

Global meet on corneal disorders

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On January 8 and 9

MADURAI: The Aravind Eye Hospital in Madurai is organising an international conference on corneal disorders and management on January 8 and 9.

Around 200 ophthalmologists from across the country besides eye care faculty from prestigious institutions in the US and UK along with the faculty of Aravind Eye Care System will be discussing the current trends in diagnosing/managing corneal disorders.

N.Venkatesh Prajna, organising secretary of the cornea conference, in a press release on Tuesday said that the topics for discussion include corneal infections, refractive surgeries and corneal transplantation techniques.

The conference, which will be held at the Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology here, is sponsored by the Medical Council of India and Indian Council of Medical Research.

“Corneal blindness is a major public health problem in India and the incidence of corneal ulceration in the country is 30 times more than in the West. Nearly 8.4 lakh people in India are affected per year due to corneal disorders and many of them require corneal transplantation”, Dr.Prajna said.

Lecture

On January 8, the Dr.G.Venkataswamy Memorial Lecture will be delivered by John Whitcher of Proctor Foundation, University of San Francisco, US, who is an authority on corneal disorders management.

This annual lecture is being organised by the Aravind Eye Care System to recognise and honour dedicated ophthalmologists who have worked to alleviate blindness worldwide. Dr. Whitcher has done extensive epidemiological studies in Ethiopia, India, Nepal and Vietnam. P.Sathasivam, Supreme Court Judge, is the chief guest for the function.

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