

Dr P P Santanam and Mrs Jayalakshmi Santanam Endowment Award

Presents

## **ESO-VISTA**

(**Enhancing Scope of Optometry and Vision by Integrating Science and Technology  
Advancements)**

ESO-VISTA is an endowment lecture instituted by Dr P P Santanam and his family. As the name suggests, ESO-VISTA aims to integrate optometry and vision science with the latest advancements in science and technology. This session is open to all optometry students, optometrists, vision scientists, doctoral scholars, postgraduate fellows and ophthalmologists of the Medical and Vision Research Foundation and Optometrists and students of SN-ESO, Kolkata. The session was also opened to alumni and optometrists of Elite School of Optometry Alumni Association (ESOAA) and Optometry Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN) respectively. There have been three successful sessions since December 2021. The current ESO-VISTA session, the fourth edition, was held on December 24, 2024 at Sri V D Swami Auditorium in Sankara Nethralaya. Dr N Anuradha, Principal, ESO briefed the audience about Dr Santanam and his contributions to ESO and Optometry and announced the endowment awards.

- ***Ms V C Ashwini***, Doctoral Researcher, Medical Research Foundation received this year's '***Judge P V Parameswara Iyer and Smt. Kamala Bai Ammal Endowment Award***'.
- ***Ms Indira Rengarajan***, Optometrist, Occupational optometry services, Sankara Nethralaya received the ***Dr S Ramakrishna and Smt Bhagavathy Endowment Award*** for occupational optometry services.

Following the awards, the endowment lecture was delivered by ***Dr Shrikant R Bharadwaj***. Dr Bharadwaj serves as the Network Associate Director of the Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences at the L V Prasad Eye Institute. He is also actively involved in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students of optometry at LVPEI. He established the Visual Optics research laboratory at LVPEI with the overall agenda of understanding how the eye's optics influences spatial and depth vision. Dr Bharadwaj uses a combination of experimental, behavioral and computational techniques to address this research agenda.

Following the lecture, Dr N Anuradha, Principal – Elite School of Optometry announced the ***Elite School of Optometry Alumni Research Travel award*** to M. Optom students of ESO. The session was well received by all the participants who made the session more interactive and dynamic with their enthusiastic participation and discussion. Here are a few glimpses from the session:



