

## Genesis & Objectives

### **Genesis**

The idea for having such a forum was mooted at a meeting in February 2008 by Sankara Nethralaya Chairman Emeritus Dr. SS Badrinath, Dr. Lingam Gopal, Director, Research, Sankara Nethralaya and leading vitreo retinal surgeon and Professor Balakrishnan K, former ISA president. The proposal was approved at the ISACON (an ISA conference) in December 2008 at Jaipur following which OFISA launched its website ([www.ofisa.sankaranethralaya.org](http://www.ofisa.sankaranethralaya.org)) in April 2009. The forum, so far, consists of around 50 members, mostly Ophthalmic Anaesthesiologists and Ophthalmologist from India and abroad.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the forum include promoting quality anaesthesia care for all patients undergoing eye procedures and to serve as a medium for discussion and research on the subject. OFISA will hold an Ophthalmic Anaesthesiologists meet once in two years to promote mutual exchange of knowledge in Ophthalmic Anaesthesia. Also in the pipeline is a bi-annual on-line Ophthalmic Anaesthesia newsletter.