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Quote

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

- Jefferson

Editorial

Aravind's unique service delivery model continues to inspire others and is very often recognized by forums across the world. The organization was recently honoured with the Geneva Forum for Health Award hosted during the Forum for Health in Switzerland. The Award recognises advances and contributions in health systems that have improved or have the potential to fundamentally improve the health of people around the world.

Chairman Emeritus, Dr. P. Namperumalsamy was honoured at a special function co-organized by Aditya Jyot Institute of Vision Science, Retina Eye Care Hospital Pvt. Ltd., and Retina Foundation. The event was planned as a tribute to Dr. S. S. Badrinath, Dr. P. Namperumalsamy and Dr. Pran Nagpal - three vitreoretinal legends on the occasion of them completing 75 years of their life teaching and training new retinologists in the subcontinent.

To celebrate and commemorate the birth centenary of Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda, Chinmaya Mission organized Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra. The bus carrying rare pictures and life history of Swamiji visited Aravind in May. Staff was given an opportunity to pay tribute to this noble soul.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

Aravind News Team

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Geneva Forum for Health Award for Aravind Eye Care System

Geneva, Switzerland, May 19



Aravind Eye Care System was presented with Geneva Forum for Health Award by the Health Practice of McKinsey and Company during the World Health Assembly. The award recognises organization's innovations in healthcare delivery providing high quality low cost eye care to millions across India. Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Chairman received the award on behalf of Aravind.



NEWS AND EVENTS

DR Awareness Camp

Madurai, May 17



Retina Services at Aravind – Madurai organized a Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) awareness camp at Pallivasal Higher Secondary School, Muthukalathoor, Ramnad. The camp saw an outpatient turnout of 160. Seventy people were found to have diabetes and of these, six were newly identified with DR.



Workshop on Instruments Maintenance

Aravind – Salem, May 27 - 30



Aravind – Salem hosted the 4th Workshop on Instruments maintenance with support and guidance from the senior team including Mr. Jeyachandran, Ms Ganga and Ms. Kasthuri. A total of 16 participants from 10 different hospitals in and around Salem district participated. The team also serviced more than 50 ophthalmic equipment and instruments brought by the participants to the workshop.



Magic Show

Aravind – Tirunelveli, May 28



Various entertainment programmes are often being organized as part of employee welfare activity. These provide the much-needed relaxation to the staff amidst their hectic work schedule.

A special magic show led by Mr D Sulaiman, well-known magician was conducted. Staff members attended the show and it was truly entertaining.



Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra Visits Aravind

Aravind – Madurai, May 30



To celebrate the birth centenary of Swami Chinmayananda, Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra, a mobile exhibition having Gurudev's life and teachings visited Aravind - Madurai on May 30. Titled Chinmaya Sandesh Vahini, this 9m long bus contained inspiring interiors with posters and rare pictures from the saint's life. Staff got an opportunity to visit this mobile exhibition and got to know more about the Swamiji.



CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE

Annual Conference of the US-ARVO Meeting 2015

Denver, Colorado, USA, May 3 - 7



Dr. P. Sundaresan

- Establishment of retinal transcriptome gene expression signature for diabetic retinopathy using human cadaver eye

Dr. M. Vidyarani

- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* induced autophagy in human corneal epithelial cells

Dr. D. Bharanidharan

- Human corneal microRNA expression profile in fungal keratitis

Dr. A. Vanniarajan

- A new sequential screening strategy for rapid diagnosis of retinoblastoma

Ms. K. Jhansirani

- miR-203 inhibits Np63a dependent clonogenicity in corneal epithelial stem cells (CESCs)

Ms. Roopam Duvsh

- Cytokines and chemokines profile in aqueous humor of PACG eyes

At the ARVO meeting, Dr. P. Sundaresan participated exclusively in the Asian Eye Genetics Consortium and Global Eye Genetics Research group meeting.



11th Annual Conference of VISION 2020

Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, June 6 - 7

R.D. Thulasiraj

- *Setting the context to the Leadership track*

- *Role of leadership in generating demand - introduction*

Panel Discussion

- *Vision centres and technology – the key to universal coverage*

As Chairperson for the sessions:

- *Measuring and Monitoring Quality Indicators continual improvement*

- *Quality Tools*

- *RCA (Root Cause Analysis) and CAPA (Corrective Action Preventive Action)*

- *Lean sigma methodology for continuous quality improvement*

- *Devil is in the details clinical audit*

- *Vision centres and technology – the key to universal coverage*

Dr. R.D. Ravindran,

- *Leadership perspective - ensuring quality of service delivery*

- *Outreach Initiative to promote community eye donation*

As Chairperson for the sessions

- *Infection control principles and practices*

- *Investigating an endophthalmitis*

- *Cluster endophthalmitis and its repercussions*

Moderator

- *Efficiency V/s best practices: Dilemma of creating a perfect balance*

Panelists:

- *Accreditation: Issues, challenges and solutions*

- *Measuring cataract outcome*

Dhivya Ravilla

- *Impact of ACT model of School children screening*

- *Meeting the patient expectations: Measuring and monitoring patient satisfaction*

R. Meenakshi Sundaram

- *Aravind model of vision center*



Dr. P. Namperumalsamy Honoured at Celebrate Retina Celebrate Life

Mumbai, May 16

Dr. P. Namperumasamy was honoured by the Indian World of Retinologists at a special function organized to felicitate him on reaching the 75 years of his dedicated life in teaching and training new generations of Retinologist in this subcontinent. Titled Celebrate Retina Celebrate Life, the programme also honoured Dr Badrinath, and Dr Pran Nagpal along with Dr Namperumalsamy.



Canada India Healthcare Summit 2015

Ontario, Toronto, Canada, May 19 - 20

Dr. P. Namperumalsamy was the invited speaker at the Summit organized by Canada India Foundation.

Annual Conference of the World Association of Eye Hospitals (WAEH)

Singapore, May 22



Dr. Kim

- *EMR Design considerations - Aravind's approach*

Dr. Usha Kim

- *How to improve patient safety?*

- *Strengthening tertiary care services through primary eye care*

Dr. Meenakshi

- *Ophthalmic care for community and role of ophthalmic technicians - Aravind's experience in PEC*

Ganesh Babu

- *EMR rollout - Patient and staff dynamics*

Singapore National Eye Centre: OPRS Symposium

Singapore, May 23

Dr. Usha Kim

- *Optic nerve sheath fenestration: Different surgical approaches*

LAICO HAPPENINGS

Vision Building and Strategic Planning Workshop

LAICO, May 23- 30



Three hospitals from India and Sri Lanka attended the workshop. Altogether there were 14 participants. Apart from the detailed classroom sessions, they were taken on a trip to Aravind - Theni, an outreach camp and a vision centre.

ARAVIND MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Visit to University of California, San Francisco

San Francisco, May 2 - 3



Dr. P. Sundaresan visited University of California, San Francisco after ARVO 2015 meeting and met one of his collaborators Dr. Sai Nair at the Department of Ophthalmology, UCSF, School of Medicine and discussed to develop animal models for some of the eye diseases.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Training Programmes Enrollments for June 2015 at Aravind Eye Care System		
Course title	Training Centre	Enrollments for June 2015
Residency Programmes		
Diploma in Ophthalmology	Madurai	8
Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology	Madurai	9
Long Term Fellowship Programmes - For Ophthalmologists		
Fellowship in Paediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	1
Fellowship in Anterior Segment / Intraocular Lens Surgery	Madurai	1
Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists		
Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma	Coimbatore	1
Phacoemulsification	Madurai	2
	Pondicherry	1
Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Madurai	1
	Tirunelveli	1
	Coimbatore	1
Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy	Madurai	1
	Coimbatore	2
ECCE - IOL Microsurgery	Coimbatore	1
Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity and Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Coimbatore	1
Short Term Courses - For Paramedicals		
Short Term Course in OT Techniques	Madurai	1
Management Courses - Non Clinical Courses		
Medical Records Management	Madurai	2
Community Outreach and Social Marketing of Eye Care Services	Pondicherry	5
Instrument Maintenance Course - Non Clinical Courses		
Instrument Maintenance for Technicians	Madurai	5



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AUROLAB NEWS

Guest Lecture

Aurolab, May 9

Aurolab arranged a guest lecture about Chithirai Thiruvizha. Dr.Chandra, Professor, Meenakshi College narrated about Chithirai Thiruvizha, its importance and why the festival was conducted in Madurai. The participants felt the session was very useful.



MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

May - 2015

Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Tuticorin	Total
HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS											
Paying (New & Review)	57,713	7,643	27,655	34,336	27,548	5,723	3,768	10,164	2,576	4,887	182,013
Free (Direct walk-in)	15,345	1,771	6,343	10,482	8,364	9	615	383	952	673	44,937
OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS											
Regular Camps	7,306	1,227	3,947	5,838	7,724	-	-	861	-	340	27,243
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	1,297	48	-	932	231	-	-	-	-	-	2,508
Refraction Camps	435	247	201	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,266
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	505	-	-	505

School Screening camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paediatric Camps	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
Vision Centres	13,032	4,299	7,100	2,536	3,327	-	764	-	801	-	-	31,859
Community Eye Clinics	3,682	1,596	2,507	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,785
Total OP Examinations	98,810	16,954	47,753	54,507	47,194	5,732	5,147	11,913	4,329	5,900	298,239	
SURGERIES												
Paying	3,502	392	1,893	1,777	1,472	240	151	567	122	219		10,335
Free (Direct)	3,653	235	1,069	1,812	1,229	81	109	68	135	90		8,481
Camp	2,232	156	757	1,854	2,169	-	44	183	43	54		7,492
Total Surgeries	9,387	783	3,719	5,443	4,870	321	304	818	300	363		26,308

