



International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
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IAPB REGIONAL UPDATES – EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROGRESS REPORT OCT 2011 - MAR 2012

- **IAPB-EMR identifies achievable action points to accelerate implementation of the WHO Action plan 2009-2013 and regional strategies**
An IAPB-EMR regional meeting held on 20-21 November 2011 in Dubai assessed the successes and challenges in the implementation of the WHO Action plan 2009-2013 and regional strategies on Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, School Eye Health and Primary eye care.
- **EMR Primary Eye Care Taskforce developing training manual**
The Primary eye care taskforce setup by WHO EMRO and IAPB-EMR had a 2 day workshop in Dubai to develop training manual and indicators for reporting and monitoring of eye health at primary health care.
- **EMR Human Resource Working Group sets up priorities**
The Human resource working group of the EMR had worked out modalities to strengthen human resources development for eye health in the region. This was at a meeting of the group held on 22 November 2011 in Dubai.
- **Chair IAPB – EMR sought support of EMR Health ministers towards a new ‘Action plan’**
The Chairman of IAPB EMR Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad AlSaud sought the support of EMR Ministers of health for the new ‘Action plan’. This was during the 58th Regional meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) EMRO held in Cairo from 2-5 October 2011.