

OSWB at Madhyamgram on World Diabetes Day

Spectra Eye Foundation, Madhyamgram Chowmatha, observed World Diabetes Day on 14th November 2008, in its premises. Four consultants of this institution delivered speeches regarding ophthalmic complications of diabetes before a gathering of patients. Prevention and management of diabetic retinopathy was discussed along with an interactive session with the patients. OSWB's sincere thanks to four consultants Dr.Somnath Ghosh, Dr.Ananyabrata Das, Dr.Satyajit De & Dr.Moumita Roy.



OSWB, “World Diabetes Day” and Kolkata



The newly elected Executive Committee of OSWB observed the “World Diabetes Day ” in conjunction with the first Academic meeting (2008-2009) on 22nd November 2008 at Hotel Golden Park, Kolkata. The programme, aptly called “A Date with Diabetes and the Eye” was a huge success as was reflected by more than 132 ophthalmologists attending the session. A presentation on World Diabetes Day prepared by International Diabetes Federation was screened before the august gathering marking the beginning of the evening’s proceedings. The Chairman, Scientific Committee, Dr. B.K.Sarkar welcomed the delegates and introduced the speakers to the audience.

This was followed by scientific presentations by Dr. Partha Sarathi Chatterjee on “Key Issues and Newer Concepts in Diabetes Mellitus”, Dr. Rupak Biswas on “Diabetic Retinopathy: Newer Classification and Aetiopathogenesis” and Dr. Sandip Mitra on “Management of Diabetic Retinopathy : Current Concepts”.

This marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of OSWB. “Early Bird Prizes” were introduced for the first time and 25 ‘early birds’ walked away gleefully with their prizes at the conclusion of the ceremony. A feedback protocol was also introduced and it will be continued in the days to come. The meeting concluded with a sumptuous

dinner courtesy Milmet. The response of the OSWB members was fantastic and their support and encouragement will provide us with impetus to frame our future programmes.

Facts & Figures

- World Diabetes Day was started by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and WHO. The day is celebrated on 14th November to mark the birthday of Fredrick Banting who along with Charles Best, was instrumental in the discovery of Insulin in 1922.
- India is on the top in the number of people with Diabetes (20-79 age group). In 2007 there were 40.9 million people with Diabetes in India which is likely to go up to 69.9 million in 2025.
- Over 250 million people live with Diabetes worldwide which is likely to reach 380 million in 2025.
- Every 10 seconds a person dies from diabetes related causes and two people develop diabetes.

