

Indian Alumni Group of ICEH, London dissolved and a New Organisation of Community Ophthalmology emerges in the Indian horizon.

The Indian Alumni Group of ICEH (International Centre for Eye Health), London conducted their 9th Annual Meet at Hotel County Inn at Jaipur on the 3rd and 4th February 2009. At their Extended Managing Committee Meeting on the evening of 3rd February, it was decided to dissolve the existing Alumni Group and to form a new society titled "Indian Association of Community Ophthalmology" utilizing the existing member strength. The necessary constitution was formulated accordingly and the participation and membership was opened to all the ophthalmologists who work for community ophthalmology. The idea is to widen the participation keeping pace with same sort of associations in the neighboring countries like Pakistan Association of Community Ophthalmology (PACO) and Bangladesh Community Ophthalmology Association (BCOA). The goal of the society will be advocacy of Community Eye Health services in the Indian subcontinent. Previously the association was only for the Alumni of the ICEH, London.



The two day programme was packed with many scientific presentations. Members from Bangladesh and Nepal and eminent personalities of Community Ophthalmology Service in India participated in the meeting. Dr. C. Balakrishna (Kadappa Medical College, Andhra Pradesh) was installed as the President and Dr. Pannalal Saha (Kolkata) as the President elect.

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It was decided that the first Annual Scientific Meet of Indian Association of Community Ophthalmology will be held at Kolkata in 2010.

17th Annual Congress of Vitreo-retinal Society of India "VRSI 2008" successfully organized at Ffort Raichak

"VRSI 2008" was organized from 4th to 6th December 2008 at The Ffort Raichak, West Bengal. This was the 17th Annual Congress and West Bengal was chosen for the first time in Eastern India to host the programme. It was organized by the Vitreo Retinal Society of West Bengal under the able leadership of Dr. D N Chattopadhyay.



A total of 355 delegates from different parts of the country and abroad attended this meeting. Prof. Frank Koch from University Eye Clinic, Frankfurt, Germany delivered his latest concept on "Intrectomy" during this scientific session. Dr. Cesare Farloni from Revenna, Italy, Dr. Rajat Aggarwal from California, USA and Dr. P Singh from USA, talked about newer advancements in vitreo-retinal surgery.



Newer advancements in the sectors of micro-incisional vitreo-retinal surgery and anti VEGF therapy were the hot topics of discussion. In the general body meeting it was unanimously agreed to opt for a "Nation wide registry system" for Retinitis Pigmentosa patients and it was decided that Dr. Lingam Gopal, Medical Director, Sanakara Nethralaya, Chennai, will head that body.

It was not only about academics. The delegates enjoyed the fun filled river cruise and the sumptuous dinner on the Ganges. Everybody appreciated the warmth of Bengali hospitality and fellowship.