IAPB COUNCIL OF MEMBERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 (TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY)
Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad (India)

MINUTES

Date & Time: September 16, 2012 (Sunday) 1400 - 1730
Venue: Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad (India)

1. Welcome
   1.1. Welcome by Mr. C. Garms, IAPB President
   C. Garms welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. In particular he introduced G.N. Rao and thanked him for hosting the Council in Hyderabad. G.N. Rao welcomed all delegates and noted that having the IAPB Council meeting and 9th General Assembly in Hyderabad was a fitting end for the LV Prasad Eye Institute’s 25th anniversary celebrations.

   C. Garms introduced B. McMullan, the incoming IAPB President, and wished him good luck for his appointment. He then thanked P. Ackland and his team for putting together and circulating all the papers.

   He congratulated the following for awards and recognitions received since the last meeting:

   • The LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), which marked its 25th Foundation Day with a symposium on “Health Systems, Eye Health and Non Communicable Diseases” on 17 October 2011;
   • Optometry Giving Sight, which won the AOP’s Charity of the Year for 2011 (the AOP being the professional representative body for optometrists in the UK);
   • Professor Brien Holden for receiving the University of Houston’s highest honour, the award of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, for his exceptional career in the field of optometry, his academic research and humanitarian accomplishments (May 2012);
   • Professor Hugh Taylor AC, Vice-President IAPB, for receiving two prestigious awards, the CNIB Chanchlani Global Vision Research Award from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Howe Medal from the American Ophthalmological Society (AOS) (June 2012).

   1.2. Adoption of the IAPB Agenda
   The agenda was approved with no changes.

   1.3. Minutes of the Last IAPB Meeting
   The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

   1.4. Matters Arising
   There were no matters arising that were not covered in the agenda of the meeting.

2. Opening Remarks from the Chairman
   C. Garms noted that, as many points were going to be covered by the following CEO report, he simply wanted to highlight two items from the agenda: the IAPB new strategic plan (involving a group discussion to gather initial input from Council members on what the new plan should – or should not – focus on), and the WHO action plan, a key document being produced by WHO for the 2014-2019 period, which all members were encouraged to engage with.

3. Report from the CEO [PP]
P. Ackland referred to his report included in the papers (agenda item 3) and his presentation can be found in the attached Power Point. Noting that it was exactly 4 years since he took over as CEO of IAPB, he highlighted the following achievements, current opportunities and learning points of his tenure -
Achievements:
- Seeing is Believing programme, due to reach with its Phase V a total of USD100million in funding for prevention of blindness projects till 2020;
- Two WHA resolutions, providing the starting point for the new WHO global action plan for 2014-2019 “Universal Access to Eye Health” currently in the drafting stages;
- The 9th General Assembly, with over 1600 delegates and 86 countries represented here in Hyderabad;
- Overall improved capacity in IAPB regions, particularly Western Pacific (where he highlighted the appointment of an IAPB China Coordinator), Eastern Mediterranean, Africa and Latin America (less so in South East Asia, Europe and North America, however overall trend was upwards);
- Growth of the IAPB global team from 5 when the CEO started to the current 13 staff members;
- Growth in grants awarded to members and partners and income received (even by excluding the Seeing is Believing’s contributions).

Opportunities:
- Engagement with the World Bank (particularly eye health in school health programmes, results-based financing programmes to include cataract and trichiasis surgery and elimination of blinding trachoma);
- The new online Standard list, the world’s first online procurement platform specifically developed for the NGO eye care sector;
- WHO new global Action Plan 2014-2019 “Universal Access to Eye Health”, currently at zero draft stage and due to be approved at the 2013 World Health Assembly.

Learning points
- As IAPB starts a new strategic planning process for 2013-2016, a key learning point from the previous plan was to concentrate on achieving higher impact over a smaller number of deliverables – less is more;
- The need to better exploit the potential of the IAPB global programme committees and work groups, which had had a mixed success so far.

He ended his intervention by drawing attention to the statistics which had been suggesting for some time that our efforts were indeed making an impact in reducing avoidable blindness worldwide. He then thanked Brien Holden for his longstanding support to the 9th General Assembly and IAPB, and Christian Garms, the outgoing President he had been working so closely with in the last 4 years.

4. Regional Reports
C. Garms referred to the regional reports in the board pack (the Africa and Western Pacific reports had been circulated separately just prior to the meeting). He noted that given the short time at disposal and the fact that regional meetings were going to take place during the Assembly, there was going to be no time for formal presentations and discussion at this meeting.

5. IAPB Awards
C. Garms referred to the board paper 5 circulated to the Council for information only.


C. Garms introduced L. Podesta, chair of the IAPB Action Plan Work Group, whose remit was to ensure that the content of the new WHO Action Plan was of good quality and reflected the input of national governments and NGOs.

L. Podesta’s presentation can be found in the attached Power Point. Her take-home message for the Council members was that this was the time when national governments had a real opportunity to input on a global plan for blindness prevention and NGOs should maximize opportunities to engage their governments in the process of developing the plan.

7. IAPB New Strategic Plan [PP]
P. Ackland noted that this was the very first opportunity for members to input on the new IAPB strategic plan 2013-2016 and as such the discussion was going to focus on top line priorities. He noted that further opportunities to feedback in more details will become available in due course.
He noted the IAPB’s vision and mission and then asked the following questions to be addressed by delegates in groups:
What are the top three objectives that IAPB should strive to achieve over the next four years?

What should IAPB stop doing?

Following the groups’ discussions, representatives from each reported on the key points of their discussions. These included (in no particular order) -

What should IAPB’s top objectives be:
- To advocate for national eye health plans
- To focus on priority countries within each region
- To facilitate collaboration, integration and shared learning
- To define global advocacy messages and implement them
- To provide services to members
- To advocate for resource mobilization
- To provide global strategic policies
- To advocate with WHO to place eye health as a key priority

What should IAPB stop doing:
- Implementing programmes
- Focusing on problems that can’t be resolved
- Assuming WHO will take the lead on eye health

P. Ackland thanked all for their contributions and noted that more opportunities to input will become available as the strategic plan takes shape.

8. IAPB Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting was held on September 16, 2012 at 1630 hours with 59 votes present or assigned as proxy available. The minutes of the AGM are circulated separately.

9. Future Events and Meetings
C. Garms announced that the next IAPB Council of Members meeting was scheduled for September 19-20, 2013 in Accra, Ghana, preceded as usual by Board and Committee meetings.

10. Any Other Business
There being no other business, C. Garms declared the Council of Members meeting closed.
ATTENDANCE LIST

Officers
1. Mr. Christian G. Garms, President & Chairman of the Board of IAPB
2. Mr. Adrian Poffley, Treasurer of IAPB
3. Prof. Hugh R. Taylor, Vice President of IAPB

Members
1. Dr. Abdulaziz AlRajhi IMPACT-EMR and EMR-IAPB
2. Mr. Gimms Andrews Mission for Vision (MFV)
3. Mr. Arun K. Arora Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital
4. Mr. Nick Astbury VISION 2020 UK
5. Mr. Stephen Bell The Fred Hollows Foundation (UK)
6. Avu. Giuseppe Castronovo IAPB Italy
7. Dr. Robert Chappell World Council of Optometry (WCO)
8. Dr. Paul Courtright Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology (KCCO)
9. Mr. Brian Doolan The Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF)
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14. Dr. Rainald Duerksen Fundacion Vision
15. Prof. Allen Foster CBM
17. Dr. Suzanne Gilbert Seva Foundation
18. Dr. Caroline Harper Sightsavers
19. Prof. Dr. Wei He He Eye Hospital
20. Prof. Brien Holden Vision Institute
21. Dr. Adrian Hopkins Mectizan Donation Program
22. Ms. Jenny Hourihan ORBIS International
23. Prof. Rabiul Husain Regional Chair, South East Asia
24. Dr. David Ireland Focus on Vision Foundation
25. Dr. Caroline Harper Sightsavers
26. Ms. Jennifer Gersbeck Vision 2020 Australia
27. Dr. Richard Le Mesurier Regional Chair, Western Pacific
28. Ms. Janet Leasher UNESCO Chair in Visual Health and Development
29. Ms. Penny Lyons Seva Canada Society
30. Prof. Mohammad A Muhit Child Sight Foundation (CSF)
31. Dr. Sergei Resnikoff Vision CRC
32. Mr. Steven Rothstein Perkins School for the Blind
33. Ms. Victoria M. Sheffield International Eye Foundation (IEF)
34. Mr. Onhan Shin Korean Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness (KFPB)
35. Mrs. Kathy Spahn Helen Keller International (HKI)
36. Prof. Bruce E. Spivey International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)
37. Dr. Geoffrey C. Tabin Himalayan Cataract Project / Tilganga Eye Centre
38. Dr. Ahmed Trabelsi Nadi Al Bassar
39. Mr. Johannes Trimmel Light for the World
40. Ms. Liliana Ventura Altino Ventura Foundation
41. Dr. Jerry Vincent International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Observers
1. Mr. David Allen Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)
2. Mr. John M. Barrows International Eye Foundation (IEF)
3. Dr. Shilpa Vinod Bhatte Vitamin Angels
4. Dr. Sandra Block VISION 2020 USA
5. Mr. Joseph Cho Hong Kong Society for the Blind (HKSB)
6. Ms. Inae Choi Vision Care Service
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12. Dr. Keunsoo Kim Vision Care Service
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15. Dr. Neil Murray The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
16. Ms. Lesley Podesta The Fred Hollows Foundation
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27. Dr. Juan Battile IAPB
28. Mr. Jewel Johurul Child Sight Foundation (CSF)
29. Dr. Qing Lu He Eye Hospital

Apologies
1. HRH Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad Abdulaziz Al Saud EMR-IAPB
2. Mr. Mark Ackermann The Lighthouse International (Proxy: S. Block)
3. Mr. Phillip Albano Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
4. Dr. Maria Leonor Beleza Champalimaud Foundation
5. Dr. Natalie Briggs Vision Aid Overseas (Proxy: I. Khan)
6. Dr. Harry Brown Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International
7. Mrs. Grace Chan AFPB (Proxy: R. Pararajasegaram)
8. Ms. Patricia Ferguson Operation Eyesight Universal (Proxy: B. Holden)
9. Dr. David Friedman Dana Center for Preventive Ophthalmology
10. Prof. Clare Gilbert International Centre for Eye Health
11. Dr. Danny Haddad International Trachoma Initiative (Proxy: K. Spahn)
12. Dr. Michael Kaschke Carl Zeiss AG
13. Dr. Josef Kasper Swiss Red Cross (Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz)
14. Mr. Stephen King Royal National Institute of Blind People (Proxy: D. Allen)
15. Dr. Klaus Kraemer Sight and Life (Proxy: S.V. Bhatt)
16. Dr. Marilyn Miller The Bernadotte Foundation for Children’s Eyecare (Proxy: K. Spahn)
17. Dr. Jean-Paul Moulia-Pelat Organisation pour la Prévention de la Cécité (Proxy: S. Resnikoff)
18. Prof. Louis Pizzarello Edward S Harkness Eye Institute (Proxy: C. Garms)
19. Dr. R.D. Ravindran Aravind Eye Hospital (Proxy: R. Thulasiraj)
20. Mr. Sid L. Scruggs III Lions Clubs International Foundation
21. Mr. Stephen Silverton British Council for Prevention of Blindness (BCPB)
22. Ms. Maureen Tam Hong Kong Society for the Blind (Proxy: J. Cho)
23. Ms. Susi Tegen RANZCO (Proxy: N. Murray)
24. Mr. Jeff Todd Prevent Blindness America (Proxy: S. Block)

IAPB Staff
1. Mr. Peter Ackland CEO
2. Ms. Joanna Conlon Director of Fundraising
3. Ms. Sally Crook Seeing is Believing Programme Manager
4. Mr. Alessandro Di Capua Membership Manager
5. Dr. Daniel Eya'd ale IAPB Africa Director
6. Ms. Blandine Labry Financial Controller
7. Dr. Van Lansingh IAPB Latin America Coordinator
**AGENDA**

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