was first conceived by designer Tania Jain, under the mentorship of Dr Anthony Vipin Das, at a 'DIY Workshop' organized at LVPEI's Srujana Center for Innovation.



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The 20<sup>th</sup> Dr C Syamala Bhaskaran Endowment Lecture on 6 December 2017 was by Prof Clare Gilbert, Faculty of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, and Department of Clinical Research, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK, on 'Blinding eye conditions of the newborn of public health significance'.

A record 104 teleconsultations were reported on 11 December 2017, the highest since January 2017 when all vision centres across the LVPEI network were connected to the Hyderabad campus through tabs with eyeSmart EMR app.

The Hyderabad campus hosted **Minstrels & Blues**, a musical event by Bindhumalini Narayanaswamy, Vedanth Bharadwaj and Ananth Menon on 14 December 2017.



The 4<sup>th</sup> Education Day organized by the Academy for Eye Care Education on 16 December 2017 at the Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences at Kismatpur campus, had 253 trainee Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Vision Technicians, Ophthalmic Nursing Assistants and graduates from Diploma in Eye Health Management and Diploma in Community Eye Health from across the network receive their graduation certificates.



The Tej Kohli Cornea Institute organized **KeraRun** during Keracon 2017, the annual meeting of the Cornea Society of India. Leading cornea surgeons from across the world and the country participated in this 5K run on 16 December 2017 for the cause of eliminating avoidable corneal blindness.

**Mr Siva Ram**, certified PMP & PMI-ACP (Agile Certified Practitioner); Guest lecture 'Agile Methodologies to improve productivity' for staff of Electronic Medical Records department (EMR), Srujana Engineering group and Information Services Department (ISD); 30 November 2017.



An eye screening program for the 138 athletes of **Special Olympics National Roller Skating Championship** was organized 13-14 December 2017 at Hyderabad. 91 students were diagnosed with eye problems, 40 of them were prescribed spectacles for refractive errors, 33 were advised to undergo cycloplegic refraction and 18 of them were referred for further eye care management.

**Dr Madhura A Tamhankar**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Pennsylvania; Guest lecture: 'Radiation Optic Neuropathy'; 18 December.

**Prof Mark J Mannis**, Chair of Ophthalmology & Professor, Cornea and External Disease, Refractive Surgery and Uveitis, Laser Vision Correction Services - Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science, Ophthalmology Clinic, California, USA; Guest lecture: 'Development of Surgery for Keratoconus over the past century'; 15 December.

**Dr Marian S Macsai**, NorthShore Medical Group - Ophthalmology, Cornea/Refractive Surgery, Cataract Surgery; Guest lecture: 'What's new in Blepharitis and dry eye therapy?'; 15 December.

**Dr Amith Rugvedi**, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane; Guest lecture: 'The role of noise on rod signaling in the visual pathways'; 29 December.

## Anniversaries

The **Tej Kohli Cornea Institute (TKCI)** celebrated its second anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup> December with a keynote by Dr Paul Dubord, Clinical Professor, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences, University of British Columbia; and Founder, Eyesight International; besides presentations by TKCI faculty highlighting the progress made.



The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of **Jasti V Ramanamma Children's Eye Care Centre** on 30 November 2017 was graced by prominent donors, ophthalmologists, optometrists, patient care staff and guests who had been part of the two-decade journey of the centre. Mr Steve Dobb, Program Specialist, Latter Day Saint Charities, USA, a funding partner to the Child Sight Institute at LVPEI, shared his views and the keynote was delivered by Dr Alex Levin, Chair, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, USA.

## Inaugurations

LVPEI's 17<sup>th</sup> Secondary Centre, **Natco Eye Centre at Kothur**, Ranga Reddy was inaugurated on 2 December 2017 by Sri T Harish Rao, Minister for Irrigation, Marketing and Legislative Affairs, Govt of Telangana. The guests of honour were Sri C Laxma Reddy, Minister for Health, Govt of Telangana and Sri Y Anjaiah Yadav, Member of Legislative Assembly, Shadnagar. Also present were Sri Rajeev Nannapaneni, Vice Chairman and CEO, Natco Pharma Limited and Sri Venkaiah Chowdary Nannapaneni, Managing Trustee, Natco Trust, the funding partner.



## Anniversaries

1 December: **Nandipet Vision Centre**, Adilabad District, Telangana - 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2 December: **Navipet Vision Centre**, Adilabad District, Telangana - 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

13 December: **Arjun Waney Eye Centre**, Berhampur, Ganjam District, Odisha - 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

13 December: **Shrungavarapukota & Chodavaram Vision Centres**, Visakhapatnam Dt, AP - 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

13 December: **Maliyaputti & Pydibheemavaram Vision Centres**, Srikakulam Dt, AP - 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

17 December: **Gullapalli Pratibha Rao International Centre for Rural Eye care (GPR-ICARE)**, Kismatpur - 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

17 December: **Mylavaram Vision Centre**, Krishna District, AP - 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

18 December: **Jannaram Vision Centre**, Adilabad District, Telangana - 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

20 December: **Bhosle Gopal Rao Patil Eye Centre**, Mudhole, Nirmal District, Telangana - 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

20 December: **Tekkali Vision Centre**, Srikakulam District, AP - 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

23 December: **Palamner Vision Centre**, Chittoor District, AP - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

24 December: **Rayachoty Vision Centre**, Kadapa District, AP - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

27 December: **Vivekananda Vision Centre**, Ramakrishna Math, Hyderabad, Telangana - 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

27 December: **Jainoor Vision Centre**, Asifabad District, Telangana - 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

28 December: **Narasayapalem Vision Centre**, Guntur District, AP - 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

29 December: **Kothavalasa Vision Centre**, Vizianagaram District, AP - 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

29 December: **K Kotapadu & Kasimkota Vision Centres**, Visakhapatnam District, AP - 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

30 December: **Mandasa Vision Centre**, Srikakulam District, AP - 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

31 December: **Nekarikallu Vision Centre**, Guntur District, AP - 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

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