Nomination statement: Vice President IAPB

Thank you for supporting me for Vice President in the 2015 by-election. President Bob McMullan has asked me to stand again.

I came up through the ranks in ophthalmology and public health eye care since 1972 having lived and worked in developing countries designing and implementing training programs and materials, working with refugees in the 1980’s, and on-the ground public health initiatives to control of VAD, trachoma, and onchocerciasis, as well as working with many of you over the years.

I have been involved with IAPB since 1982 and in leadership roles since 1993. As Chair of the IAPB Partnership Committee from 1993–1999, we grew from 13 NGO members and five observers to 36 members and 41 observers. When IAPB reconstituted in 2004, the Partnership Committee became the Council of Members, and all organizations became full members of IAPB. Advocacy within IAPB led to the right of every member agency to stand for a seat on the Board as of 2014. My priority going forward is to eliminate the perceived disconnect between the various member groups to create a greater collaboration making IAPB indeed “stronger together”.

I would be honoured to have your vote for IAPB Vice President 2016–2020.

Victoria Sheffield