Stay in Touch

Optometry Council of India (OCI) founded in 2012 and commenced registration in 2014, has grown into an organization with almost 4000 members. With such a large membership spread across India and globally, the best way to update our members on projects and current events is through a newsletter. This newsletter would be circulated once in three months, leading to four news-letter in a year. I request all our members, partner organizations (ASCO & IOF), our industry supporters and well-wishers to support us in this initiative going forward.

Membership & Website

Constructive feedback from members led us to overhauling the website to make it more user friendly. Please visit our website and provide us with feedback. We would also like all potential members to know that once an incomplete application is uploaded, there is a 10-day period to submit the pending documents. In case you cannot do so, the application will be discarded from the database. Renewal also has been made simple with options such as case reports submission and/or an online examination of one hour. members who are interested in renewal through a one-hour examination, please visit:

https://optometrycouncilofindia.org/exam/renewal/oci

Team OCI wishes you a very happy, healthy & prosperous year 2020 !!

Lakshmi Shinde
Paula Mukherjee Mehta
World Sight Day (WSD) marked by meaningful celebrations!!

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1. Your full name
2. Location
3. Name of the practice
4. Specialty/interests
5. Achievements
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7. High resolution photo

Walkathon

WSD this year was celebrated on the 13th October 2019 by OCI through walkathons with the theme “Road safety & Vision.” OCI with the support of industry viz. Essilor & Zeiss conducted walkathon in Bangalore, Chennai and Jodhpur. OCI also collaborated with Vision 2020 in Jaipur. The tag line used by OCI was “Road safety starts with good vision.” Ten Impactful posters were created by optometry students in three languages: English, Hindi and Kannada. These posters received a lot of appreciation from the public, optometrists and NGO’s. A total of 1700 optometrist took part in these walkathons which impacted approximately 4500 general public through the message on road safety and the importance of vision towards it.

Optometry Council of India is a self-regulatory body created by Optometrists of India. Any profession, in order to grow, should be regulated in addition to having aspects like academics, recognition etc. While the governmental regulation is in pipeline, the interim gap has been filled by the present Optometry Council of India. With this self-imposed discipline and self-regulatory mechanism, optometry has moved in right direction since the formation of Optometry Council of India – **Optom Rajesh Wadhwa**
School Bus Drivers’ Screening

As the theme was “Road safety” for this year OCI also conducted school bus drivers’ vision screening. The vision of these bus drivers is important as they transport children on a daily basis. In six location this screening was done in partnership with ‘Sight Savers’ and free spectacles were provided by Essilor Vision Foundation. In another 13 locations it was done in partnership with Essilor Vision Foundation. Around 1000 bus drivers were screened and nearly 550 spectacles were dispensed free of cost. Four cases of field defects and 12 color vision deficiency were diagnosed and referred. A comprehensive eye examination and proper counselling by optometrists during such screening programs is important so that the person does not lose his job.

Mindful of the need to certify and regulate the competence and standards of Optometrists and of Optometry Schools and Colleges; the Indian Optometry Federation (IOF) and the Association of Schools and Colleges of India (ASCO) have together established a private, peer regulating Optometry Council of India in September 2012.
Experience Vision: Project by Bausch + Lomb India in Partnership with OCI

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Experience Vision commenced in September 2018 and is nearing its closure. It was implemented in three phases:

Phase 1: Eye care awareness and hygiene
Phase 2: Screening of government school children
Phase 3: Counselling high school students on optometry as a career.

Phase one was a huge success with innovative posters designed by optometry students (ten posters translated into nine different languages). The posters were made attractive so that youngsters absorb the message given. In phase one, we reached out to around 1,00,000 government school children and 25,000 teachers and educated them in eye care awareness and hygiene. In phase two we screened 16,000 children and found refractive error in 8% of children, 2% of color vision defects and 12% of binocular vision problems.

OCI Awards

The ‘World Optometry Day 2020’ has become even more special for optometrists in India as OCI announces three awards in three different categories.

1. Essilor award for contribution to Public Health
2. Jaggi best optometrist award
3. Cooper Vision award for best case report (2 awards)

Please visit https://optometrycouncilofindia.org/awards for eligibility, forms and other details.

THANK YOU