

Community Eye Health
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Department of Infectious & Tropical Diseases
Diploma in Community Eye Health

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This three-month qualification is aimed at people who want to know more about the major blinding eye diseases and the VISION 2020 initiative. It is especially suitable for eye care professionals including ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic assistants and nurses, and project managers who want to receive training in Community Eye Health, but cannot be away from their place of work for one year. The course consists of three main components: Controlling Blinding Eye Diseases in the five weeks before Easter; Planning a VISION 2020 Programme in the five weeks after Easter and a written strategy document to be researched and written during the Easter break. We recommend that applicants have a qualification in health sciences and, preferably, are attached to an organisation involved in community eye care. The taught element of this course will also be attended by the MSc students in Community Eye Health.

Course Fees: £5,250
Recommended living costs: £3,300

Application forms are available from The Registry, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP, UK.
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Reader survey

Many thanks to all our readers who returned their questionnaires so promptly. We are hoping to receive even more returns, and look forward to acting on your suggestions. The results of the prize draw will be announced in the next issue.

IAPB 7th General Assembly

The General Assembly of International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) is held every four years, providing a forum for sharing ideas, expertise, and experiences in prevention of blindness around the world. The Seventh General Assembly, held in Dubai from September 20 - 24, 2004, was on the theme "Partnership in VISION 2020". We look forward to reporting more on this stimulating and enriching event.

Submissions to Exchange

Community Eye Health Journal invites readers to exchange views and experiences. In the Exchange section we include letters to the editor and short reports about prevention of blindness activities, achievements and lessons from different countries. Examples of reports considered for publication include outstanding achievements of eye care programmes, interesting insights from eye care work, and summaries of research projects. Reports will normally be between 200 – 300 words, but submissions of up to 500 words will be considered. Please send your contributions to The Editor at the address on page 34, or email victoria.francis@lshtm.ac.uk mentioning Exchange in your title.



Next issue

The next issue of the *Community Eye Health Journal* will be on the theme 'What's New in Trachoma Control?' Articles include:

- Progress towards elimination of blinding trachoma
- What's new in azithromycin?
- What's new in trichiasis surgery?
- Promoting trachoma control in the community
- Key lessons from the National Trachoma Control Programme, Morocco

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