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Key Events in a Nutshell

A brief account of major activities took place in the institute during the year under report are mentioned below.

1. **Academic**
2. **Annual Meeting of All India DHLS coordinators meet**

Coordinators of 12 DHLS centres all over India attended the meeting which was held on 1st July 2010. The coordinators discussed development of libraries at each centre, expansion activities of new born hearing screening and unit for early intervention of communication disorders, DHLS process evaluation report, translation of self learning materials of DHLS course to different regional languages and future plans for introduction of E-MASLP course through video conferencing, besides other issues.

1. **Inauguration of Audiology Practical Lab**

The Practical Lab on the first floor of the Audiology Block was inaugurated by Dr. M.D. Ravi, Prof. of Paediatrics, JSS Medical College, Mysore on 16.12.10. Dr. T.K. Parthasarathy, AIISH alumni was present on the occasion. The main objective of the practical lab is to provide practical demonstration and hands-on-experience of all the equipment used for audiological assessment and hearing device fitting. This training is provided for the undergraduate (Speech and Hearing), post-graduate (Audiology) and PGDNA students. The lab is equipped with the following equipment - such as, Audiometer, immittance meter, OAE equipment, evoked potential instruments, sound booth, NOAH link and real time analyzer.

**c. Launching – PG Diploma in Neuro-Audiology**

Knowing the significance of the field of Neuro-audiology and its applications, the institute has launched a one-year post-graduate diploma in neuro-audiology (PGDNA). It is a credit-based, two semesters course affiliated to the University of Mysore. The course is a stepping stone for those with a quest to gain knowledge through research in the area of audiology. Knowledge of neuro-audiology can be utilised to identify space- occupying lesions as well as diffused lesions of the auditory and associated neural pathways.

1. **Clinical**
2. **Inauguration of Fluency Unit**

Dr.V.N.Rajasekaran Pillai, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, inaugurated the fluency unit at the Department of Clinical Services through video conferencing on 9th August, 2010. Ramachandra Shetty, Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science, Bangalore and K.S.Rangappa, Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Open University were present on the occasion. It imparts training to students and provide clinical services to clients with fluency disorders and enables the professionals to conduct research on neuroanatomical, neurophysiological and genetic aspects of fluency disorders. The unit also includes group therapy which caters to the needs of persons with stuttering and other fluency disorders.

1. **Opening of ‘LiBoToy’**

The department of Special Education has opened a new resource centre for the children with special needs, called ‘LiBoToy’ (Library of Books and Toys). The facility was formally launched by Mr.Keshav Desiraju, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on 8th October 2010. LiBoToy constitutes various toys of different textures and sizes suitable for 0-6 years age group children. The library also has talking books and compact discs to cater the needs of children with communication disorders as well as typically developing children.

1. **Launching of Vertigo Clinic**

The department of Otorhinolaryngology started a specialized clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of vertigo, a disorder related to balance and equilibrium. Dr. Anirban Biswas, Neurotologist and President, Association of Otolaringologists of India, inaugurated the clinic on 22.10.2010 and delivered a lecture on management of vertigo, on the occasion. Dr. Geetha Avadhani, Professor & Head, Department of General Surgery and Medical Superintendent, K.R. Hospital, was the Guest of honor.

1. **International Stuttering Awareness Day**

International Stuttering Awareness Day was celebrated on 22nd November 2010 organized by Dept of Clinical services. Around one hundred and fifty participants attended the program. The participants included D.Ed trainees from two different colleges, Somani D.Ed College, DIET, Mysore as well as children and adults with stuttering who have availed clinical services at AIISH. The program was inaugurated by Brahma Kumari vani, Brahma Kumari Vishwa Vidyalaya, Srirampura, Mysore.

1. **Infrastructure Development**
2. **Foundation stone laying ceremony**

The foundation stone laying ceremony for new audiometric block and Quarters was inaugurated by Dr.R K Srivastava, Director General of Health Services through video conferencing on 30th June 2010. He said that attempts should be made to reach out to more people as the services in these areas have not reached the target groups as expected.

1. **Launching of re-designed website**

The newly upgraded website of AIISH with improved technical and editorial quality was launched by Dr. V.N.Rajasekaran Pillai, Vice Chancellor IGNOU on 9th August 2010. Developed with adherence to the guidelines of Government of India Standards, AIISH Website is an outstanding source of information expanding to 322 pages in English, Hindi and Kannada with content management system to facilitate automatic uploading of notifications, tenders and job announcements. The website has got an exclusive subpage which provides access to all public education pamphlets prepared at AIISH for the benefit of persons with communication disorders as well as their caregivers.

1. **Inauguration of Gents Hostel**

The newly constructed gents hostel, 'Bodhi' was inaugurated by Dr. E. V Ramana Reddy, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare,Goverment of India on 18th September 2010. He requested the students to stay back in India and serve the society. He expressed the need for providing attractive incentives to Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, so that the pull factor would ensure them to retain in the country.

1. **Opening Ceremony of International Guest house**

Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa inaugurated the ‘Ashoka’ International Guest House at AIISH Panchavati Campus on 8th October 2010. The guest house has 15 VIP family suites and is built on a total area of 1,233 sq mts. The building has been constructed at a cost of Rs 158 lakh. Medical Education and Mysore District In-Charge Minister S A Ramdas, Forest Minister, C H Vijayashankar, AIISH director Dr Vijayalakshmi Basavaraj were present during the occasion.