Nominee Statement: Derek Hodkey

# Position: IAPB Board Group B Trustee

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| **Nominee Job Title** | | | | |
|  | | | President & CEO | |
| **Nominee Organisation** | | | | |
|  | | | Orbis International | |
| **Nominating IAPB member organisation** | | | | |
|  | Orbis International | | | |
| **Represented by:** | | | | |
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| **Seconded by:** | | | | |
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| **Seconding IAPB member organisation:** | | | | |
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| **Seconding Statement** | | | | |
|  | | I am privileged to nominate Derek Hodkey as a Group B Trustee for the upcoming IAPB elections.  Derek brings a wealth of experience in health-related fields to this role. His scientific training in Chemistry combined with his MBA prepared him well to tackle major research and management challenges at Merck&Co (incl. Director, Resource & Research Planning), Vertex Pharmaceuticals and Cambridge Healthcare Associates Inc.  Building on the commercial and management experience he joined the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and then Counterpart International as their Chief Operating Officer before he moved on to Orbis as Chief Executive Officer.  Counterpart International has a strong partner approach to build inclusive, sustainable communities so that individuals, families and communities can become the creators of their own solutions. Through inclusive collaboration and by making the local organizations the architects of change lasting solutions can be created. This role complemented Derek’s experience through working in international development – next to all the previous experiences in pharma, biotech, R&D, domestic and international, commercial and non-profit.  Being new to the field together with his understanding of the development dynamics in community development Derek has a refreshing look at the work in the eye care sector with the vision to improve the quality of life of those we serve. At Orbis this means to build capacities and capabilities in Orbis’ partners in order to improve delivery of the programmes.  All this professional background together with his open-minded personality brought out a fine and wonderful person everybody would like to have on their team. His structured and results oriented approach together with clear communication and deep experience in leading international teams Derek will be a real asset and great addition to the IAPB Board in our fight against avoidable blindness and vision loss. | | |
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|  | As the new CEO of Orbis International, I would appreciate the opportunity to take part in IAPB as a Group B Trustee. Orbis has a strong history of innovation and services delivery and is truly the only organization that delivers sustainable eye health prevention and treatment training in the world. An area of intense focus for me as the new CEO inclusion. Doing more and finding more ways to expand our efforts to include women, young girls and persons with disabilities will be a key theme in our 2022-2024 global strategic plan. I hope to share our successes and lessons learned with IAPB colleagues. | | | |