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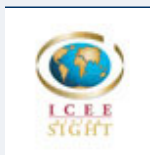


## Welcome to the November 2006 VISION 2020 e-Newsletter.

This month's e-newsletter comes just a couple of weeks after the year's foremost public relations and advocacy event for IAPB, World Sight Day (WSD). WSD 06 brought some fantastic results, raising worldwide awareness of avoidable blindness and its prevention.

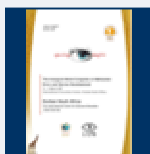
Reports of this year's activities are trickling in - thank you to all who have reported so promptly - but we will need to receive at least preliminary reports of *all* WSD 06 events by **30th November**, in order to publish the global World Sight Day 2006 report with the December newsletter. Of particular interest is the number of people who attended or were served, key messages conveyed, and any media coverage the activities attracted. Colour images of events would also be valuable for the record. Please email [communications@v2020.org](mailto:communications@v2020.org) for further assistance or information.

At the end of this week, VISION 2020: The Right to Sight will be represented with a booth at the AAO exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada, courtesy of IAPB member, Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. We look forward to meeting with members and supporters there, and to making VISION 2020 information and publications available to all interested parties.



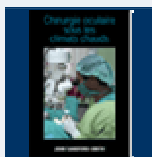
### Focus on: International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE) 07.10.2006

ICEE's mission is to eliminate avoidable blindness and vision impairment, particularly due to uncorrected refractive error. Since its inception in 1998, ICEE has conducted eyecare programmes in over 40 countries across three geographical regions: Africa, South East Asia and the Western Pacific. Visit [www.icee.org](http://www.icee.org) for further information.



### World Congress on Refractive Error, Feb 2007 10.10.2006

Inaugural World Congress on Refractive Error and Service Development, Durban, March 2007



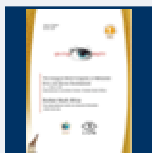
### **Chirurgie oculaire sous les climats chauds published for WSD06 12.10.2006**

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer la parution, à la Journée Mondiale de la Vue 2006, de Chirurgie oculaire sous les climats chauds, la traduction française de l'ouvrage de John Sandford-Smith : Eye Surgery in Hot Climates.



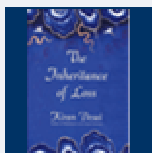
### **WSD06: A giant "thank you"! 13.10.2006**

To all who participated in this year's World Sight Day remembrances, we at IAPB are enormously grateful. The occasion boasted hugely successful events around the globe, and substantial press and media coverage worldwide.



### **Urgent Call for Papers: ICEE2007 16.10.2006**

The Inaugural Congress on Refractive Error and Service Development, in Durban, South Africa, in March next year. URGENT NOTICE: The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to 30 November 2006



### **Man Booker Prize offers literary treasures to the visually impaired 19.10.2006**

Blind and visually impaired readers in the United Kingdom have been given access to the Booker Prize-winning novel 'The Inheritance of Loss' by Kiran Desai, and the five other shortlisted novels, with a £10,290 donation to the National Library for the Blind (NLB) by the Booker Prize Foundation.



### **Diploma in Community Eye Health enrolment open 19.10.2006**

ICEH launches 3-month course for people who want to know more about the major blinding eye diseases and the VISION 2020 initiative.



### **European Conference on Disability & Development Cooperation 20.10.2006**

(version française, ci-dessous) Impact and Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Developing Countries Monday 20 November and Tuesday 21 November 2006 Committee of the Regions Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels



### **Childhood theme for WSD07 23.10.2006**

The theme for World Sight Day 2007 (WSD07) was set at the September meeting of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness in Geneva. The theme for events centring on Thursday 11th October 2007 will be "the Blind Child".



### **New informational self-help website for adults with vision impairment: 26.10.2006**

[www.visionaware.org](http://www.visionaware.org) provides practical self-help information and links to a wide range of helpful resources for older persons with recent vision loss, their family members, and those who work with them.



### **Champalimaud Science Award - Call for applications 07.11.2006**

The Champalimaud Foundation is now inviting applications and nominations for the first ?1 million Antonio Champalimaud Science Award in 2007.

## **Next issue, December 2006**

The next VISION 2020 e-Newsletter will be published in the second week of December. If you have anything that you would like to us to include in the next issue - especially reports on World Sight Day 2006 - please submit words and pictures to [communications@v2020.org](mailto:communications@v2020.org) by Monday 4th December 2006.

## **From the IAPB Registered Office, London, UK**

I hope you have enjoyed the IAPB / VISION 2020 Newsletter. Please browse the VISION 2020 website at [www.v2020.org](http://www.v2020.org) for more information on activities within the global prevention of blindness movement. If you or your organisation has any news to share with VISION 2020 members and supporters please get in touch.

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