

## Courses and conferences

### Certificate Course in Community Eye Health for VISION 2020 in South Africa

**Date:** August 1 – September 23, 2005.

This is the first course in Community Eye Health to be run in South Africa. It is being organised by Colin Cook in collaboration with the International Centre for Eye Health, LSHTM, London. The course will be held in the Division of Ophthalmology, Grootte Schuur Hospital, University of Cape Town, South Africa. The course will focus on how to implement VISION 2020 in sub-Saharan Africa. The course is aimed at eye health professionals working in the field of prevention of blindness, including national and district VISION 2020 coordinators, programme managers and clinical professionals working in VISION 2020 programmes.

**Further details:** Please contact Dr Colin Cook (myrna@mweb.co.za)

### Organizational & Financial Management to Achieve VISION 2020 in Africa

**Date:** November 7-18, 2005. **Venue:** Moshi, Tanzania.

A course offered by the Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology/Tumaini University (KCCO) in collaboration with The Fred Hollows Foundation, LAICO, and IAPB.

**Course objective:** To provide practical (African-tested) strategies for developing or strengthening management systems to facilitate increased efficiency, coverage, and satisfaction with eye care services. Target audience: the heads and key decision makers of VISION 2020 planning areas. For more information and admission procedures please visit the KCCO website ([www.kcco.net](http://www.kcco.net)) or contact: Dr. Susan Lewallen (slewallen@kcco.net), KCCO, PO Box 2254, Moshi, Tanzania.

### Bridging Communities and Eye Care Providers to Achieve VISION 2020 in Africa

**Date:** December 5-10, 2005. **Venue:** Moshi, Tanzania.

To meet VISION 2020 goals, developing and implementing better strategies for bridging communities and hospitals will be essential. This course will provide eye care programme managers with the skills necessary to develop, implement, and monitor strategies for increasing utilisation of services by the population in need.

**Target audience:** Eye care programme managers (MoH, NGDO, service groups), trainers, and key decision makers of national prevention of blindness programmes.

**Course objective:** To provide an understanding of activities necessary to increase utilisation of eye care services (primarily cataract, refractive error and trichiasis but also including childhood cataract and other conditions) by the population. For information and admission procedures please visit the KCCO website ([www.kcco.net](http://www.kcco.net)) or contact: Dr. Paul Courtright (pcourtright@kcco.net) KCCO, PO Box 2254, Moshi, Tanzania.

### Diploma Course in Community Eye Health

**Date:** February 20 – May 26, 2006.

This course is offered by ICEH at the LSHTM. The three month course is designed for those who want to know more about the major blinding eye diseases and the VISION 2020 initiative, but cannot be away from their place of work for one year. It is especially suitable for eye care professionals, ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic assistants, ophthalmic nurses, and project managers. The course is in three parts: part 1 focuses on the control of blinding eye diseases; part 2 deals with research and writing a project proposal; part 3 focuses on how to plan a VISION 2020 project.

**Further details:** Adrienne.Burroughs@Lshtm.ac.uk or [www.iceh.org.uk](http://www.iceh.org.uk); [www.lshtm.ac.uk/courses](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/courses) ICEH, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK.

### International Ophthalmic Nurses Association Golden Jubilee Conference – 50 years of IONA

**Date:** April 7-8, 2006. **Venue:** London, UK.

A Celebration of Ophthalmic Nursing.

**Call for papers:** Please submit an abstract of 500 words.

Application forms for IONA membership and for conference are available from: Carol Bullock, 3 Montgomery Close, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 6NF. UK. to whom abstracts should also be sent. Email [john.bullock@unisonfree.net](mailto:john.bullock@unisonfree.net)

### World Ophthalmology Congress

(Previously called 'International Congress of Ophthalmology ICO').

**Date:** February 19-24, 2006. **Venue:** Brazil.

The World Ophthalmology Congress will be held in conjunction with the XXVI Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology and the XVII Brazilian Congress on Blindness Prevention.

Information on the congress and on the committees, scientific programme and coordinators of different areas are available at the congress web site [www.opthalmology2006.com.br](http://www.opthalmology2006.com.br)

## New resources from ICEH



### Community Eye Health Update CD

This new CD contains *Community Eye Health Journal* issues 20-53 in easy to use formats (HTML and PDF) as well as many other ICEH teaching materials, including electronic versions of teaching slide/text sets and booklets, and a selection of Aravind Eyesite publications.

It is available free of charge to eye health workers in developing countries. Please write or email to the address below giving name, postal address and occupation.

International Resource Centre, International Centre for Eye Health, LSHTM, Keppel St, London WC1E 7HT, UK.  
Email: [Anita.Shah@Lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:Anita.Shah@Lshtm.ac.uk)



## Other new resources

TALC has released Issue 7 of the e-TALC Health Development CD-ROM. e-TALC is a free electronic resource for health care workers in developing countries. Issue 7 contains contributions from 30 organisations and individuals including The BMJ, WHO, Royal College of Physicians, Africa Health, and many more. For more information or to subscribe or contribute to e-TALC, please visit [www.talcuk.org](http://www.talcuk.org) or write to TALC, PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts, AL1 5TX, UK.  
Email: [info@talcuk.org](mailto:info@talcuk.org)

## Useful resources

### VISION 2020: The Right to Sight.

#### Developing an action plan CD-ROM. Version 2.

A detailed guide to the advocacy, design, planning, implementation and monitoring of VISION 2020 action plans with more than 250 supporting documents on all aspects of blindness. A vital resource for national governments, professional organisations, NGOs, eye care managers and other implementers of eye care programmes. Distribution by IAPB, LV Prasad Eye Institute, LV Prasad Marg, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500 034, India. Email: [IAPB@LVPEI.ORG](mailto:IAPB@LVPEI.ORG) Also available from: [www.v2020.org](http://www.v2020.org) and also online by the World Health Organization: [www.who.int/ncd/vision2020\\_actionplan/start.htm](http://www.who.int/ncd/vision2020_actionplan/start.htm) – go to chapter 4.1 for an example on district planning

### VISION 2020. Standard List of Medicines, Equipment, Instruments, Optical Supplies and Educational Resources for Primary and Secondary Level Eye Care Services.

2004/5. Available free of charge from the International Centre for Eye Health (see inside cover for address details) and also electronically on [www.iceh.org.uk/files/standardlist04.pdf](http://www.iceh.org.uk/files/standardlist04.pdf) A new list for 2006/2007 is in preparation.

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## Useful resources

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### Monitoring Cataract Surgical Outcomes CD-ROM

Contains different packages to monitor the

visual outcome of cataract surgery as well as instruction guides and supporting documents. Author: Hans Limburg. Available free of charge from the International Centre for Eye Health (contact details on inside cover).

### District Health Care

1996. Intended for those involved in the planning, administration and evaluation of health services at district level. Published by Macmillan. Authors: R Amonoo-Lartson, G Ebrahim, H Lovel & J Ranken. Available from TALC. Price £6.90 [www.talcuk.org](http://www.talcuk.org) (address details on previous page).

### Strengthening District Health Systems

Editorial by Marcel Tanner. Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Volume 83, Number 6, June 2005. [www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/83/6/en/](http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/83/6/en/)

### V2020 district planning web links

VISION 2020 [www.v2020.org](http://www.v2020.org)

KCMC Tanzania Planning for VISION 2020 [www.kcmc.ac.tz/kcco/vision\\_2020.htm](http://www.kcmc.ac.tz/kcco/vision_2020.htm)

### ICEH

Programme of VISION 2020 Workshops

[www.iceh.org.uk/tea\\_out.asp](http://www.iceh.org.uk/tea_out.asp)

Evaluation of VISION 2020 Workshop Programme 2002 2004 PDF report (from ICEH)

[www.iceh.org.uk/files/v2020\\_evaluation02-4.pdf](http://www.iceh.org.uk/files/v2020_evaluation02-4.pdf)

### Aravind

An online collection of comprehensive resources for eye care programmes around the world. It shares valuable tools that help assess, plan, implement and manage high quality, efficient and sustainable eye care programmes.

[www.laico.org/v2020resource/homepage.htm](http://www.laico.org/v2020resource/homepage.htm)

[http://laico.org/v2020resource/files/vision2020\\_jul-sep01.pdf](http://laico.org/v2020resource/files/vision2020_jul-sep01.pdf)

[http://laico.org/v2020resource/files/DR%20Est.Tool\\_com.xls](http://laico.org/v2020resource/files/DR%20Est.Tool_com.xls)

### South Africa Department of Health Fact Sheets / Guidelines

National guideline on prevention of blindness in South Africa – December 2002 (PDF)

[www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/blindness.pdf](http://www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/blindness.pdf)

Available from <http://www.doh.gov.za/search/index.html>

### Guidelines for District Health Planning and Reporting

April 2003. Published by the South African Department of Health. Available from:

[www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/dhp/](http://www.doh.gov.za/docs/factsheets/guidelines/dhp/)

### Community Eye Health Journal

Issues 20-53, articles relevant to V2020 priority diseases and intervention: [www.jceh.co.uk](http://www.jceh.co.uk)

### National Strategic Plan for Prevention of Blindness in Uganda

Five year Plan (pdf) [www.health.go.ug/docs/EyePlan.pdf](http://www.health.go.ug/docs/EyePlan.pdf)

Available from: [www.health.go.ug/pubs.htm](http://www.health.go.ug/pubs.htm)

## Calling all budding authors!

### Article writing competition for the Community Eye Health Journal

Readers are invited to submit original articles (not previously published) on a theme relevant to implementing VISION 2020. Four winning articles will be published in the *Community Eye Health Journal*. Articles should be innovative, based on VISION 2020 priorities, and of interest and relevance to our readers. Our readers are mostly in developing countries and work in community eye care as general nurses,

ophthalmic nurses/assistants, refractionists/optometrists, public health specialists and ophthalmologists. Winning articles will be selected by the Editorial Committee.

**Length:** 1,500 words maximum

**Deadline:** January 9th 2006

**Photographs and graphics:** Photographs, diagrams and tables can be submitted to illustrate the article. If photographs of patients are included, they should be accompanied by evidence of the patient's (or guardian's) written consent to use the

photograph for educational purposes.

**Format:** Articles can be handwritten, typed or in electronic format.

### How to send articles

**By post:** Article Competition, The Editor, Community Eye Health Journal, ICEH, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK.

**By email:** Put 'Article Competition' as the subject and send to:

Victoria.Francis@Lshtm.ac.uk and Anita.Shah@Lshtm.ac.uk

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The next issue of the *Community Eye Health Journal* will be on the theme **Eye Injuries**