

MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
OLD NO.18, NEW NO.41, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI – 600 006



ANNUAL REPORT
2007 – 08



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30th August 2008

To
The Members of the Medical Research Foundation

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION THAT THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 25TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 5.30 P.M. AT THE BOARD ROOM IN MAHYCO BLOCK, 18, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI 600 006. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS GIVEN BELOW:

AGENDA

1. To consider and adopt the Annual report of the Foundation for the year 2007-08.
2. To consider and adopt the Audited Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31, 2008 and the Balance Sheet as at that date together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.
3. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31st March 2009.
4. To appoint Members to the Board of Management in the vacancies caused by the retirement of the following Members, who are eligible for re-appointment.

Name	Category
Mr. H D Malesra	Patron Member
Mr. Mani S Subramonian	Patron Member

Kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

**V. VAIDYANATHAN
HONY. SECRETARY & TREASURER**

- Encl: 1. Explanatory statement for Item 4 of the Agenda
2. Audited Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2008



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Explanatory statement for Item 4 of the Agenda

As per rule no 10(d) of the Memorandum of Association and Bye laws of the Foundation, these 2 directors who represent Sir Ratan Tata Trust and M/s Jaslok Hospital and Research Centre respectively are eligible for automatic re-election. In the absence of any specific notice to the Foundation from these two organizations notifying any change their nominees, these 2 members will get elected automatically.



SANKARA NETHRALAYA

MISSION STATEMENT

**Let the word
Sankara
of Sankara Nethralaya
ever remind me
and my associates
His Holiness' command
That there be a missionary
Spirit in the project.**

**Let the word
Nethralaya
Constantly remind me and
my colleagues
that the place of our work
is an alaya.
Work will be our worship
which we shall do
with sincerity, dedication
and utmost love.**

QUALITY OBJECTIVES

- To maintain the quality of ophthalmic services in accordance with international standards.
- Effective utilization of infrastructure facilities including manpower.
- To ensure continued patients satisfaction.
- Ongoing care and concern for maintaining high level of staff satisfaction and motivation.

QUALITY POLICY

Pledge to meet the patient's requirements by offering expert ophthalmic care with love and compassion through a committed professionally oriented team.

While delivering the patient care, we shall ensure compliance of all applicable regulatory requirements and also commit to achieve continual improvement through our Quality Management System.



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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

President	: Dr. Badrinath. S. S
Vice President	: Mr C U Shah
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer	: Mr. Vaidyananthan. V

Other Members of the Board :

1. Mr Barwale. B. R	Member
2. Mr. Govind. V	Member
3. Mr. Jagadish M Chanrai	Member
4. Mr Kothari. B. H	Member
5. Dr Lingam Gopal	Member
6. Mr.Mani. S. Subramonian	Member
7. Mr. Malesra. H. D	Member
8. Mrs. Nina B.H. Kothari	Member
9. Mr. Narayana Gupta N	Member
10. Dr. Prema Padmanabhan	Member
11. Mr. Parekh R. C	Member
12. Mr G. Ramachandran	Member
13. Mr C Ramakrishna	Member
14. Dr. Ramaswamy M. A. M	Member
15. Mr. Rajaratnam. S	Member
16. Dr. Rajagopalan. R	Member
17. Mr. Raju Barwale	Member
18. Dr. Surendran. T. S	Member
19. Dr. Saravanan. M	Member
20. Mr. Surendra M. Mehta	Member
21. Mr. Sugalchand Jain. N	Member
22. Ms. Usha Zehr Barwale	Member
23. Mr. Venkitaramanan. S	Member



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Managing Director
General Manager

: Dr. K S Vasan
: Ms. Akila Ganesan

Auditors

: M/s. S. Viswanathan
Chartered Accountants, Chennai

Bankers

: HDFC Bank Ltd., State Bank of India

Registered Office

: Old No.18, New No.41, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.

Locations of Sankara Nethralaya:

Main Hospital

Old No.18, New No.41, College Road, Chennai – 600 006

Jagadguru Kanchi Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Nethra Nilayam,
21, Pycrofts Garden Road, Chennai – 600 006.

Dr. V. G. Appukutty Campus

Elite School of Optometry & C.U. Shah Rural Eye Hospital,
No.8, GST Road, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai – 600 016.

Navasuja Sankara Nethralaya

No.73, VenkataKrishna Iyer Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai–600028.

Super specialty Clinic

Jayalakshmi Estates (I Floor)
24, Haddows Road, Chennai – 600 034

Sankara Nethralaya

(Cauvery Medical Centre Campus)
43/2, N.H.-7, Bellary Road,
Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore - 560 092

Sankara Nethralaya Kolkata

No.10 Raja Subodh Mullick Square
(Wellington Square)
Kolkata 700 013

Sankara Nethralaya Rameshwaram

R S Falor Hospital
45 West Street, Rameswaram - 623526

Sankara Nethralaya Vellore

Ophthalmic Department in
Sri Narayani Hospital & Research Centre
Thirumalaikodi, Vellore-632 055



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2007-08

I have great pleasure in presenting the 30th Annual Report of the Medical Research Foundation.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance of the Foundation for the year 2007-08 is summarized below:

Description	Rs Lakhs	
	2007-08	2006-07
INCOME		
Hospital Collections	6085	5311
Grants and Other Income	487	304
Total	6572	5615
EXPENDITURE	5639	4925
Surplus before Depreciation	933	690
Depreciation	561	534
Net Surplus	372	156

The Hospital Collection this year was higher by Rs. 774 Lakhs compared to 2006-07 with an increase of 15%. After meeting all the expenses including depreciation Net Income over expenditure was Rs. 372 lakhs compared to Rs.156 lakhs of 2006-07



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CASH FLOW

Details	2007-08 (Rs in Lakhs)	2006-07 (Rs in Lakhs)
<u>Source</u>		
Cash flow from operations	933	690
Donations	542	534
Fixed Deposit Withdrawn	529	-
HDFC Term Loan	300	-
Increase / Decrease in Current Asset	179	215
Total (A)	2483	1439
<u>Applications</u>		
Investment - Capital expenditure	2377	821
Investment - RBI Bonds	106	97
Investment - Fixed Deposit		471
Increase/Decrease in Current Asset		50
Total (B)	2483	1439

Donations

Donations received during the year amounted to Rs.542 lakhs. The corresponding figures for 2006-07 were Rs.534 lakhs. Donation received towards corpus during the year amounted to Rs 85 lakhs and other donations during the year amounted to Rs 457 lakhs.

Fixed Assets

Additions amount to Rs. 2384 lakhs which includes Rs.1108/- lakhs towards Capital WIP for Kamalnayan Bajaj Nethralaya Ophthalmic Research Project and Rs.504/- for Sankara Nethralaya Kolkatta (Mukundapur). Equipments for updating of technology and replacements accounted to Rs.651 lakhs, EDP equipments / Software Rs.121 lakhs.

Investments

Investments in RBI Bonds as at 31st March 2008 is Rs. 1303.82 lakhs compared to Rs.1197.82 lakhs as at 31st March 2007.



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OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

DESCRIPTION	NUMBERS	
	2007-08	2006-07
YEAR		
OUTPATIENT CONSULTATION	433298	432115
MAJOR OUTPATIENT PROCEDURE		
Yag Laser	3498	3952
Humphrey Fields	15278	14373
Argon Laser	13039	12844
FFA	7650	7439
Ultra Sound Biomicroscope	676	557
OCT	7785	5819
Ultrasound	12610	12494
Lasik Laser	852	1224
SURGICAL PROCEDURE		
Cataract	20988	20395
Corneal	1474	1315
Glaucoma	1423	1319
Squint	1892	774
Plastic	1931	1860
Vitreo-retinal	9679	9221
Others	762	1995
Total	38149	36879

Treatment of Poor Patients

The number of free surgeries this year was 11442 against 11863 in 2006-07. Number of free surgeries as a percentage of total surgeries done was 30% in 2007-08 compared to 32% in 06-07. The value foregone through free services amounts to Rs.296 Lakhs. Last year the corresponding amount was 205 lakhs.

Information Technology

We continue to provide maximum uptime to the IT infrastructure and improving systems and processes using best IT practices by implementing tools and technologies in IT in line with the management objective.



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a) Hospital Management System-HMS

HMS modules that were implemented last year were re-created using the next version of net 2.2 with several improvement measures based on the best practices in healthcare industry including NABH accreditation. More technological improvements have been taken up to improve performance and reduce the process time as well.

b) Electronic Medical Records: EMR

The development of OP Module of EMR was completed and implemented. It has reached 90-95% for new patients in Centers within Chennai. Computer based training modules required for all Optometrists; Ophthalmologists on EMR were made available. IP modules and Report engines were developed and it is on the verge of implementation now.

c) IT&S Infrastructure

We have completed the required infrastructure for Database & Application Servers, Network etc. We have also signed up onsite Facility management services and Annual maintenance contract for next three years with IBM-Netsol for managing our IT infrastructure (Servers, Databases, Desktops Networks and all IT equipments), which covers all our branches in India.

d) Workflow modules

SN-IT has taken up work flow development as a major task and the development of the Purchase workflow, HR workflow is completed and is in testing phase. They would automate the cost center concept for all the locations of SN and ease out SN from paper intense HR formalities and improving accuracy of employee personal information as well.

e) Development of internal team

SN has strengthened its IT force in view of new development needs. This has substantially improved the quality and reduced the cost of joint development with TCS. So far the team has completed several hundreds change requests and developed/ refined few critical modules of HMS and EMR.

Corneal Transplant services

622 Corneal Transplant surgeries were performed during the year from 1017 Human donor eyes. In memory of Late Sri Dhirubai Ambani the Reliance Group sponsors keratoplasty surgeries for deserving cases through the National Association for the Blind. During the year 128 transplant surgeries have been performed free of cost. We expect to increase the number of surgeries more in the future years



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Fund Raising

This activity is under the direct direction of the Founder Dr. S. S. Badrinath. Under his guidance and his tireless efforts the team has successfully raised funds not only for the building that would house the Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology but has also raised funds for the Sankara Nethralaya Kolkatta project

Foundation collected during the year 2007-08 Rs.5.42 crores as against Rs 5.89 crores last year.

Academics

1. Sir Ratan Tata Trust through their letter dated May 12, 2008 has approved the application of Sankara Nethralaya for phase 3 of the phaco training programme conducted by us at the Jaslok teleophthalmology center. The trust has sanctioned Rs 1.64 crores spread over 3 years. This grant includes Rs 80 lakhs towards purchase of a virtual reality equipment to train the students in surgery.

The following are the training programme :

- Train 10 ophthalmologists every 2 months in advanced cataract surgery techniques
- Train ophthalmologists in other institutes to aid them run similar program
- To train paramedics of the trainees in the art of operation theater maintenance and sterilization.
- Introduce novel concept of virtual reality surgery

2. Titan Eyewear units

When Titan Industries decided to foray into the field of Prescription Eyewear they were looking for a partner to train the people who would be working with them.

An agreement was entered into by which MRF would be imparting high level training for Optometrists, Style Consultants and Technicians for Titan's Optical Shops. This partnership is important to develop a professional group of people involved in the eye care industries.

3. ORBIS, a non-aligned, non-profit global humanitarian organization dedicated to blindness prevention and treatment in developing countries, has been forth coming in helping us towards improving the skills of medical and paramedical professionals in pediatric eye care. This is being accomplished through structured training programs of varying duration. 72 professionals have benefited through this program in first phase of the project which ended in July 2006. In the above backdrop, ORBIS in India extended its partnership with Sankara Nethralaya for another 3 years from 2006 to 2009. The center of excellence will also act as a resource base to provide technical support for the development of Regional Pediatric ophthalmic learning and training centers, to share the load of training the pediatric ophthalmology teams for the future.



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Other Programs in Academics

- i) In the year 2007-08, 31 Ophthalmologists completed their fellowship program in various sub-specialties.
- ii) We have four international overseas candidates selected to undergo Vitreo Retinal and Oculoplasty fellowship programmes duly registered with Medical Council of India, New Delhi. They are from South Africa, Malayasia, Afghanistan and Germany
- iii) The following graduated from the Elite School of Optometry (ESO) and Vidyasagar Institute for Biomedical Technology and Science (VIBS):

B.S. Ophthalmic Assistant	5
Diplomate in National Board	8
B.S. Optometry	30
M.Phil Optometry	7
Ph.D	1

Vidyasagar Institute of Biomedical Technology and Science (VIBS)

This Institute was established on 25th October 2006 to promote and foster biomedical technology and science related to basic medical sciences including fundamental research in this area. The present Postgraduates programme included under VIBS is the Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology (MS MLT) conducted by Medical Research Foundation as the Collaborative programme of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani is the main educational programme conducted under VIBS.

The Educational Activities conducted till August 2008 under VIBS:

1. One month Hands-on training programme for postgraduate students in Biological sciences:
This programme is conducted for Post graduates studying in Arts and Science colleges during May-June (summer holidays) every year on several biomedical technologies, specially designed and organized for candidates who do not have practical training in their own institutions during their study period. During the year 2007- 08, 18 students have undergone this training programme.
2. Short term Research Projects for PG students in Biological Sciences:
(3 - 4 months starting in the month of December every year)
12 students have under gone this training during 2007 - 08
3. Specific Training programmes on specialized/advanced Techniques such as PCR/PCR RFLP, RT- PCR, ELISA, HPLC etc.
In the year 2007 - 08, 5 students have undergone this training programme.



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4. The summer Practical School I (PS - I) programme for BITS, Pilani students for two months: Training is provided every summer from middle of May to July second week in the Basic Medical sciences departments.
In the year 2007 - 08, 10 students have undergone this training programme.
5. Seven students (2005 – 2008) have successfully completed the MS-MLT programme and will receive the MS degree certificates from BITS, Pilani.
6. Five candidates have successfully defended their Ph.D viva and will be receiving their completed Ph. D degree certificates from BITS, Pilani
7. Four candidates have submitted their Ph. D thesis and are awaiting their Viva –voce.
8. At present 11 candidates are pursuing their Ph. D degree programme.

Human Resources Development:

The employee's strength as on 31st March 2008 was 930 (31st March 2007 – 906).
Break up of Employee's strength:-

Particulars	As on 31.03.2008	As on 31.03.2007
Consultants*	113	117
Executives& Optometrists	143	155
Staff	674	634
TOTAL	930	906

*Includes Ophthalmologists, Physicians and Anaesthetists

The Foundation continued to maintain cordial relationship with the employees and arranged for various functions including the Foundation Day, Sports Day, Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations. The wage negotiation for the period 2008-2010 was undertaken and implemented to the satisfaction of the employees in January 2008. The present agreement is for a period of three years commencing from January 2008.

The Department of Human Resources arranged for many training programs/seminars for employees at various levels. A total of 22 such programs were attended by as many as 174 employees. Mr. M C Krishna Kumar and Ms. O V Sharmila were adjudged the Outstanding Man and Woman for the year 2007 respectively.



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Quality Initiatives:

Efforts for continuous strengthening of the quality management were taken during the year 2007-08

Surveillance Audit of ISO 9001:2000 by BVQI for 'Comprehensive Ophthalmic Care' was successfully completed.

The second Recertification of ISO 9001:2000 Quality systems was held on May 14th, 15th and 16th 2008 by Bureau Veritas Ltd. Sankara Nethralaya has been recertified without any Non conformities successfully.

Awards and Recognition

Our Chairman Emeritus, Dr S. S. Badrinath was honoured with the following awards:

"The Academy of Human Excellence" of MOP Vishnav College for Women, Chennai on 20.06.2007.

Best Teacher in Ophthalmology in the APAO Region, ICO- Golden Apple Award (by) APAO, Singapore (09.06.06-14.06.06)

CORPORATE CITIZEN AWARD, by ECONOMIC Times at National Center for the Performing Arts, Mumbai, on October 27, 2007.

Management and Administration

Mr. V. Govind was inducted as a Board member as a nominee of M/s Saraswathi Stores. Dr. K. S. Vasan joined the Foundation as Managing Director in May 2008. He brings a rich experience in Finance and Administration to the organization.

CONCLUSION

The year under review was unique in the entire history of the institution.

- The Hospital collections was the highest achieved so far with a handsome growth of nearly 15%.
- The amount allocated and spent on capital expenditure was the highest ever at Rs2400 lacs with 90% of the same met out of internal generation and donations.
- Three major Hospital capacity expansion plans were initiated which will all be commencing activities before the end of the current financial year. With these expansions the total capacity of the Institution will grow by 60% and more.
- The Advanced Research Institution for Vision Science was established and is expected to go on stream from October 2008.



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However signs of unhealthy competition in the form of more eye centers is cropping up who are poaching trained employees at all levels with disproportionate monetary benefits. While attrition by itself is a common phenomenon in a growing economy, our basic philosophy of rewarding our employees on value addition to the community we are serving, is being tested severely. We have to face the situation with multi pronged actions. The supply and demand situation in this sector of health care delivery at a standard set by our institution will probably ultimately out weigh the consideration of the discerning patients. The brand equity for our services established over these long 30 years under the strict vigilance and spirited guidance of the founder Dr.S.S.Badrinath and meticulously executed by his devoted disciples will be the determining factor to overcome the temporary disturbance in the continuous attrition we are presently facing at all levels of employees.

Dr.S.S.Badrinath, Chairman Emeritus continues with growing passion for the institution. His associates including his devoted wife Dr.Mrs. Vasanthi Badrinath, Chairman Dr.Lingam Gopal, Vice Chairman Dr.T.S.Surendran, Medical Directors Dr.Prema Padmanabhan, and Dr. Tarun Sharma, Dr.S.Bhaskaran, Dr.L.Vijaya, Col. Raghavan, to mention only few persons, are all totally dedicated for the growth of the institution. The role played by our sister organization Vision research Foundation under the able guidance of Dr.H.N.Madhavan and his intelligent Scientists are continuously providing the vital research inputs for our improving the techniques in delivering the eye care in complicated eye disease cases. I thank them for their initiatives. The next rung of senior consultants are shaping up very well to shoulder the responsibility of maintaining the basic character of the Institution. Professionalism in administration is also evolving with the hard work of Dr. Kris Vasan the MD. The new GM Ms. Akila Ganesan is proving to be a good under study to the MD.

The important link between the patients and the Consultants is the face of the innumerable the number of middle and lower level employees, medical, para medical/engineering/information technologists, office staff, and house keeping staff. It is not without reason that the patients as well as other visitors often mention about the visible hard work and courtesy of these dedicated team of staff. I salute all these vital persons whose services are most important for our continuous growth.

I have to personally acknowledge the enormous contribution of the members of the Board of Management who out of their respect and affection for the work of the founder are ready to advice, and help at crucial times to take the Institution in it's right path of growth.

Our auditors M/s S.Viswanathan & Co, our internal auditors Mr. S. A Bhatt, Our bankers M/s HDFC bank and HDFC, are always ready to respond positively to our requests. We are proud that we are able to command respect with them. SWAN our own voluntary group of dedicated ladies addicted to help the poor patients and our administration deserve a special mention.

The growth of the institution is closely knit with by it's count less well wishers and their generous monetary support. The Lions club with continuous campaign with their International counterparts have become part of our organization. Lion Governor Raghunathan, Lion Governor Mr.G.V.Raman, the ever smiling and enthusiastic Lion Hari Narayanan are all God's gift to us. Organizations like Tulsi trust, Shirdi SaiTrust, Nationalized Banks, Government agencies are all very sympathetic to our requests. I thank them for their spontaneous and willing cooperation.



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I have great pleasure in echoing the appreciation of the society at large of the incomparable selfless services of the great couple Dr.S.S.Badrinath and his patient wife Dr. Mrs. Vasanthi Badrinath. Like most of the members of the foundation, I feel proud of my association with this rare couple. May the Almighty give them and their family good health and peaceful life.

I take it as my privilege to conclude my report with my Bakthi Namaskarams to the ever present Divine soul of the Paramacharya of Kanchi, the hidden guiding spirit of the Institution.

V. VAIDYANATHAN
HON. SECRETARY & TREASURER



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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Dr S S Badrinath, Chairman Emeritus, inaugurated "The Academy of Human Excellence" of MOP Vishnav College for Women, Chennai on 20.06.2007.

Dr Tarun Sharma received "American Academy of Ophthalmology's Achievement Award"

Dr L Vijaya and Dr Ronnie George have been selected as the members of the International Editorial Board for a New International Glaucoma Review Journal by M/s. Jaypee Publishers, which was launched in the World Glaucoma Congress at Singapore.

Sankara Nethralaya received the NABL Certificate of Accreditation (ISO 15189: 2003) for "Sri Nathella Sampathu Chetty Clinical Laboratory", A unit of MRF, in the field of Medical laboratory testing in Clinical Biochemistry, Clinical Pathology, Hematology & Immunohematology, Microbiology & Serology, Histopathology and Cytopathology and Genetics. (Certificate No.: M-009, Date of Issue: 24.07.2007; Valid up to: 23.07.2009). Accreditation was got for 15 tests in clinical biochemistry.

Modern Medicare Excellence Awards 2006 - Hall of Fame and Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year – Sankara Nethralaya

The electrical department of Sankara Nethralaya has won the State Government Electricity Board Award for Safety and Efficiency.

Dr L Vijaya, Director, Glaucoma Services received 'Rustom Ranji Oration Award' on 28th September 2007.

Joseph Gnanadickam award received by Dr TS Surendran, Vice Chairman, Sankara Nethralaya

Dr J Biswas received Dr T Gopinath Menon Memorial Oration Award for "The diagnostic and therapeutic challenges in uveitis" at Cochin on 05.08.2007.

Dr. S S Badrinath received CORPORATE CITIZEN AWARD, by ECONOMIC Times at National Center for the Performing Arts, Mumbai, on October 27, 2007.

Dr. H N Madhavan gave Presidential Oration, the highest honor by National Congress of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM) on 16th November, 2007.

Dr. J Biswas, Fellow in National Academy of Medical Sciences, 2007 - NAMS, October, 2007.

Dr. L Vijaya received Rustom Ranji Oration Award for the year 2007 from Andhra Pradesh Ophthalmological Society on 30th September 2007. Perspectives in Eye Diseases: The Chennai Glaucoma Study



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Dr. H N Madhavan, Director – Research, L&T Microbiology Research Centre, among the leading scientists in the world, is cited in the website Authoratory™ as No.1 in the world in ocular infectious diseases.

Ms R Bagyalakshmi & Ms G Shyamala successfully defended Ph.D Degree Viva Voce Examination, BITS Pilani (Microbiology) on 04.02.2008 and 18.02.2008 respectively.

Ms P Sowmya received the “VRF-IAMM Best Paper Award” at the IAMM (TN & Puducherry Chapter), Sozocon-Micro 2008 held on 19.01.2008 at Puducherry. ” with a certificate and a cash prize for her oral presentation entitled “Analysis of mixed infections with multiple genotypes of Human Cytomegalovirus in immunocompromised patients” in SOZOCON – MICRO 2008 jointly organized by IAMM (TN & Py IAMM Chapter) and Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College, Puducherry

Dr Cheriyan Shane Mathew, DNB student of Sankara Nethralaya has been awarded DNB GOLD MEDAL for the year 2007

Dr Mamta Agarwal received BEST FREE PAPER AWARD, Prof. Carl Herbolt Prize at the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th December to 9th December 2007.

Dr Ashish Ahuja received the best paper award at Delhi Ophthalmic Society Conference at Delhi held on 7th & 8th April 2007.

Dr. VL Ramprasad received “AMJAD RAHI” prize for the best poster at the IERG Meeting, Hyderabad held on 28th & 29th July 2007.

Ms K Coral received Travel Fellowships Award for her presentation on Lysyl oxidase, MMP 2 and MMP 9 Levels in vitreous from Vitreoretinal diseases at the IERG Meeting, Hyderabad held on 28th & 29th July 2007.

Dr. J Madhavan received Swarnalatha Punshi Award for the paper titled ‘Quantification of mrna expression of the candidate genes for progression in human retinoblastoma and its phenotype correlation in September 2007.



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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

- Dr Mike Hemnic, Vice President, Alcon and his team visited on 05.06.2007.
- Dr C B Sanjeevi, MD, M.Sc. Ph.D., Associate Professor, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden visited on 01.07.2007.
 - ⇔ ***Thank you for the excellent interaction. I am extremely impressed with clinical cum research programs at SN of international class.*** ⇔
- A team of Medical Students from Yamanashi University, School of Medicine, Japan, visited our hospital and Research facilities on 17th August 2007.
- Prof. Scheffer Tseng Visited our Ocular Surface Clinic on 5th October 2007 and delivered Guest Lecture on “Understanding Dry Eye”.
- Dr. Claybourne Stephens from Motif Biosciences visited Sankara Nethralaya, regarding genetic projects on 14th Nov 2007.
- Dr. Anand Kumble, Founder, Pictor Limited from Auckland, New Zealand, visited the Basic Medical Sciences Departments and gave a presentation on 8th December 2007.
- Dr Jane Bronwyn Bateman, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado and Director of Rocky Mountain Lions eye institute, visited Genetic lab on 8th December 2007.
- Dr Anna Lena Stetz, Associate professor, centre for Infectious medicine, Karolinska Institute visited and appreciated the scientific advancement, translational research work in microbiology department, especially the development of “DNA Macro Vision Chip” on 10th December 2007.
- Dr. Venkat Reddy, Pediatric Ophthalmology Dept from Australia visited the Basic Medical sciences departments on 20th December 2007.
- Dr Kuber T Sampath, Vice President, Discovery Research Initiative visited the Basic Science Labs on 19th January 2008
- Prof Jay M Enoch, Dean Emeritus, University Of California, Berkeley visited Affymetrix Lab on 21st January 2008



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- Dr Rafat Ansari, NASA Space Medicine Researcher Department of health informatics, University of Texas, USA Visited Microbiology on 26th February 2008.
- Dr Sharola Dharmaraj From The Johns Hopkins University School Of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland 21287-92889, USA, visited Genetics Department and gave a talk on her PhD thesis 'A Journey Towards Understanding The Genetics Of Lca'.
- Delegations from University of Missouri visited Sankara Nethralaya on 24th and 25th of June 2008. This delegation consisted of the Dr. Deaton Brady, Chancellor of the University besides Dr. Kattesh Katti, and Dr Raghuraman Kannan.



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PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

1. Dr Prema Padmanabhan attended the Delhi Ophthalmic Society Conference at Delhi on 7th & 8th April 2007. She was the Panelist in "Complication of Phaco" and Co-chairman in the session titled "Corneal Surgery – Tips & Tricks. She made a presentation on Wavefront Analysis – Its role in pre-op evaluation, which as the best talk of the session.
2. Dr G Sitalakshmi attended the Delhi Ophthalmic Society Conference at Delhi on 7th & 8th April 2007 and delivered a talk on Amniotic Membrane Grafting – Current Status.
3. Dr Ashish Ahuja, Dr Palavi Suganthi attended the Delhi Ophthalmic Society Conference at Delhi on 7th & 8th April 2007.
4. Dr. J Biswas participated in the Silver Jubilee Celebration and CME Program of Pondicherry Ophthalmologists' Association, Pondicherry on 8th Apr 2007 and delivered a talk on Diagnostic Challenging cases in Uveitis.
5. Dr Prema Padmanabhan participated in the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) Meeting 2007 at San Diego between 28th April and 2nd May 2007 and made presentations on Wavefront Aberrations in eyes with Decentered LASIK ablation and Wavefront – guided versus Wavefront optimized LASIK: Contralateral comparative study.
6. Dr N Radhika participated in the American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) meeting 2007, at Sandiego between 28th April and 2nd May 2007 and made presentations on Results of Allegretto Wavelight Excimer Laser of Correction of pure astigmatism and Computer Vision Syndrome and LASIK
7. Dr. S S Badrinath participated in the Telemedicine User Meet held at Ahmedabad on 3rd & 4th May 2007
8. Dr. Lingam Gopal participated in the Association for Research and Vision in Ophthalmology, USA, from 5th to 10th May 2007 and made presentation on Disease Tissue Banks at the Indo-US Research Collaborations Workshop on 9th May 2007.
9. Dr Krishna Kumar attended the Association for Research and Vision in Ophthalmology, USA between 20.05.2007 & 24.05.2007.
10. Dr Prema Padmanabhan, Dr Baskar Srinivasan & Dr Bharati Sharma attended the 8th International Meeting of Wavelight Users Meeting, Berlin, Germany, from 15th to 17th June 2007 and Dr Prema Padmanabhan gave a talk on Wavefront aberrations in eyes with decentered LASIK Ablations.
11. Dr. Lingam Gopal attended the CME Programme at Retina Institute of Karnataka, Bangalore on 17th June 2007 and gave a talk on 'Anti VEGF therapy- current concepts and usage' and was the Chief discussant in 3 sessions.
12. Dr. V L Ramprasad attended the DBT sponsored Hands on Training Program on Gene Cloning Techniques & Automated Sequencing at Chennai on 20th June 2007.



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13. Dr. G Kumaramanickavel attended the DBT sponsored Hands on Training Program on Gene Cloning Techniques & Automated Sequencing at Chennai on 22nd June 2007.
14. Dr. Tarun Sharma participated in the Peking University Global Ophthalmology Forum, Beijing, China between 20th and 26th June 2007 and made presentations on Treating RB In Sankara Nethralaya; Clinical and Research Challenges and Sankara Nethralaya Diabetic Retinopathy Program.
15. Dr. G Sitalakshmi participated in the Peking University Global Ophthalmology Forum, Beijing, China between 22nd and 24th June 2007 and made a presentation on Management of End Stage Ocular Surface Disease.
16. Dr. S S Badrinath met the Finance Minister, Govt. of India along with Dr. Lingam Gopal, Dr H N Madhavan, Dr Katti V Kattesh regarding New Project on Nanotechnology on 8th July 2007
17. Dr Prema Padmanabhan attended the Annual Conference of Intraocular Implant and Refractive Society, Indian Intraocular Implant and Refractive Surgery Convention, Chennai on 14th and 15th July 2007 and Co-chaired a session on "Cataract".
18. Dr L Vijaya attended the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore between 18th and 21st Jul 2007. She conducted a Mini-symposium on behalf of GSI titled "Challenging clinical situations and their management", made a poster presentation on "Prevalence of pseudoexfoliation and pseudoexfoliation Glaucoma in an Urban population: The Chennai Glaucoma Study" and conducted instruction course on "Secondary angle closure glaucoma: diagnosis and management" and spoke on 'Mechanism & Pathogenesis of secondary angle closure glaucoma.
19. Dr B Shantha participated as Moderator in the GSI Mini-symposium titled "Challenging clinical situations and their management" on 19th July and conducted Instruction course "Secondary angle closure glaucoma: diagnosis and management" and spoke on 'Principles of management' on 20th July at the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore. She also made a poster presentation on Comparison of Tono-pen and Perkin's tonometer in the measurement of Intraocular pressure in children undergoing paediatric cataract surgery & Gonioscopy in children undergoing surgery for congenital cataract.
20. Dr M Baskaran participated as Moderator in the GSI Mini-symposium titled "Challenging clinical situations and their management" on 19th July and conducted Instruction course "Secondary angle closure glaucoma: diagnosis and management" and spoke on 'Principles of management' on 20th July at the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore. She also made a poster presentation on Life style changes and Intraocular pressure in using Alcohol and Tobacco chewing in a population based study and 2 year – UBM showing of PACS before and after Peripheral Iridotomy.



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21. Dr Ronnie George participated in the instruction course on Teleglaucoma and also in a session "Health Economics 2: Risk" on 19th July and spoke on "Risk assessment glaucoma" at the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore. He also participated in the Instruction course on "secondary open angle glaucoma: diagnosis and management" and spoke on Pseudoexfoliation glaucoma and on Steroid induced glaucoma on 20th July and made poster presentation on Ocular biometric risk factors – Angle closure disease.
22. Dr Aditya Neog presented a case on "Nanophthalmos" in the Mini symposium conducted by GSI at the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore between 18th and 21st July 2007 and made a poster presentation on ONH inducers and RNFL thickness among PACG and POAG.
23. Dr Meenal M Antrolikar presented a case on "Releasable suture related complication" in the Mini symposium at the World Glaucoma Congress, Singapore between 18th and 21st July 2007 and made a poster presentation on Influence of optic disc size on RNFL thickness on OCT and HRT among subjects with ocular hypertension and glaucoma.
24. Dr Arun K Narayanaswamy attended the CME Programme at Tirunelveli on 22nd Jul 2007 and made presentations on Revisiting Laser Trabeculoplasty and Management of dysfunctional filtering bleb
25. Dr J Biswas attended the IERG Meeting at Hyderabad on 28th and 29th Jul 2007 and made a poster presentation on Histopathological analysis of 768 enucleated eyes over a period of 7 years in a tertiary eye care hospital.
26. Dr Gunisha Pasricha, Mr Mallikarjuna and Ms T Seethalakshmi attended the IERG Meeting at Hyderabad on 28th and 29th Jul 2007.
27. Ms. K. Coral presented her oral presentation entitled "Lysyl oxidase, MMP 2 and MMP 9 levels in vitreous from vitreoretinal diseases" in the IERG meeting at LV Prasad Institute, Hyderabad on 29th July 2007.
28. Dr. H. N. Madhavan attended the Indian Eye Research Group (IERG) on 28th -29th July 2007 at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and made a oral presentation on "Role of PCR in Ocular Infections - A Review on Clinical Specimens During September 2005 to May 2007".
29. Ms. B. Mahalakshmi attended the Indian Eye Research Group (IERG) on 28th -29th July 2007 at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and made a oral presentation on "Genotyping of (T.gondii based on nPCR-RFLP targeting SAG2 gene directly on clinical specimens from ocular Toxoplasmosis patients"
30. Ms. P Sowmya attended the Indian Eye Research Group (IERG) on 28th -29th July 2007 at LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and made a poster presentation on "Analysis of Strain Variations of Human Cytomegalovirus in Aqueous Humor and Peripheral Blood Samples of Patients with CMV Retinitis".



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31. Dr. V L Ramprasad & Dr. N Soumitra attended the IERG Meeting at Hyderabad between 27th and 30th July 2007.
32. Dr. S S Badrinath participated in the 5th Convocation of Jamsetji Tata National Virtual Academy (NVA) Fellows and 4th Convention of the National Alliance for Mission 2007 at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi from 1st to 3rd Aug'07.
33. Dr. S S Badrinath made presentation on "The Power of Tele-Ophthalmology" under the session "Meeting the Knowledge and Livelihood Needs of Rural Communities" on 2nd Aug'07.
34. Dr G Sitalakshmi made a presentation on Endothelial Keratoplasty at the CME Program at MM Joshi Eye Institute, Hubli on 5th Aug 2007.
35. Dr L Vijaya participated in the Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association, Erode between 10th and 12th Aug 2007 and made a presentation on Occludable Angle, PAC and PACG.
36. Dr G Sitalakshmi participated in the Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association, Erode between 10th and 12th Aug 2007 and conducted an instruction course on Dry Eye.
37. Dr Bharti Sharma, Dr Bhaskar Srinivasan and Dr Geetha K Iyer participated in the Annual Conference of Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association, Erode between 10th & 12th Aug 2007.
38. Dr. G Kumaramanickavel attended the Symposium on Trends in Human Genetics at Orissa from 20th to 22nd August 2007.
39. Dr L Vijaya attended the One day glaucoma CME in Ranchi on 9th Sep 2007 and made a video presentation on Optic Disc evaluation, interactive session on Surgical Management and presentation on Perimetry - Progression and IOP & target IOP.
40. Ms. R. Gayathri and Mr. Y. Samson Moses participated in the Lepto Shoppe -2007 workshop on 21st & 22nd September 2007 at Institute of Microbiology, Madurai Medical College, Madurai and made a presentation on Diagnostic methods for Leptospirosis.
41. Dr. V Swami Sankaranand attended the CME Programme on Retinoblastoma conducted at Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad on 21st & 22nd Sep 2007.
42. Dr. J Biswas made a presentation on Pathology of retinoblastoma at Ahmedabad Meeting on 22nd Sept 2007.
43. Dr. J Biswas attended the SROC 2007 meeting at Tirupathi on 27th September 2007.
44. Dr. Lingam Gopal conducted an instruction course on "Future Trends in Ophthalmology" at the SROC 2007, Tirupathi between 28th & 30th September 2007.



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45. Dr. S Vinay conducted a quiz program at the 2nd Oasis and 31st Anadhra Pradesh Ophthalmological Conference - Nethra Darshan – 2007, held on 28th to 30th September 2007, at Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh.
46. Dr Geetha Krishna Iyer attended the International ocular surface Research & Education Foundation – Regional Meeting at Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry on 6th & 7th October 2007.
47. Dr. S S Badrinath attended the Liba Insight'07 National Management Symposium on 25th Oct'07 and gave a talk on HR's Value proposition for Business - The Changing Scenario" at Hotel Trident Hilton.
48. Dr. V L Ramprasad attended the National Seminar on Genome Analysis Perspective the Post Genomic Era and its Relevance to Society at the Mahatma Gandhi National Institute of Research, Hyderabad from 25th to 27th October 2007.
49. Dr. Lingam Gopal attended the Retinoblastoma Pre-Conference, Mumbai, SIOP on 30th October 2007.
50. dr. G Kumaramanickavel attended the South Asian Retinoblastoma Group Workshop SIOP, 39th International Society of Pediatric Oncology Annual Meeting between 30th Oct and 3rd Nov 2007.
51. Dr. Prema Padmanabhan attended the Catatact & Cornea Seminar, conducted by LV Prasad Eye Institute, Visakhapatnam, on 3rd and 4th November 2007 and made presentations on Customized Refractive Surgery understanding its limitation, Endothelial keratoplasty – Our Experience and No more PCO.
52. Dr Tarun Sharma attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2007 at New Orleans from 10th to 13th Nov 2007 and made presentations on OCT in Optic Pit and Retinal Detachment surgery in Retinoblastoma
53. Dr Parveen Sen attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2007 at New Orleans from 10th to 13th Nov 2007 and made presentation on Prevalence data on AMD.
54. Dr Pratik Ranjan Sen attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2007 at New Orleans from 10th to 13th Nov 2007 and made presentation on Diabetic retinopathy epidemiology in India
55. Dr Bhaskar Srinivasan attended the American Academy of Ophthalmology at New Orleans, Louisiana between 10th and 13th November 2007 and made presentations on Mucous Membrane Grafting for Lid Margin Keratinization in Stevens – Johnson Syndrome and Modified Osteo-Odonto Keratoprosthesis: Indian Experience.



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56. Dr. H. N. Madhavan gave a Presidential oration at the XXXI National Congress of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists "MICROCON 2007" at Mangalore during 15th to 18th November 2007.
57. Dr. K. Lily Therese made a oral presentation on Emerging newer bacteria in endophthalmitis patients detected by PCR and DHPLC based DNA sequencing technique— The first report from a tertiary eye hospital in India at the XXXI National Congress of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists "MICROCON 2007" at Mangalore during 15th to 18th November 2007.
58. Ms. B. Mahalakshmi attended the XXXI National Congress of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists "MICROCON 2007" at Mangalore during 15th to 18th November 2007 and made a oral presentation on Genotyping of *T.gondii* based on nPCR-RFLP targeting SAG2 gene and B1 gene directly on clinical specimens from congenital cataract patients.
59. Ms. R. Bagyalakshmi attended the XXXI National Congress of Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists "MICROCON 2007" at Mangalore during 15th to 18th November 2007 and made a poster presentation on "A novel multiplex Polymerase chain reaction (mPCR) targeting the ribosomal unit for rapid detection of panfungal genome
60. Dr. N Angayarkanni, made a presentation on Isoleucine and Leucine uptake by HPLC analysis in CHO-K₁ cells exposed to amino acids mixture in high glucose environment in the 76th Annual Meeting of the SBC(I) at Sri Venkateswara University from 25th to 27th Nov' 2007.
61. Ms. Bharathi presented in the 76th Annual Meeting of the SBC(I) at Sri Venkateswara University from 25th to 27th Nov' 2007 on Glucose uptake in Bovine Retinal Endothelial Cell after exposure to Advanced Glycation End Products (AGE-BSA).
62. Ms. Saijyothi made a presentation in the 76th Annual Meeting of the SBC(I) at Sri Venkateswara University from 25th to 27th Nov' 2007 on Determination Ascorbic acid in tear samples of control subjects and contact lens wearers by HPLC – A preliminary study.
63. Dr T S Surendran attended the Eye Health and Eye Disorders of Children Symposium at L V P E I, Hyderabad on 1st and 2nd Dec 2007 and made a oral presentation on Single stage Adjustable strabismus surgery and Strabismus – Past, Present and future.
64. Dr. L Vijaya participated in the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th to 9th Dec '07 and gave a video lecture on Aqueous misdirection syndrome.
65. Dr. B Shantha, Dr Arun K Narayanaswamy, Dr Ronnie George, Dr Sachi Devi, Dr Vineet Ratra and Dr Mamta Agarwal attended the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th to 9th Dec '07.



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66. Dr B Shantha attended the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th to 9th Dec '07 and made a presentation on Post lensectomy Glaucoma.
67. Dr Arun K Narayanaswamy participated in the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th to 9th Dec '07 and made presentations on Gonioscopy technique, Compression sutures and can we screen for Angle Closure Disease.
68. Dr Ronnie George, Dr Sachi Devi, Dr Vineet Ratra and Dr. Mamta Agarwal attended the 17th Annual Conference of the Glaucoma Society of India held at Kolkata from 7th to 9th Dec '07.
69. Indian Association of Ophthalmic Pathologist Meeting at Hyderabad was attended by Dr. J Biswas & Dr. S Krishnakumar on 15th December 2007.
70. Dr. S. Krishnakumar attended Le Meridian for Nanotechnology meeting.
71. Dr. Lingam Gopal participated in the International symposium on retinoblastma and pediatric ophthalmic tumours, Singapore, on 21st & 22nd Dec 2007.
72. Dr. N Radhika and Dr. Pramod Bhende attended the TNOA-Mid year meet on 6th January 2008 at The Eye Foundation, Tirupur.
73. Key note address given by Dr. S S Badrinath on E-learning, E-Governance and Telemedicine at National Science Congress, Vizag on 7th Jan 2008.
74. Dr. S S Badrinath participated in the inauguration of Global Pseudo Xanthoma Elasticum Foundation & International Consortium on Nanomedicine at Chennai, on 9th Jan 2008.
75. Dr. Lingam Gopal attended the Neuro Update 2008, Chennai on 10th Jan 2008 and gave a talk on "Role of Neuro ophthalmologist & Our experience".
76. Dr Pramod Bhende attended the 8th International Advanced Vitreoretinal Surgery Course, Malaysia between from 11th to 13th January 2008 and made a presentation on Management of Pediatric Retinal Detachment, Moderator for peripheral retinal neovascularization and Surgical Management of PDR.
77. Dr G Kumaramanickavel participated in the International Symposium on Global Trends in Bio Medical Informatics, Chennai on 12th January 2008 and gave a talk on "HUMAN Gene Mapping: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".
78. Dr. Lingam Gopal gave a lecture on Current trends and perspectives of ROP in the CME program on ROP at New Delhi on 13th January 2008.



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79. Dr. H. N. Madhavan gave a key note address at the SOZOCON-MICRO 2008 jointly organized by IAMM (TN & Py Chapter) 19th January 2008 at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical college and Hospital, Puducherry.
80. Dr. K. Lily Therese attended the SOZOCON-MICRO 2008 jointly organized by IAMM (TN & Py Chapter) 19th January 2008 at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical college and Hospital, Puducherry and gave a talk on Molecular diagnostics of eye infections.
81. Ms. P. Sowmya made a presentation on Analysis of mixed infections with multiple genotypes of Human Cytomegalovirus in immunocompromised at the SOZOCON-MICRO 2008 jointly organized by IAMM (TN & Py Chapter) on 19th January 2008 at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical college and Hospital, Puducherry.
82. Dr. J Biswas gave a talk on "Value of high frequency ultrasound biomicroscopy in intermediate uveitis" at the AIOS meeting at Bangalore on 21st Jan 2008.
83. Dr. Rama Rajagopal, Dr. N Radhika, Dr. Geetha K Iyer, Dr. Bhaskar Srinivasan, Dr. Ramendra Bakshi, Dr. Kunjal, Dr. Tarun Sharma, Dr. Sudharsan, Dr. E Ravindra Mohan, Dr. Kavitha Kalaivani, Dr. M Baskaran, Dr. T S Surendran, Dr. Ronnie George and Dr. H N Madhavan attended the All India Ophthalmological Society Annual Conference at Bangalore from 31st Jan to 3rd Feb 2008.
84. Dr. H. N. Madhavan attended the AIOC conference at Bangalore on 2nd February 2008 and gave a talk on Macro DNA Chip for Ocular infection".
85. Dr G Kumaramanickavel gave an invited talk on "Genetics of Diabetic Retinopathy" in the TIFAC-CORE short-term course at Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai on 4th February.
86. Ms Vinita Kumari attended the TIFAC-CORE short-term course at Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai held between 4th and 14th February.
87. Dr. G Kumaramanickavel attended the XXXIII Annual Conference of the ISHG and International Symposium on Genetics, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam between 11th and 13th Feb 2008.
88. Dr. Lingam Gopal attended the Retina Symposium at USA on 16th February 2008
89. Dr. S Meenakshi attended the CME Programme on Pediatric Ophthalmology at Calicut on 19th February 2008 and gave a presentation on Restrictive Strabismus & Approach to children with multiple disabilities
90. Dr. Lingam Gopal gave a lecture on "Lessons from the cryo ROP and ETROP studies - When to intervene in ROP? and Management of Stage 4 & 5 ROP" at the CME programme held at Cochin on 24th February 2008.



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91. Dr. N Radhika and Dr. Bhaskar Srinivasan participated in the discussion on “Corneal Infections” at Chennai Cornea Club.
92. Dr. H. N. Madhavan and Dr. K. Lily Therese attended the Inauguration function of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Microbiology department, on 8th February 2008 Dr. ALM PGIBMS at Anna University Campus, Chennai and Dr. Madhavan gave a talk on “Ocular Mycoses” experience at Sankara Nethralaya - a tertiary eye care centre.
93. Dr. J. Malathi and Ms. M.Sowmiya attended the Symposium on 26th February 2008 at Madras Medical College, Chennai and made a presentation on “Recent Advances in Emerging Infectious Diseases”
94. Dr. K. Lily Therese attended the National Seminar at Sri Sankara Arts and Science College, Kanchipuram on 28th February 2008 and gave a talk on “Mycotic Diseases in the 21st Century”.
95. Dr. Lingam Gopal made a presentation on “Retinopathy of prematurity” at the CME at Lucknow organized by the Lucknow Ophthalmological Society on 1st March 2008.
96. Dr. J Biswas attended the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology Editorial Board meeting at Mumbai on 21st March 2008 and gave a presentation on Retinoblastoma.
97. Dr. J Biswas attended the Delhi Ophthalmic society meeting on 30th March 2008. (DOS) and made a presentation on Biopsy pathology of uveitis, Current management of uveitis and Biopsy pathology of uveitis.