IAPB Highlights 2013

IAPB is an alliance of civil society organisations, corporates and professional bodies promoting eye health through advocacy, knowledge and partnerships.
PRESIDENT’S FOREWORD

My first year as IAPB President has seen some landmark achievements due to the outstanding work of member organisations, key individuals and IAPB staff.

The key development in 2013 was the World Health Assembly’s adoption of “Universal Eye Health – A Global Action Plan 2014-2019”.

I thank again all those who were associated with this outstanding achievement. The Global Action Plan provides a great opportunity – and imposes a heavy responsibility on us all.

It is now our task to deliver the Action Plan at the country level so that the lives of people threatened with avoidable visual impairment are bettered effectively and efficiently. It is both an exciting and daunting challenge, but it’s also a call to reaffirm our commitment to this issue.

This year, we also developed our new five-year strategy – the IAPB Strategic Framework 2013-2017. The final document reflects the fact that IAPB is an alliance which works best when it facilitates what members can do and adds value to their efforts. During 2014 there will be several opportunities to build on the basic ideas set out in the strategy: more emphasis on shared learning; collective procurement; and shared advocacy focus around events such as World Sight Day.

In all effective organisations, structure follows function. Therefore, having established our strategic priorities, in the course of next year we will also be collectively reviewing our membership and governance structures to ensure they are suited to deliver our aims.

Personally, the strategic review process enabled me to fully appreciate the variety of aspirations among the membership, as well as the wealth of knowledge and expertise available. This experience certainly reinforces my belief that much of our collective strength derives from our diversity. The new strategy is truly one of and by members. I hope it will become a key reference document as you all go about developing your organisational work plans for the coming years.

This is an exciting time to be part of our global alliance. The New Global Action Plan provides us with key targets to build on the considerable successes of VISION 2020. At the same time, the post 2015 development discussions offer us opportunities to engage with broader disability and health networks. Using our new strategic framework we now have to work together to ensure these opportunities are leveraged to deliver eye health to those most in need. No small task, but one I am confident, together, we are capable of.

Bob McMullan
IAPB President

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2013 FACTS & FIGURES

MEMBERSHIP

- 127 MEMBERS
- 10 NEW MEMBERS
- 20 EYE HEALTH LEADERS CELEBRATED
- 128 RESPONSES TO STRATEGIC CONSULTATION

ADVOCACY

- 33 COUNTRIES LED ADOPTION OF GLOBAL ACTION PLAN
- 300+ WORLD SIGHT DAY (WSD) EVENTS GLOBALLY

KNOWLEDGE

- 100,000+ WEBSITE HITS
- 12 VISION 2020 WORKSHOPS
- 10,000+ WSD MENTIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA
IAPB IN 2013 – AN OVERVIEW

IAPB’s role is to maximise the impact of its members in three key areas: being a united voice in advocacy; facilitating the exchange of and access to information and learning; cultivating partnerships to help achieve our goals.
Global Burden of Disease survey shows marked reduction in the global prevalence of blindness and visual impairment over the past 20 years.

World Sight Day marked across the globe with the launch of the IAPB Report on Universal Eye Health, supported by Alcon and OGS.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust and Standard Chartered partner to tackle blinding trachoma and ROP.

WHO Western Pacific agrees regional action plan on Universal Eye Health.

Joint WHO / IAPB Africa regional work-plan alignment workshop held in Congo.

European Elections Manifesto developed by the European Coalition for Vision; a lobbying group founded by IAPB.

60+ delegates from government and NGOs attend China’s National Forum on Blindness Prevention.

IAPB launches new pro bono legal service for members in partnership with Thomson Reuters Foundation.

IAPB Council of Members meeting in the UK attracts 150 delegates from 70 organisations.

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New ZEISS supported IAPB centre of excellence opens in Paraguay for training, diagnosis and treatment.

IAPB Eastern Mediterranean announces plans to collate data on eye health human resources across the region.

IAPB attends key UN Post-2015 meetings in New York.

Eye health and diabetes groups come together at first meeting of the IAPB DR Work Group.

IAPB publishes Guide and Toolkit on Advocacy for Eye Health.

IAPB Western Pacific co-host stakeholder meeting to tackle trachoma and DR in Pacific Islands.

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SEPTEMBER 2013

JULY 2013

AUGUST 2013

OCTOBER 2013

NOVEMBER 2013

DECEMBER 2013
GOING FORWARD – 2014 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

UNIVERSAL EYE HEALTH: A GLOBAL ACTION PLAN 2014-2019
REDUCTION IN PREVALENCE OF AVOIDABLE VISUAL IMPAIRMENT BY 25% GLOBALLY BY 2019 FROM THE BASELINE OF 2010
NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO PUT IN PLACE:

- Comprehensive eye care services covering the range of causes of vision impairment, from promotion and prevention to rehabilitation and care
- Eye health integrated into national health systems
- Access for everyone, including the poor, minorities, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and those in rural areas
- Point-of-care payment should not prevent access and should be free for the poorest

POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
THE NEW DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PROVIDES AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND UNIVERSAL EYE HEALTH

- Disability-inclusive development – disability as a cross-cutting theme in all development areas, with disability-specific targets and indicators
- Universal health coverage – ensure that all people obtain the health services they need without suffering financial hardship when paying for them

"UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF FAIRNESS"

Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO Director General
WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE CHANGE

GET INVOLVED

**COORDINATED LOCAL ADVOCACY:**
Connect with your [IAPB region](#) and other members to align messages and work together to promote national plans for eye health.

**WORLD SIGHT DAY:**
Celebrate the [annual day of awareness](#) to promote and advocate support for universal eye health.

**VISION 2020 WORKSHOPS:**
Help support national prevention of blindness committees and coordinators through regional and national [VISION 2020 workshops](#).

**COUNCIL OF MEMBERS:**
Share your successes and learn from peers at the [key annual gathering](#) for NGOs in eye health.

**GENERATING EVIDENCE:**
Identify and support countries that need to conduct prevalence surveys and eye care service assessments.

**IAPB WEBSITE:**
Help create a sharing platform and knowledge bank for the whole sector. [Have your say!](#).

**IAPB STANDARD LIST:**
Use and promote the [IAPB Standard List](#) to support efficient eye care procurement processes in your country.

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