

# Training for Children's Eye Care Centres

## (b) One Year Fellowship Programme

### Training content

The areas where the trainees would be given exposure include:

- Adult and paediatric cataract surgery
- Paediatric glaucoma procedures
- Strabismus surgery
- Exposure to treating ROP
- Exposure to ophthalmic plastic surgery and tumours
- Management of low vision and visual rehabilitation in children
- Genetic counselling.

### Training schedule

The training will start on 1st January and 1st July each year. The first candidates started their fellowship on 1st July 2001. The admission year and month and number of candidates is shown in Table 3 below:

**Table 3: Admission Year and Month / Number of Candidates**

Long Term (1 Year) No. of candidates	Year/Month				
	July 2001	Jan 2002	July 2002	Jan 2003	July 2003
2	2	2	2	2	2
Short Term (3 months) No. of candidates	July 2001	Oct 2001	Jan 2002	April 2002	July 2002
2	2	2	2	2	2

### Training rotation

During the first month trainees will spend time learning basic adult cataract surgery, and will also gain experience in cataract-related investigative procedures such as biometry. Also the trainees are expected to work in the wet lab during this period.

The following is the schedule of the trainees during their one-year fellowship programme:

- Basic cataract surgical skills - 1 month
- Anterior segment including cornea and cataract surgery - 3 months
- Strabismus and paediatric ophthalmology - 3 months
- Paediatric glaucoma - 2 months
- Ophthalmoplasty and tumours - 1 month
- Retina - 1 month
- Repeat posting in cornea and anterior segment - 1 month

### Evaluation

Each candidate will be asked to keep a record of all the cases which they performed on their own, or at which they assisted. At the end of each posting the fellow's performance will be evaluated by the faculty at L V Prasad.

### Post-Training Support

A maximum of US\$20,000 has been allocated for the equipment at each centre from where the long term fellows will be trained. These long term trainees will be encouraged to visit LVPEI in future as part of our observer fellowship programme to keep their knowledge up-to-date.

### References

- 1 Rao G N. Ophthalmology in India. *Arch Ophthalmol* 2000; **118**: 1431-1432.
- 2 World Health Organization. Preventing blindness in children. Report of a WHO/IAPB scientific meeting. WHO/PBL/00.77. Geneva: WHO, 2000.
- 3 Global Initiative for the Elimination of Avoidable Blindness. Geneva, World Health Organization, 1998 (unpublished document WHO/PBL/97.61).

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### Diploma Examination in Ophthalmology DRCOphth

#### ANNOUNCING A CHANGE TO THE STRUCTURE

From November 2001, there has been no Practical Refraction section in the Diploma Examination

The New Diploma Examination (DRCOphth) is a test of ophthalmic knowledge including relevant basic sciences and clinical skills for candidates who have worked in ophthalmology for one year (full-time or equivalent). This work experience need not have been gained in the UK.

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### UK and Overseas Examination Calendar 2002

Exam	Dates of Examination	Location	Closing Date
<b>Part 1 MRCOphth</b>	8-9 April	<b>India</b>	22 February
	22-23 April	<b>UK</b>	11 March
	7-8 October	<b>UK, India</b>	26 August
<b>Part 2 MRCOphth</b>	9-11 April	<b>India</b>	22 February
	17-21 June	<b>UK</b>	6 May
	9-10 October	<b>India</b>	26 August
	4-8 November	<b>UK</b>	23 September
<b>Part 3 MRCOphth</b>	4-8 March	<b>UK</b>	21 January
	11-12 April	<b>India</b>	22 February
	9-13 September 10-11 October	<b>UK India</b>	29 July 26 August
<b>DRCOphth</b>	27-28 June	<b>UK</b>	16 May
	18-19 November	<b>UK</b>	7 October

#### Overseas Location:

- Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India