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## Quote

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

- Thomas A. Edison

## Editorial

Aravind opened its 42nd vision centre with support from Proof Eyewear, USA. The team was at the centre in the opening days to know more about its functioning and extending their support in the various activities.

Aravind Eye Hospital at Madurai has been undergoing renovation and restructuring, and part of the third floor now started accommodating Cornea and Glaucoma Services. The new area was inaugurated in the presence of Aravind's long-term friends, well-wishers and senior team.

Joining hands with the community, Aravind too paid homage to Swami Vivekananda on his 150th birth anniversary celebrations. The special chariot with the life-size picture of Swamiji visited Aravind as well as Aurolab. The staff had an excellent opportunity to witness this unique occasion and they paid their tribute to it.

For the very first time, technicians across the Aravind Opticals was called in for a one-day workshop to improve their skills and to update them on the latest developments in the field.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

*Aravind News Team*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Best Video Award for Dr. George V Puthuran

Vancouver, Canada, July 17 – 20



Dr. George V Puthuran received Best video award for his video on "Evolution of an Affordable Aqueous Drainage Implant – An Indian Story" at the World Glaucoma Congress Held at Vancouver, Canada in July.



## CME HELD AT ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL

### Cornea Rencontre 2013

Aravind – Pondicherry, July 21-22

This international conference had eminent speakers of international fame made presentations on various topics and discussed emerging trends in the treatment of corneal disorders. Dr. Samar K. Basak, Dr. Pravin K. Vaddavalli, Dr.Sathish



Srinivasan, Dr. Tushar Agarwal, Dr. Maghizh Anandan, Dr. Mathew Kurian were among the speakers apart from Aravind faculty. Dr. Anthony J. Aldave from USA also joined and made excellent presentations on DSEK through videoconferencing. Around 210 delegates attended the conference.

Prior to the conference, the department also arranged a DSEK workshop where Dr. Samar K. Basak and Dr. Sathish Srinivasan demonstrated manual and automated DSEK respectively to the audience and imparted wet-lab and live surgical training to the participants.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Workshop for Optical Technicians

Aravind – Madurai, June 3



For the very first time, a workshop was conducted for the technicians of Aravind Opticals at Aravind – Madurai in the last week of June. A total of 32 participants attended the programme. The programme focused on various aspects related to optical machine maintenance and cost containment.



### Glaucoma Retreat

Pondicherry, June 29



Glaucoma specialists across the Aravind centres were called in for a special retreat at Pondicherry in the last week of June. The retreat held at Ousteri Lake near Poonthurai aimed to come up with a concrete developmental plan for the entire glaucoma services at Aravind in view of the Aravind 2020 goals. A total of 30 participants, including glaucoma specialists, fellows, and MLOPs attended the retreat.



### Vision Day at Aravind

July 7



Aravind Eye Hospitals across the centres observed the memorial day of the Founder Chairman, Dr. G. Venkataswamy. Special bhajans were held and the staff reminisced their association with Dr. V.



### New Renovated Area for Cornea and Glaucoma Clinics

Aravind – Madurai, July 15

Glaucoma and Cornea Clinics started functioning in the third floor of the renovated Outpatient building of Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai. All the senior members of Aravind were present at the inauguration along with Dr. R. Pararajasegaram, Dr. Suzanne Gilbert, Mr. D. Nagarajan and Dr. Preethi Pradhan.



### Peraiyur Vision Centre Shifted to T. Kallupatti

Aravind – Madurai, July 15

Aravind's Vision Centre at Peraiyur was shifted to T. Kallupatti and the new centre was opened on July 15. Senior Aravind members, staff, community partners and government officials from T.Kallupatti participated in the ceremony. On the inaugural day, the centre examined 110 out patients.

### Employee Welfare Activity

Aravind – Tirunelveli, July 17

Second and third year MLOPs and lady admin staff with minimum 2 years of experience of Aravind – Tirunelveli were taken on a one day tour to Kuttralam.

### Aravind Pays Tribute to Swami Vivekananda

Aravind – Madurai, July 20



In commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, a special chariot procession was organized by the Matt. The chariot visited Aravind – Madurai and the senior leaders welcomed the Swamijis and paid homage to Swami Vivekananda. Special bhajans were sung during the programme. The chariot also visited Aurolab.

### Graduation Day

Madurai, July 27



Graduation day for the second year MLOPs who have successfully completed their training was held at all the Aravind centres. Senior leaders of Aravind were present at the occasion. Parents of the graduating nurses were also invited to attend the function. Trainees shared their experience of working at Aravind.

### Fruits Day at Janakiamma Child Care Centre

Aravind – Madurai, July 28

As part of learning activity, the tiny tots at the day care centre were introduced to the colourful world of fruits. Kids were asked to bring different types of fruits and the caretakers explained to them in detail about the structure and colour of each fruit. Tasting activity followed which was thoroughly enjoyed by the kids.



### Inauguration of Patthamadai Vision Centre

Patthamadai, August 1



Aravind - Tirunelveli opened its new vision centre at Patthamadai. Dr.R.Ramakrishnan, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind - Tirunelveli welcomed the gathering. The senior leaders of Aravind, Swami from Patthamadai, and Sivanandha hospital and the team from Proof Eye Wear, who supported the establishment of the centre were present at the occasion.

On the day of inauguration, the centre screened 45 patients. Of these, 28 patients were new cases and 17 were review cases. Glasses were prescribed to 7 patients. 9 patients were advised for surgery and many were referred for specialty opinion.

### Melody Friday

LAICO, August 2

Melody Friday was again back at LAICO with the singers amusing the audience with melodies on the "kaatru" (Breeze). Ms. Anjana Deep, patient care manager and Ms. Sivakarhika, Management intern anchored the show which witnessed active participation from the MLOP side.

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

### International Symposium on Intraocular Surgery (ISIS)

Trivandrum, June 22- 23



Dr. R. Venkatesh

- Early experience and results of AADI
- Recognize, regain control and react to PCR

### 26th Annual Meeting of Asia Pacific Association of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (APACRS)

Singapore, July 11-14

Dr. N. Venkatesh Prajna

- Update on fungal keratitis-results from the mycotic ulcer treatment trial

Dr. Tanpreet Pal Singh

- Tackling hard cataracts in developing world (video)

Dr. Devendra Maheswari

- The effect of Phacoemulsification with IOL implantation in eyes with cataract and preexisting trabeculectomy



## 2nd National uveitis conference

Nepal, July 25-27

Dr. S.R. Rathinam

- Basics and terminologies of uveitis
- Assessment and management of intermediate/posterior and panuveitis
- Parasitic uveitis
- Masquerade syndrome
- Spirochete related uveitis

## World Glaucoma Congress 2013

Vancouver, Canada, July 17 – 20



Dr. R. Ramakrishnan

- What is sustainable – medical management or surgery? Who gets what?

Dr. George V Puthuran

- Role of G.D.D in Indian scenario,

Dr. Manju R Pillai attended the consensus meeting on childhood glaucoma held as part of the conference.

## LAICO HAPPENINGS

### Eyexcel 2013

July 16-19



LAICO hosted the Eyexcel course in the second week of July. Dr. R.D Ravindran welcomed the audience, Dr. Karl Golnik delivered the inaugural address and Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj delivered the key note address. The course had around forty participants from countries such as India, Nepal, China, Guatemala, and Malaysia.

## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Course title	Training Centre	Total Number Trained as on July 2013	Enrollments for August 2013
<b>Long term Fellowship Programmes for Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Fellowship in Cornea</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	69	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	37	0

	<b>Pondicherry</b>	8	0
<b>Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	120	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	154	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	117	2
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	5	0
<b>Small Incision Cataract Surgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	184	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	122	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	147	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	30	1
<b>Phacomulsification</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	168	2
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	91	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	129	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	30	0
<b>Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	283	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	283	0
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	7	0
<b>Neuro Ophthalmology</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	3	1
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	1	0
<b>Ocularist</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	30	1
<b>Short Term Training in Refraction Techniques</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	62	5
<b>Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity &amp; Pediatric Retinal Disorders</b>	<b>Coimbatore</b>	14	1
<b>Management Courses</b>			
<b>Management Training and System Development for Hospital Administrators / Managers</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	247	7
<b>Instruments Maintenance Course</b>			
<b>Instrument Maintenance Course - For Technicians</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	449	8



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## AUROLAB NEWS

### Graduation Day for Aurolab Production Staff

Aurolab, July 14



The programme began with prayer song followed by Mrs.Viswapriya welcoming the gathering. The newly graduated production shared their experiences at Aurolab. Ms.Mahalakshmi briefed on the roles and responsibilities of production staff. Dr. P.Balakrishnan distributed gifts to the toppers. Dr.S.R. Krishnadas was the chief guest for the function. The parents of the newly graduated staff were also invited for the function.



## MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

### July - 2013

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Total
<b>HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS</b>										
Paying (New & Review)	48,538	7,097	22,175	29,437	22,683	5,753	3,602	8,626	2,383	150,294
Free (Direct walk-in)	16,764	1,946	6,417	9,813	7,728	4	220	-	982	43,874
<b>OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS</b>										
Regular Eye Camps	11,907	1248	4,760	10,649	7,125	-	449	123	-	36,261
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	140	315	322	1,352	359	-	-	-	-	2,488
Refraction Camps	1,136	481	732	988	473	-	-	-	-	3,810
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	436
School Screening camps	-	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Paediatric Camps	-	-	-	59	162	-	-	-	-	221
Vision Centres	11,357	4,927	4,771	3,641	2,916	-	-	-	-	27612
Community Eye Clinics	3,736	1,582	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	7318
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	<b>93,578</b>	<b>18,133</b>	<b>41,177</b>	<b>55,939</b>	<b>41,446</b>	<b>5,757</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>8,749</b>	<b>3,365</b>	<b>272,415</b>
<b>SURGERIES</b>										
Paying	4,255	373	1,009	1,211	1,087	135	95	304	97	8,566
Free (Direct)	3,531	232	830	1,290	855	27	62	30	99	6,956
Camp	4,255	245	1,277	2,136	-	-	42	215	66	8,236
<b>Total Surgeries</b>	<b>12,041</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>4,637</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>23,758</b>

