Nominee Statement: Björn Stenvers

# Position: IAPB Regional Chair: Europe

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| **Nominee Job Title** | | | | |
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| **Nominee Organisation** | | | | |
|  | | | Eye Care Foundation | |
| **Nominating IAPB member organisation** | | | | |
|  | Eye Care Foundation | | | |
| **Represented by:** | | | | |
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| **Seconded by:** | | | | |
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| **Seconding IAPB member organisation:** | | | | |
|  | | The Fred Hollows Foundation | | |
| **Seconding Statement** | | | | |
|  | | I would like to second the nomination of Bjorn Stenvers as the Regional Chair, Europe for IAPB.  I have had the pleasure of working with Bjorn on a number of IAPB initiatives in the last few years on both global strategic areas and of a regional nature. Bjorn is an advocate of the importance of collaboration if we are to reach the ambitious goals of the sector. He understands the significance of working with current members in Europe and developing the membership further to increase the diversity and strength of eye health partners in the region.  Bjorn is a strong supporter of driving the IPEC agenda and recommendations of the World Report on Vision in a structured and collective way with governments and other stakeholders – ensuring that communication and sector engagement are at the centre of activities.  I would urge all the IAPB members to support the nomination of Bjorn as Regional Chair. I am extremely confident that he will make a significant contribution in this position and has my full support. | | |
| **Nominee Statement** | | | | |
|  | I would like to nominate for Regional Chair, Europe for IAPB.   Since 2018 I am Director at the Eye Care Foundation (ECF). In this role I’ve had worked closely together with the IAPB and many of our international colleagues on strategic initiatives, both of a global and regional nature.  In my previous director job at the International Council of Museums (ICOM) at UNESCO Office Paris i worked throughout Europe (particularly in Central and Eastern Europe) with many of our local representation offices, partners and Governments. This experience has heightened my understanding of collective advocacy and building partnerships – also fundamental to the IAPB Regional Chair role.  By working in an international community as we do in the eye care sector, i understand the significance of working with current member colleagues in Europe and beyond.  I strongly support driving the IPEC agenda and recommendations of the World Report on Vision in a structured and collective way with governments and other stakeholders – ensuring that communication and sector engagement are at the centre of activities.  With your support I would be honoured to serve the IAPB. | | | |