

INFORMATION RESOURCES TO  
SUPPORT VISION RESEARCH  
IN INDIA:  
REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

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# CHARGE

- Identify Common & Unique Challenges & Opportunities
- Focus on Supporting Vision Research: Clinical, Basic, Epidemiological, Systems
- Explore, Propose, Implement and Evaluate Opportunities

# WHERE WE'RE HEADING

- Increase 'Just in Time' Access
- Meet the Needs of More Users, More Often
- Collaboration
- Sustainability



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# CHALLENGES

- \*\*Increased User Needs
- Staff
  - Support Staff
  - Training
- Resources
  - Journal Access
  - Monographs, AVs
  - Facilities
- \*\*Information vs IT vs Informatics
- Budgets
- Technology
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Communications Technology

# PROGRESS

- AVSL Opening Day Collection as Benchmark
  - Journal Gaps
  - Monograph Needs
  - Titles Unique to India
- Better Access/Use of Free Electronic Resources
- Gallin: Principles and Practice of Clinical Research

# PROGRESS

- Virtual Resource Center
- Connections between Indian Vision Libraries
- Participation by Indian Vision Librarians
  - Union List
  - Reference Queries
- Training/Support
  - EBO
  - Molecular Resources
  - Maximizing Available Resources



# JUST OVER THE HORIZON

- Increased Budgets?
- Technology Upgrades
- IVI: Indian Vision Index
- Expand Supported Programs, Services to include Allied Health, Remote Users, Patients
- Include Additional Centers, Existing & New
- Traveling Fellowship
- Foundation Support

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