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## Quote

*"There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them."*  
 – Dr. Denis Waitley

## Editorial

Considering the escalating problem of corneal blindness and the importance of eye donation to address this situation, Aravind Eye Hospitals organised massive awareness creation programmes on the occasion of Eye Donation Fortnight celebrations. Programmes included awareness seminars, lectures, rallies and talks on popular television and radio channels and these conveyed the exigency in promoting the cause of eye donation.

Joining hands with The Hindu, LAICO took lead in organizing a series of lectures on Seven Habits of Highly Effective People in memory of its author Stephen Covey. For the third consecutive year, Aravind hosted a musical evening in honour of the legendary singer, Dr. M.S. Subbalakshmi on her birth anniversary.

September was a month of celebrations especially for the Aravind Hospitals at Theni, Madurai and Dindigul as all these centres observed their annual day with elaborate programmes. Aravind – Madurai completed its thirty six years of service in elimination of needless blindness whereas Theni hospital completed twenty-seven years. Aravind Hospital at Dindigul which was started in September 2010 has since then registered a steady growth.

The Instruments Maintenance team was felicitated as 'Real Eye Hero' at the General Body meet of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness. October Summit, the annual series of events held in memory of Aravind's founder, Dr. G. Venkataswamy was started in the last week of September with the Health Systems workshop.

Dr. R. Kim has been accorded with a rare distinction when he was invited to the International AMD Classification Committee, the only ophthalmologist from Asia to receive this honour. In this capacity he attended the meeting held at California, US in August.

News about these and many more feature in this issue.

*Aravind News Team*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

### Best Doctor Award for Dr. Kalpana Narendran

Coimbatore, September 5



Dr. Kalpana Narendran was conferred the Best Doctor Award by the Dr. M.G.R. Medical University on the occasion of Teachers Day.



## Aravind Eye Hospital Receives Award for Best Patient Safety Initiatives

Hyderabad



Aravind-Pondicherry receives award for best safety initiatives at the International Congress of Patient Safety held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre.



## ICMR Grant for Dr. Gitansha Sachdev

Aravind – Madurai



Dr. Gitansha, second year MS resident has been awarded ICMR grant for her thesis Safety and Efficacy of Corneal Collagen Cross-linking with Riboflavin in Progressive Keratoconus.



## Eye Health Hero Award for Instruments Maintenance Team

Hyderabad, September 16 – 20



Aravind's Instruments Maintenance Team received the Eye Health Her Award at the recently concluded 9th General Body Meeting of the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Aravind Eye Hospitals Observe 27th National eye donation fortnight

August 25 – September 8



#### Aravind - Madurai

Rotary Aravind International Eye Bank organised a variety of awareness creation programmes on eye donation throughout this 2 weeks. The programme started with the Finger Impression campaign for supporting the cause of eye donation at District Collector's Office, Madurai and was inaugurated by Shri. Anshul Mishra IAS. Following this, similar programme was arranged at Lady Doak College and Kadhi Wilcox Community College. In collaboration with Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Research Centre, another awareness campaign was organised. The Hospital Corneal Retrieval Programme at Government Rajaji Hospital Madurai was strengthened. SMS

on the importance of eye donation were sent to selected subscribers of Airtel mobile phone service. Aravind hosted the valedictory function of the Fortnight Celebrations with Dr. P.Namperumalsamy inaugurating the finger impression campaign. Following which all the senior members at Aravind too joined the campaign. The function was attended by the public as well.



#### Aravind – Coimbatore

As part of the Eye donation Fortnight celebrations, Aravind Eye Hospital Coimbatore conducted an awareness rally on eye



donation with support from Rathinam College of Arts and science Coimbatore on September 4. Mr.Veluchami, Mayor, Coimbatore city Municipal Corporation, flagged off the rally in the presence of Dr.V. Narendran, Chief Medical Officer, Aravind Eye Hospital Coimbatore, and Dr. Madan A Sendhil, Chairman of Rathnam group. Dr. Revathi, Chief -Cornea Services talked about the prevalence of corneal blindness and importance of eye donation. Around 1250 students and 150 staff participated in the programme.



### Aravind – Tirunelveli



At Aravind-Tirunelveli Eye Donation Awareness exhibition displaying facts about eye donations and stressing the need for society participation was held in the hospital premises throughout the fortnight. A seminar on Infective Keratitis and eye donation was organized. Dr. Meenakshi, Dr. Anita and Dr. Jayahar Bharathi gave a talk. An awareness rally was conducted on 5th September 2012 inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Manivannan. Every day between 1.30 to 2.30pm all through the fortnight, Aravind ophthalmologists gave awareness talks in the auditorium to the patients and public who visited the hospital. A grand meeting was conducted on Friday, 7th September 2012 in the auditorium where Dr. Manoharan,

Dean, Tirunelveli Medical College honored the families who donated the eyes of their deceased kin. Dr. V. Anita gave a lecture on eye donation. Dr. J. Ganesh, MJF was awarded "Best social worker". Dr. Palaniappan, Vice principal, Tirunelveli Medical College, Rtn. S Jegatheesan, Eye Bank Convenor, Mr Chidambaram, Senior Citizen association and Mr Krishna Rao, Convenor, BSSSSO offered felicitations. Dr Anita gave an inspiring speech in All India Radio on 3rd September 2012 regarding "Eye donation".



### Aravind – Tirupur



At Aravind –Tirupur, Eye donation awareness Students Rally was flagged off by Mr. Manikanadan President Lions Club of Central Tirupur on September 7th at Corporation Office-Tirupur and the rally ended at Kumaran Statue (Near Railway Station) at 11.30am. Totally 200 students along with Aravind staff participated in the Rally.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Onsite Training by Instruments Maintenance Department

Mumbai



Ms. N. Kasthuri, Bio Medical Engineer of the Instruments Maintenance Department, Aravind - Madurai was deputed to go over to L.M. Patel Rotary Eye Hospital, Mumbai for a week to help them in managing their instruments. At present the hospital, has no technician to take care of their instruments. During the week she spent there, she was able to service as many as 38 instruments (little more than six per day) and had impressed the hospital the need to have a trained technician. The hospital in turn has agreed to send a person for training to Aravind in December 2012. Dr. Payal Joshi, Full-time Consultant in that hospital has observed in his report as following: "Kasthuri visited our hospital and we thank her a lot for that. We learned a lot from her". Another doctor had remarked that her slit lamp after servicing was as good as a new one.

She also helped some of the part-time ophthalmologists visiting that hospital in servicing some of their personal instruments in their clinics, which was also appreciated by them.

Prof. V. Srinivasan also visited the hospital on one day and interacted with the founder of the hospital Mr. Patel and the other staff members.



## Hospital Day Celebrations

### Aravind – Theni

September 1

The annual day programmes of Aravind - Theni started with a prayer song by Ms. Manimegalai followed by welcome address by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Dipankar Datta. Dr. Presanna presented the hospital activity report for the period from August 2011 to July 2012. Dr. P.Namperumalsamy presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Dr. R.D. Ravindran, Mr. G. Srinivasan, and Dr. G. Natchiar delivered special address. Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj, Dr. R. Kim and Dr. Usha Kim also were the chief guests for the programme. Service awards were distributed and the function was followed by dinner.



### Aravind – Madurai

September 15



The 36th Hospital Day of Aravind – Madurai was celebrated with a variety of programmes staged by staff of different cadres and departments. Mr. V. Muthuramalingam, Chairman, Velammal Group of Educational institutions was the chief guest for the function. Dr. R.D. Ravindran delivered the special address and Dr. R. Kim presented the highlights of the year 2011 – 2012. Dr. P.Namperumalsamy, Dr. M. Srinivasan, Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Dr. G. natchiar and Mr. G. Srinivasan presented the service awards to the staff. Dr. G. Venkataswamy Award for Outstanding Performnac ein Outreach was presented to the camp organizers, Mr. P. Jeyaram and Mr.T. Selvam.



### Aravind – Dindigul

September 22

Aravind - Dindigul celebrated its annual day at N.P.Natahan Rotary Hall, Dindigul. Mr.P.S.Velesamy, Chairman SSM Groups was the chief guest. DR.P.Namperumalsamy gave the presidential address, Dr.R.D.Ravindran, Chairman, AECS delivered the Special address. Welcome address was given by R.Balasubramani Manager, AEH DGL and Dr.Deepak Kumar presented the activity report. V.E.Poonguzhali, MLOP sister performed a dance.



## Valedictory Function of Instruments Maintenance Course

Aravind – Madurai, August 28



Dr. Karthik Srinivasan, Medical Officer, Retina Vitreous Services presided the valedictory function and distributed certificates for the six trainees – one each from Uganda, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and three from India (two from Bihar and one from Andhra Pradesh). The department also took the opportunity to facilitate him on receiving the Young Achievers Award by The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University given on the Doctors' Day and the University Day Celebration.

Dr. Divya Karthik, Medical Officer handed over the tools kit for the trainees. The two doctors congratulated the trainees and in their message emphasized the need for proper care of instruments to provide the best eye care for the patients. They also congratulated the Instruments Maintenance team on the achievement in running the courses successfully and continuously for more than 16 years. Mr. Joseph Albert was the Chief Instructor for the course.



## Workshop for Trainees of Opticals Department

Aravind – Coimbatore, September 9 – 10

A total of 41 second year optical sales staff and technicians across the Aravind Hospitals attended the workshop. The main



purpose of this workshop was to give orientation on customer centre communication, Aravind culture, new updates in the optical industry and teamwork. The speakers were Mr. Samson (Transition – Communication Skill Trainer, Chennai), Mr.Ramesh, (Essilor – Optometrist), Mr. Rakesh, (G.K.B – Optometrist), Ms. Shanmugalakshmi (Optometrist), Ms.Umapriya (HR Manager), Ms.Ulagammal (Optical Senior Sales), and Mr. Murugesh (Optical Manager), Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore.



### **CME for MLOPs**

Aravind-Tirunelveli, September 9



A CME for MLOPs especially for those posted at Community centres and Vision centres (including those at the base hospital, nearly 120) was organised.

A training need analysis was made and the CME was designed to provide the relevant up to date information and strategies for the development of MLOPs. An attempt has been made to identify, develop, and promote standards for quality in maintenance of competence and incorporation of new knowledge to improve quality care for patients.



### **New and Big Uvea Clinic**

Aravind – Tirunelveli, August 22

As part of infrastructure development, Uvea Clinic at Aravind – Tirunelveli was expanded and the same was inaugurated by Dr.R.Ramakrishnan. The function was attended by doctors, MLOPs and Admin staff.



### **Guest Lecture for MLOPs**

Aravind – Tirunelveli, September 21

Mr.R.Ganesan, Founder - Life Improvement Mind Engineering (LIME) was invited as to deliver a motivational lecture for the MLOPs at Aravind –Tirunelveli. Mr R.Ganesh, founder of Life Improvement Mind Engineering (LIME) is a Counsellor and a certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, NLP Trainer and Reiki Healer.

With his good sense of humor, he not only made the participants to laugh but also made them to think.



## **CONFERENCES ATTENDED ELSEWHERE**

### **EUCORNEA and European Society of Cornea and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS)**

Milan, Italy, September 5 - 10

Dr. K. Thiruvengkatakrishnan  
- *Pseudomonas* (poster)

Dr. Biswajit

- *Low Vision Aids in Pediatric Age group-How far is the Dream? A 2-year analysis in a tertiary care eye hospital of South India*

Dr. Anita Raghavan

- *Persistence of viable fungi in excised button in therapeutic Keratoplasty and clinical implication (Best Paper Award)*



### **2nd World Congress of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**

Milan, Italy, September 7-9

Dr. Kalpana Narendran

- *What is the acceptance of the subspecialty of pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus in India?*

- *Poor visual behavior in infants – clinical profile and visual outcome*

Dr. Rajesh Prabh, Dr. Kalpana, Dr. R.Subramaniam, Dr. A.Rathakrishna



- To study the effect of teachers training programme in successful screening of refractive errors in school children, by the Teachers (free paper)  
Dr. Ramakrishnan Subramaniam, K. Narendran, R. Prabu, N. Agrawal
- Surgical outcomes in monocular elevation defect  
Dr. Ramakrishnan
- Surgical outcome in Monocular Elevation Deficiency in paediatric patients (poster)  
Dr. Rajesh Prabhu
- Efficacy of fulltime occlusion therapy in management of amblyopia in 8 to 15 years old children  
Dr. Shashikant Shetty
- Invited speaker for the instruction course on Nystagmus  
Topic: Head posture and visual acuity improvement following surgery for Nystagmus.  
He underwent did observership with Professor Dr. Paolo nucci in San Guissipi Hospital, Milan during September 10 – 15. He also spent a week with Dr. Alan Spielmann, Nancy, France from September 16-22.



### Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association – Academic and Research Committee

Karur, September 16

Dr. R. Venkatesh

- Application of mobile phone technology in health care
- Optic nerve head changes in Glaucoma
- Optimizing medical therapy in Glaucoma
- Case scenario with disc photos and HFA

Dr. K. Palaniswamy

- Basics of Humphrey Field Analysis



### 9th General Assembly of International Agency for Prevention of Blindness

Hyderabad, September 17-20

Many of the Aravind staff attended and presented posters at the annual General Assembly meeting of IAPB:

V.Vijayakumar, Dr. R. Kim, R.D.Thulasiraj

- Diabetic Retinopathy: Remote screening model using information technology (working with diabetologists)

P.Vinoth, R.D. Thulasiraj

- Online learning for eye care professionals.

R.Meenakshi Sundaram, R.D. Thulasiraj, Dr.G. Natchiar

- Community engagement in screening camps

K.M. Sashipriya, R.D.Thulasiraj and Dr. R. Kim

- Enhancing access to diabetic retinopathy services through partnerships beyond eye care.

Suresh Kumar, K.M.Sashipriya

- Enhancing eye care through organizational capacity building – LAICO's recent experience

Mohammed Gowth, A. Manimuthu, R.D. Thulasiraj

- Innovation to improve access – Aravind primary eye care centre experience

Ross Cunningham, Sanil Joseph

- Investigating gender-related barriers to eye care amongst cataract patients in Tamil Nadu

Deepa Krishnan

- Where do you stand? (poster on EyeQ)

Dr. K. Veena

- Sibling Motivational Card- A New Initiative for Early Diagnosis in Pediatric Ocular Defects

Dr. Frederick Mouthappa

- School screening programme in South India: How successful are we?

Dr. Biswajit

- Low Vision Aids in Pediatric Age group –How far is the Dream? A 2-year analysis in a tertiary care eye hospital of South India

Ms. Priya Adhishesan

- An innovative approach in Teachers' training – Our Experience



## 22nd Congress of the International Society Geographical & Epidemiological Ophthalmology (ISGEO)

Hyderabad, September 21 – 22

Dr. Fredrick Moutappa

- *School screening programme in South India: How successful are we? (poster)*

Ms. Priya Adhishesan

- *An innovative approach in Teachers' training – Our experience*



## 4th Annual National CME on Eye Banking of Eye Bank Association of India

Organised by PROVA Eye Bank, Disha Eye Hospitals Barrackpore, Kolkata, September 22- 23

Dr. M. Srinivasan

- *Corneal blindness in India – An overview*

- *Maximize the utilisation of donor tissue: The roadmap (Open discussion)*

Dr. R. Revathi

- *Lamellar Keratoplasty – Basics*



## Annual Conference of Bangladesh Academy of Ophthalmology

Dhaka, Bangladesh, August 28

Dr. Mahesh Kumar

- *Localisation of Neuro-Ophthalmic lesions through clinical examination.*

He also visited the Grameen Eye hospitals at Bogra, Bangladesh and interacted with the doctors on diagnosing neuro-ophthalmic conditions and examined patients in the outpatient clinic.



## Annual Conference of Nigerian Ophthalmic Society

Lagos, Nigeria, August 29 – September 1



Dr. Naresh Babu, Medical officer, Retina and Vitreous services, Aravind - Madurai was the invited faculty for Nigerian Ophthalmic Society Meet held in September.



## Dr. R. Kim at the International AMD Classification Committee Meeting

California, USA, August 16 – 18



Dr. Kim has been invited to be in a panel of 25 experts in macular degeneration to convene at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Macular Center at the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering on August 2011. The aim of this group is to develop the best way to characterize the clinical phenotype of AMD at different stages. And to develop a Simple classification in AMD to be used by all the ophthalmologists and another classification which will be based on the phenotyping and genotyping of AMD. This group will meet twice in the next 2 years. In this context, he participated in this meeting held at Irvine, California on August 16-18, 2012.



## VI NEOCON Meet

Trichy, July 14

Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi

- *Early vision screening is imperative*



## HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### Welfare Activity for Cleaners

Aravind – Pondicherry, August 15



Dr. G.Natchiar, Director Emeritus, AECS met all the cleaners of the Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry. She motivated them for a still better performance and distributed gifts for those who came to work without taking leave in the last academic year.



### Excursion Programme for Cleaners

Aravind – Pondicherry, September 1-2 and September 8 – 9



As a part of welfare activity, the cleaners of AEH-Pondy were taken to a trip to Tirunelveli. They went to Nelliappar Temple, Tiruchenthoor Temple, Vana Thirupathi Temple and Kuttralam etc. All the staff members had a wonderful time and enjoyed their tour. The cleaners were happy regarding the hospitality provided in our Tirunelveli hospital.



### Excursion Programme Staff

Aravind Eye Hospital



Staff members belonging to different cadres at Aravind – Tirunelveli and Pondicherry were taken on excursion to different places. The tour truly provided a relief from the hectic mundane activities.



## LAICO HAPPENINGS

### Systems Thinking for Achieving Universal Coverage in Eye Care

LAICO, September 23-25



The main purpose of the workshop was to reflect on the real issues in eye care delivery and recognize that strengthening the eye care health system is the key towards achieving goals of V2020. The workshop focused on deciding actionable directions at the global level as well as at the operational level for achieving the V2020: The Right to Sight goals. Deliberations revolved around proven strategies that could be implemented in different regions to improve eye care services. The workshop also identified areas that require further research with focus on universal coverage and improving service delivery. Dr. R.D Ravindran welcomed the gathering and Dr. R.Pararajasegaram delivered the inaugural address. Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj gave the keynote address. Sixty - four participants from countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, USA, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and UK participated. Faculty



included Mr. D.Nagarajan, Advisor - AECS, LVPEI and Seva Foundation, US; Prof. Dr. Ashraf Sayeed, BIRDEM General Hospital, Bangladesh; Amy Potter, Public Health Specialty Registrar, International Centre for Eye Health, UK; Dr. Bachani, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S.K.Hospital, New Delhi; Dr. Ivo Kocur, Team Leader, Prevention of blindness and deafness, WHO, Geneva; Mr. R.D. Thulasiraj and Ms. Sashipriya from LAICO.



### Eye Care Collaborative for Improving Hospital Performance

LAICO, September 29 – 30



The main purpose of the workshop was to enable the participating hospitals to pilot the model for improvement developed by Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in the Indian context based on the Aravind Model. Eye Care Collaborative brought together 17 participants from six hospitals to facilitate improvement in their processes. Collaborative consists of three workshops, and the inaugural one was held at LAICO. This consultation was hosted by LAICO and organised by ACCESS Health International. The participating hospitals included Aravind Eye Hospital, Salem, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Delhi, Globe Eye Foundation, Bangalore, Narayana Nethralaya, Bangalore, Raj Eye Hospital, Gorakhpur and Sankar Foundation,

Vizag.



### Freshers Day of Fellows in Eye Hospital Management

LAICO, September 8



The newly joined six Fellows in Eye Hospital Management celebrated their Freshers Day with a variety of entertainment programmes. They introduced themselves to the audience and performed interesting skits and other programmes which really delighted the audience. All the senior members of Aravind attended the function.



### Stephen Covey Memorial Lectures on Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

LAICO, September 14 -15



LAICO and The Hindu jointly organized a series of lectures on Seven Habits of Highly Effective People in memory of the legendary writer Stephen Covey. Guest speakers for the various sessions included Prof. R. Rajagovindasamy, Director, Mannar Tirumalai Naicker College, Madurai, Ms. Chitra Ganapathy, Managing Director – Kadambavanam, Dr. Aravind Srinivasan, Administrator, Aravind – Madurai, Mr. R. Balasubramani, Managing Director – Cairn Ltd and so on.



### Madhura Geetham 2012

LAICO, September 17

LAICO hosted a musical evening as part of the fifth season of Madurai Geetham 2012, annual musical festival held in Madurai in commemoration of Bharat Ratna Ms. M.S. Subbulakshmi on her birth week starting from September 15.



### Customised Training Programme for Eye Care Programme Managers of FHF, Pakistan

LAICO, September 25 – 30



A five – member team of eye care programme managers from Fred Hollows Foundation, Pakistan were at LAICO to undergo a week-long training programme on various aspects of eye care programme management. Dr. Preethi Pradhan, Mr. Rajesh Kapse, Mr. D. Nagarajan were the guest faculty for different sessions.

[Click here to view Consultancy statistical report](#)

## TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Course title	Training Centre	Total Number Trained as on August 2012	Enrollments for September 2012
<b>Residency Programmes for Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Post DO DNB</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	88	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	11	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	56	0
	<b>Theni</b>	15	2
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	16	0
<b>Short Term Fellowship - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Short Term Fellowship in Orbit &amp; Oculoplasty</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	9	1
<b>Short Term Courses - For Ophthalmologists</b>			
<b>Diagnosis and Management of Glaucoma</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	115	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	135	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	107	2
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	3	0
<b>Small Incision Cataract Surgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	174	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	117	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	136	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	24	0
<b>Lasers in Diabetic Retinopathy</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	269	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	264	2
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	6	0
<b>Phacomulsification</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	153	1
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	87	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	107	2

	<b>Pondicherry</b>	21	0
<b>IOL Microsurgery</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	713	0
	<b>Tirunelveli</b>	278	0
	<b>Coimbatore</b>	218	1
	<b>Pondicherry</b>	12	0
<b>Short Term Course in Optical Dispensing</b>	<b>Madurai</b>	161	5
<b>Management Programmes - Non-Clinical Course</b>			
<b>Project Management for Eye Care</b>	<b>LAICO</b>	60	5

[Click here to view Training Programme full statistics](#)



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## AUROLAB NEWS

### Annual Conference of Bombay Ophthalmic Association

Mumbai, August 3 – 5

Aurolab participated in Focus 2012, a joint conference organized by Bombay ophthalmic Association (BOA) and Eye Advance in the first of August. Aurolab sponsored one of the sessions in the conference during which renowned surgeon Dr. J.K. Shah, presented about the new and enhanced Aurovue hydrophobic IOL. All the major products including PEGASUS

phaco machine was displayed and promoted at the conference. The conference was well received with a registration of around 1500 delegates.



### Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association

Trichy, August 10 – 12

For the First time, Aurolab sponsored a live surgery session at the conference. Dr.Haripriya Aravind, Dr. P. Sathyan and Dr. D.Ramamurthy performed live surgeries using Aurolab PEGASUS Phaco Machine. Auroflex Toric IOL, new and enhanced Aurovue IOL and Auroflex EV IOL were implanted during the surgery. Dr.Srinivas K.Rao, Dr.R.Venkatesh, Dr.J.K.Reddy and Dr.Sirish Kumar were the esteemed panelists for the live surgery session and their discussions with the surgeons made the session lively and informative for the audience.

Aurolab also sponsored a session in which Dr.Sirish Kumar presented about Ashperic IOLs and talked about Auroflex EV.



### Awareness Programme on Road Safety Measures

Aurolab, September 15



A road safety awareness session was organized by Kalyani Honda in Aurolab. Two wheelers riders were educated on various aspects of safe riding. Participants were also given a chance to experience riding with the help of a simulator. The winners were awarded by Kalyani Honda team.



## MONTHLY PATIENT STATISTICS

September - 2012											
Hospitals	Madurai	Theni	Tirunelveli	Coimbatore	Pondicherry	Dindigul	Tirupur	Salem	Udumalpet	Total	
<b>HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENT VISITS</b>											
Paying (New & Review)	42,424	6,977	21,334	29,201	19,914	5,028	3,161	7,591	2,237	137,867	
Free (Direct walk-in)	13,366	1,896	6,148	9,688	6,643	13	150	-	1,106	39,010	
<b>OUTREACH OUT PATIENTS</b>											
Regular Eye Camps	10,661	2,286	4,999	8,196	7,174	-	122	436	-	33,874	
Diabetic Retinopathy camps	984	135	166	1,390	487	-	-	-	-	3,162	
Refraction Camps	1,183	212	1,669	1,662	115	-	-	-	-	4,841	
Mobile Refraction Unit	-	458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	458	
School Screening camps	-	358	1,788	1,200	2,170	-	-	-	-	5,516	
Paediatric Camps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Vision Centres	9,533	3,972	4,497	2,727	2,317	-	455	-	455	23,956
Community Eye Clinics	3,227	1,468	1,681	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,376
<b>Total OP Examinations</b>	<b>81,378</b>	<b>17,762</b>	<b>42,282</b>	<b>54,064</b>	<b>38,821</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>4,888</b>	<b>8,027</b>	<b>3,798</b>	<b>255,060</b>
<b>SURGERIES</b>										
Paying	4,424	437	1,226	1,662	1,045	166	130	396	106	9,592
Free (Direct)	3,224	271	944	1,618	789	24	41	38	117	7,066
Camp	4,104	299	1,292	1,275	1,348	-	24	85	-	7,427
<b>Total Surgeries</b>	<b>10,752</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>24,085</b>

