

**Position:**

Group B Trustee

Nominee Name

Haidong Zou

Nominee Job Title

President

Nominee Organisation

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Nominating IAPB member organisation

Shanghai Eye Disease Prevention & Treatment Center

Represented by:

Haidong Zou

Nominator Statement

We are honored to nominate Professor Zou Haidong, President of the Shanghai Eye Disease Prevention and Treatment Center (SEDPTC) or Shanghai Eye Hospital (SEH), as a candidate for the IAPB Group B Trustee. As the leader of China's leading expert in blindness prevention, Professor Zou has also made outstanding contributions to global eye health and blindness prevention.

Under his leadership, SEH has established a comprehensive citywide eye health system serving 24 million residents and expanded high-quality public eye care capacity to 32 provinces across China through the "Bright Eyes Initiative," forming a scalable and replicable model for low- and middle-income settings. Professor Zou is also a key architect of the nationally adopted "Shanghai Model" for myopia prevention and control, which has been referenced internationally as a policy framework.

He has driven digital innovation in eye health, building the Vision Intelligence Management Center (VIMC), a globally leading AI-enabled platform for screening, tiered care, and closed-loop management. His commitment to international collaboration has strengthened partnerships across Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and beyond, advancing training, AI data development, and public health capacity building.

Professor Zou's strategic vision, governance experience, and global public health leadership will bring significant value to the IAPB Board.

Seconded by:

Hildegard Aichberger

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Seconding IAPB member organisation:

Light for the world

Seconding Statement

Ms. Aichberger leads one of the world's most respected disability-inclusive development organizations, working across nine countries in Africa to expand access to essential eye health services and empower people with disabilities. Under her leadership, Light for the World has strengthened national eye health systems, advanced inclusive education and employment, and championed human rights for marginalized communities. Her commitment to equity and sustainability aligns closely with IAPB's mission and global strategy.

She has overseen major initiatives that integrate eye health into universal health coverage, expand refractive services, and build capacity in low-income settings through strong partnerships with governments, NGOs, and community organizations. Her experience in governance, strategic planning, and cross-sector collaboration positions her uniquely to contribute to IAPB's Board at a time when global eye health requires coordinated, evidence-based leadership.

Ms. Aichberger brings a powerful combination of vision, operational expertise, and deep dedication to inclusive development. I am confident that her leadership will strengthen IAPB's collective efforts to ensure accessible, high-quality eye care for all.

Nominee Statement

I am honored to stand as a candidate for the IAPB Group B Elected Trustee. As President of the Shanghai Eye Disease Prevention and Treatment Center, I have dedicated my career to advancing equitable, scalable, and evidence-based eye health systems that can benefit populations globally.

Over the past decade, I have led the development of a comprehensive citywide eye health system serving 24 million residents in Shanghai, integrating prevention, screening, treatment, rehabilitation, and digital management. Through the national "Bright Eyes Initiative," our model has been expanded to 32 provinces, demonstrating a practical pathway for strengthening eye health capacity in diverse settings. I also co-developed the "Shanghai Model" for childhood myopia prevention and control, now adopted nationally and referenced internationally as a policy framework for school-based eye health.

My work has increasingly focused on digital innovation. I established the Vision Intelligence Management Center (VIMC), a leading AI-enabled platform that supports large-scale screening, tiered care, and closed-loop management. This experience positions me to contribute to IAPB's efforts to harness technology responsibly and sustainably for global eye health.

I have long been committed to international collaboration, working with partners across Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe to strengthen training, epidemiological research, and public health governance. I believe that IAPB's role in convening global expertise is essential for addressing the rising burden of myopia, aging-related eye diseases, and inequities in access to care.

If elected, I will bring a strong commitment to system strengthening, digital innovation, and cross-regional collaboration. I aim to support IAPB in advancing practical, scalable solutions that empower countries—especially low- and middle-income settings—to build sustainable eye health systems for all.

Approval and Confirmation

Yes