IAPB leads a coalition of civil society organisations, corporates and professional bodies in promoting eye health through advocacy, knowledge and partnerships.
Timeline of achievements

From opening up opportunities for innovative programmes to unlocking the potential of wider partnerships and advocating eye health at global level, over the last year IAPB was able to play an influential role in making change happen.

- **November 2011**
  - IAPB Africa Director’s mission to Burundi uncovers opportunities to pilot the inclusion of eye-care services in Performance-Based Financing (PBF), the World Bank’s strategy for investment in health

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- **February 2012**
  - IAPB Western Pacific establishes Pacific and South East Asian Islands secretariats

- **April 2012**
  - IAPB opens China Secretariat to coordinate programming and advocacy for eye health in the world’s most populous nation

- **May 2012**
  - IAPB workshop in Ethiopia leads to the inclusion of eye health in national school health strategy, enabling all school-age children access to primary eye-care services
  - World Health Assembly – 14 countries speak in support of the new Action Plan; successful IAPB and Australian delegation seminar on eye health system strengthening

- **June 2012**
  - IAPB hosts meeting in China bringing together NGO representatives and Ministry of Health officials to coordinate services for blindness prevention and determine advocacy priorities for the future

- **July 2012**
  - IAPB delegation meets Caroline Anstey, World Bank’s Managing Director, in Washington DC, making the case for the inclusion of eye health elements in the Bank’s health systems strengthening work

- **August 2012**
  - IAPB develops Latin America strategic plan for eye health in partnership with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO)

- **August 2012**
  - IAPB President attends high-level meeting in Chicago with Rotary International, exploring opportunities for a global strategic partnership

- **September 2012**
  - IAPB launches its new website
  - IAPB 9th General Assembly – over 1500 eye care professionals from 86 countries meet in Hyderabad, culminating in the collective endorsement of the Hyderabad Declaration on Promoting Eye Health and Eliminating Avoidable Blindness and Visual Impairment

- **October 2012**
  - World Sight Day – Event at EU Parliament
  - IAPB leads the establishment of a wide European Coalition to raise the profile of vision and eye health in Europe

- **November 2012**
  - IAPB participates at World Bank/Gates Foundation’s Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) event in Washington DC
  - Seeing is Believing launches its first Child Eye Health Programme in East Africa bringing together 15 organisations to develop a coordinated approach to delivering child eye-health
  - IAPB submits position on next generation of health-related MDGs advocating targets for strengthening of health systems and disability-related health conditions
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**Facts and Figures**

- **120 Members**
- **1500+ Delegates from 86 Countries**
- **12 New Members**
- **120 International Meetings Attended with Key Development and Disability Stakeholders**
- **9 New Seeing is Believing Projects Approved**

**Member Organisations**

IAPB member organisations are at the forefront of the fight against avoidable blindness and visual impairment. Together with individual members and VISION 2020 bodies, they form a unique global network for eye health.

**DECEMBER 2012**

**Founding Members**

- International Council of Ophthalmology
- World Blind Union
- World Council of Optometry

**Group A Members**

- CBM
- ALDIA
-盲連
- Sightsavers
- Generic Brands
- Lomé
- Impacts

**Group B Members**

- Agnès de la Cécité
- Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness
- Asian Eye Care Institute
- Chairs of Ophthalmology

**Group C Members**

- Alnoor Magrabi Foundation
- Altino Ventura Foundation
- AMD Alliance International
- Aravind Eye Hospital & Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology
- Asian Eye Care
- Asian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness
- Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology

**IAPB/VISION 2020 Workshops**

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Dear friends,

In the past couple of months I have witnessed the amazing humanitarian impact we can have as a group and your collective enthusiasm and commitment to eye health. It gives me great satisfaction to be able to join you in striving for a world where needless blindness is eliminated and those without sight can live to their potential.

We share a great responsibility; by choosing to work with those most in need, we are obligated to be exceedingly efficient and effective. This is particularly important as we are operating in an era of constrained budgets and competing international agendas.

In the following months and years, I believe that one priority for IAPB should be a focus on finding new or enhanced resources for the membership. Opportunities around the next generation of Millennium Development Goals, the new WHO action plan and our strong links with the Non-Communicable Diseases and Neglected Tropical Diseases networks will be a key focus.

IAPB is working on a new strategic plan and I am determined that we must build greater member involvement around it. Together, we can work towards a future where everyone enjoys the right to sight.

Bob McMullan
President

IAPB Regional Chairs

Regional chairs drive IAPB’s work in each of the seven regions, informing our global efforts with local leadership and expertise.

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Europe

Dr. Richard Le Mesurier
Western Pacific

HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Ahmad Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Eastern Mediterranean

Prof. Louis Pizzarello
North America

Dr. Taraprasad Das
South East Asia

Prof. Kovin Naidoo
Africa

Dr. Juan Batlle
Latin America

The Year Ahead

Bob McMullan shares his vision for 2013, the first of his Presidency of IAPB.

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IAPB: Meet the team

IAPB opens up better opportunities to advocate support for avoidable blindness in China.

Leshan Tan

Strengthening our partnerships and formalising new ones has been a focus and highlight for 2012.

Damian Facciolo

9GA was a great chance to connect with colleagues and partner organisations from all over the globe.

Halli Manolakos

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