

Director's Review

I am happy to present the 48th Annual Report of the All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysore. This report contains the activities of the institute for the year 2012-13.

During the year 2012-13, the institute continued to be committed to academic, research, clinical and public educational activities in the area of communication and its disorders. The year 2012-13 was yet another year during which the institute advanced towards expansion, and initiated new activities.

Keeping in tune with the UGC's mandatory requirement, the institute submitted Letter of Intent and the Self-Study Report to the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore. Further, the EFC for the 12th Five Year Plan proposal was prepared and sent to the Ministry. The institute also initiated ISO related activities for better quality control.

The institute obtained permission to start the PG Diploma in Augmentative and Alternative Communication from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The permission from the Rehabilitation Council of India is awaited. The faculty and staff of the institute delivered 142 invited talks

within and outside the institute. Ten guest lectures from eminent professionals were arranged in the said year. Further, the institute conducted 120 orientation and short-term training programmes on communication disorders. Mr. MobioN'Kan Max Ange, a RFTDCS fellow from Ivory Coast, West Africa was trained on ENT and report writing for one year. Twenty four professional workshops/seminars were conducted by the institute. The staff of the institute carried out honorary works like editorial and referee jobs for the journals, reviewing project reports of national funding agencies.

During the reporting year, the institute launched Electrophysiology lab and Neurophysiology lab. The staff of the institute completed 38 research projects and 43 research projects were ongoing with 7 extramural funding. In addition, 23 research projects were initiated with one extramural funding. Three candidates were awarded Ph.D., four candidates submitted the Ph. D. thesis, and 42 candidates were pursuing doctoral studies. In addition, 71 students submitted their master's dissertation and 61 candidates were pursuing their master's dissertation. Fifty nine scientific articles were presented in international and national

conferences/ seminars and 55 scientific articles were published in peer reviewed international and national journals and two in conference proceedings. Further, the institute brought out the Journal of All India Institute of Speech & Hearing. It also published student research in which 71 dissertation based articles were published. Also, 17 chapters in books/ books were written by the staff of the institute. The institute formed a committee for plagiarism and purchased a software for plagiarism which was made mandatory for all research papers. The students and staff were trained to use the software. Five staff and students received grants to present papers in international conferences.

The institute registered 50906 clients with communication disorders. The institute launched two special clinics - voice clinic and implantable hearing devices unit, and clinic for adult and elderly persons with language disorders. Further, helpline for persons with Parkinsons' disease was launched. 13141 babies were screened for communication disorders in 12 hospitals in Mysore, infant screening was conducted at the outreach service centres, industrial screening was done for the employees of Rane Madras Pvt. Ltd, and 855 children in 12 schools of

Mysore were screened. Nineteen camps were conducted in various parts of the country. 4078 clients were catered to in the outreach service centres of the institute at 3 PHCs located in districts of Mysore. Tele-assessment and intervention was done for 163 clients with communication disorders.

Twelve monthly public lectures were held and 40 public educational materials were prepared. The institute procured several scientific instruments, e-books and bibliographical databases. The Hindi version of the institute Annual Report 2009-10 received Karyalaya Darpan Smruti Ching Puraskar by Rajbhasha Samsthan. Also, Dr. H. P. Uma Saraswathi, Hindi Translator was honoured by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the best performance in Official Language Implementation during the Official Language Conference held at NIMHANS, Bangalore on 26-27 December, 2012. Construction of Knowledge Park and quarters progressed and renovation and retrofit of old buildings was done.



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