



Global Ageing & Vision Advocacy Summit Barcelona

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Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Global Ageing & Vision Advocacy Summit. The Summit is hosted by the Macular Disease Foundation Australia and the International Federation on Ageing and is an invitation only meeting of a select number of leading ageing and vision organizations around the world.

The primary purpose of the Summit is to provide a platform through learning and knowledge exchange to build the capability and capacity of the ageing and vision sectors to effectively advocate and represent the interests of citizens at risk of vision impairment.

The Summit will be highly interactive comprising presentations and workshops toward establishing effective dialogue among participants.

Particular areas of attention include best practice models in advocacy, coalition building across sectors and disciplines, and future scenario planning to accommodate the challenges of ageing and vision globally.

Summit Hosts

The Global Ageing & Vision Advocacy Summit is hosted by two leading organizations in the fields of ageing and vision, Macular Disease Foundation Australia and International Federation on Ageing.

Macular Disease Foundation Australia

The Macular Disease Foundation Australia (formerly known as the Macular Degeneration Foundation) is a not-for-profit organization meeting the needs of the macular disease community in Australia. The Foundation began in 2001 as a result of the clear need for a patient-driven organization. Ten years ago, most Australians had not heard of macular degeneration, however today, Australia is a world leader with regard to awareness of the disease. Over 90% of people in the 50+ at-risk population know of MD and over 70% are aware of having had their macula checked in the last two years.

The Foundation is committed to working on behalf of the macular disease community through awareness, education, client services, representation and research. It works with key stakeholders including people with macular disease, their families and carers; eye health care professionals; industry and associations; government and policy makers.

The Foundation has developed a powerful voice in the eye health, disability and ageing sectors and an enviable reputation for developing and delivering programs that make a positive impact on the patient. Its advocacy programs in particular have been highly effective and have produced marked improvements in access to treatment, support and subsidies for patients and their carers.



International Federation on Ageing

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA), established in 1973, is an international non-governmental organization representing more than 50 million people in 62 countries, through its membership base of NGOs, industry, academia, all levels of government and individuals. Through its global advocacy efforts the IFA has attained the unique status of General Consultative Status at the United Nations and its agencies including the World Health Organization.

The IFA is a point of global connection of experts and expertise in the field of ageing and achieves this through the development of national, regional and international information platforms that help to influence and shape effective age-related policy. IFA was a leading member of civil society that championed the United Nations Principles for Older People in 1999 that underpins many national and regional strategic plans, and now co-chairs the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People.

Through its growing global reach via a large membership base and governmental network the IFA is uniquely placed to view the social and economic consequences of population ageing in the context of both its opportunities and challenges including financial protection, healthy ageing, age-friendly cities, health and social system change, labour market forces and the care continuum.



Summit Objectives

The objective of the Summit is to help build the capability, capacity and joint engagement of the ageing and vision sectors, and to support these sectors in effectively advocating and representing the interests of older people globally who are at risk of vision loss or blindness particularly due to macular degeneration by:

1. Building relationships and trust on multiple levels
2. Sharing knowledge and learning from one another within and across countries and the vision health and ageing sectors
3. Identifying cultural and sector barriers related to the collaboration of vision health and global ageing sectors
4. Providing pathways to secure outcomes
5. Developing a strategy which involves good practice in advocacy

Agenda

DAY 1 - 17 APRIL 2013

8.30 - 9.00am	REGISTRATION
9.00 - 10.00am	SETTING THE SCENE Welcome, outline and establishing relationships
10.00 - 11.00am	VISION HEALTH AND AGEING - THE LANDSCAPE Professor Ian Philp Honorary Chairs in Health Care for Older People Universities of Warwick and Sheffield Dr Alan Cruess Professor and Head, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Dalhousie University, Canada The speakers will provide the starting point of the summit's work to enhance our knowledge and learning on the current status, emerging trends and subsequent implications from a societal and policy perspective for vision health and ageing.
11.00 - 11.30am	HEALTH BREAK
11.30 - 12.30pm	VISION AND AGEING - THE COUNTRY LANDSCAPE The delegates will use the content of Professor Philp and Dr Alan Cruess' presentations to explore trends, impacts and implications for their country.
12.30 - 1.30pm	LUNCH
1.30 - 2.30pm	VISION AND AGEING - A GLOBAL LANDSCAPE THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION Dr Jacob Kumaresan Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations, New York Dr Alan Cruess Professor and Head, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences Dalhousie University, Canada Dr Mike Hodin Executive Director, Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA) Dr Kumaresan will present the World Health Organization WHO action plan on prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment followed by an interactive panel discussion with Dr Cruess, Dr Hodin and the delegates; linking the global to regional and country outcomes.

DAY 1 (CONTINUED)

2.30 - 3.30pm	<p>GLOBAL TO REGIONAL TO COUNTRY OUTCOMES - WHAT'S ACHIEVABLE</p> <p>Establishing the groundwork for the key elements of engagement and mobilization in each setting. What does success look like from a citizen-led and/or organization movement.</p>
3.30 - 4.30pm	<p>GLOBAL TO REGIONAL TO COUNTRY OUTCOMES - WHAT ARE THE BARRIERS?</p> <p>Identifying barriers and ways to break them down for solution-driven outcomes. Sharing pathways to success beyond the subject specific environment. What ingredients have been the catalysts for change in breaking down barriers?</p>
4.30 - 5.00pm	<p>SUMMARY</p>
5.00pm -	<p>CCCB GALLERY VISIT</p>
7.30pm -	<p>DINNER - EL PRINCIPAL RESTAURANT</p>

DAY 2 - 18 APRIL 2013

9.00am - 9.15am	<p>REVIEWING THE SCENE</p>
9.15 - 10.30am	<p>VISION, AGEING AND ADVOCACY</p> <p>Dr Michael Teit Nielsen Chief Innovation Officer, Chief Strategic Officer, DaneAge Association</p> <p>Ms Julie Heraghty Chief Executive Officer, Macular Disease Foundation Australia</p> <p>Each speaker is a leader in advocacy in the respective fields of ageing and vision and will share key examples of the power of advocacy and the tangible, measurable outcomes achieved.</p>
10.30 - 11.00am	<p>THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF ADVOCACY</p> <p>Examining how culture impacts strategy around advocacy and the potential impact on developing coalitions. Exploring role, gender, country and organizational cultures for cultural comfort.</p>
11.00 - 11.20am	<p>HEALTH BREAK</p>

DAY 2 (CONTINUED)

11.20 - 12.30pm	DESIGNING FOR CHANGE ACROSS THE LANDSCAPE OF VISION AND AGEING Working together toward a plan for shared understanding of the goals that could be achieved in vision health for a growing ageing population at all levels. What does it take to place vision health and ageing on each other's agenda? What does it take to make and grow coalitions? How do we engage, mobilize and advocate?
12.30 - 1.30pm	LUNCH
1.30 - 3.00pm	DESIGNING FOR CHANGE AT A COUNTRY LEVEL Designing a proactive sustainable pathway for vision health and ageing to work together for common agreed outcomes at a country level. What would this look like from all stakeholder perspectives?
3.00 - 3.30pm	HEALTH BREAK
3.30 - 4.30pm	SUMMARY OF AGREED OUTCOMES

Biography and Contact Details

Summit Hosts



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Julie Heraghty joined the Macular Disease Foundation Australia in 2004. Under Julie's leadership the Foundation, which began in just 2001, has evolved into a robust organization serving the needs of the macular disease community in Australia. The work of the Foundation over this time has resulted in Australia becoming a world leader with regard to awareness of macular degeneration, an outcome which results in early detection and early access to treatment.

Julie applies her past political experience to her work at the Foundation and has orchestrated many advocacy campaigns to improve outcomes for those living with macular disease. Such campaigns have included greater access to new treatments, and equitable access to low vision aids.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Julie spent over seven years as a policy advisor to Ministers in the State of New South Wales, and also served as a director and manager in major government departments. She has served in local government as Deputy Mayor and worked voluntarily for many charitable causes. Her career began as a secondary school teacher and registered psychologist.



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Dr Jane Barratt is the Secretary General of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) and brings to this position over 35 years of experience in both public and private sectors in the fields of public health, community and aged care, and ageing and disability.

Dr Barratt is a Churchill Fellow, and recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in Canada in recognition of her commitment and passion to enhance the understanding of issues relating to ageing and engaging in dialogue with governments and the private sector to improve the quality of life of older people.

She represents the IFA at the United Nations Economic and Social Council and is directly responsible for the formal relations with the Ageing and Life Course Department, World Health Organization. Jane holds adjunct academic positions, executive and board positions on ministerial, government and non-government organizations including Age-related Macular Degeneration Alliance International and Baycrest which is one the world's premier academic health sciences centers focused on ageing.

Summit Guest Presenters



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Alan Cruess is Professor and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada. In concert with this appointment, he is also the District Chief of Ophthalmology of Capital Health in Nova Scotia. Dr Cruess' main research interest is in clinical trials for new therapies for age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and diabetic retinopathy. Recently he has also taken an interest in global health policy in vision care and has published in areas of burden of illness in AMD and cost of blindness both in Canada and globally.

Dr Cruess is a member of the Canadian Medical Association, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

He is a Past President of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society and has served on the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology and on the Council of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Currently, Dr Cruess serves as the Science Panel Chair and on the Board Executive of AMD Alliance International. Dr Cruess is also a member of the Data Safety Monitoring Committee (DSMC) of the National Eye Institute clinical trial, AREDS 2 Study.



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Dr Jacob Kumaresan, MD, DrPH, is currently Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations in New York. Prior to this he was Director at WHO Centre for Health Development in Kobe, Japan from 2008 to 2011, and from 2003 to 2007 was President of the International Trachoma Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating the leading cause of preventable blindness. He joined World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva in 1992, where he eventually headed the Stop TB Partnership expanding efforts to meet the global targets to stop tuberculosis. He has widespread public health experience and worked with the governments of Zimbabwe and Botswana during the 1980s.

Summit Guest Presenters



Prof Ian Philp

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Professor Ian Philp, CBE, MD, FRCP (Edin & Lon), FFPA (Hon) is Medical Director of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust and has Honorary Chairs in Health Care for Older People at the Universities of Warwick and Sheffield.

He established the Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing which won, for the University of Sheffield, the Queen's Award for Higher Education in 2000, for research into improving the quality of life of older people.

His research interests are in improving the lives of older people through better assessment and response to their health and care needs (www.easycare.org.uk).



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Dr Michael Teit Nielsen works as the Chief Officer of Advocacy, Strategy and Innovation at DaneAge Association (Ældre Sagen), Copenhagen, Denmark, where he is responsible for the Advocacy Department (staff of 17), development of policies in areas such as pensions, health, housing, etc., development and coordination of business strategy and development of management tools. He is also the main driving force behind the annual report.

DaneAge is an organization for senior citizens, with 640,000 members (30% of the Danish 50+ population), 13,000 volunteers and a staff of 115.

After graduating in 1989 from the Institute of Economics, University of Copenhagen with a PhD in economics, Dr Teit Nielsen stayed on to carry out research and teaching mathematical economics. During this time he also studied and researched at University of California at Berkeley, USA (1985/86) and at Princeton University, New Jersey, USA (1987/88)

Dr Teit Nielsen is an external lecturer teaching microeconomics for 2nd year economics undergraduates at the University of Copenhagen, a position he has held since 1990. He is also an external examiner at the Copenhagen Business School; MBA program and subjects in mathematical economics (since June 1991).

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AUSTRALIA



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David Carvosso is the Chairman of National Seniors Australia (NSA). He is also the Chairman of the NSA National Policy Advisory Group. David represents NSA on the Royal Perth Hospital Community Advisory Council and is an elected Councilor for the Hospital Benefit Fund of Western Australia, a large private health insurer.

David was formerly a District Director of Education with the Western Australia Department of Education a position he retired from in 2002. His career in education spanned 38 years with approximately half spent as a teacher and administrator in schools in Western Australia, the UK, Mauritius and Canada. Since his retirement, David has accepted a number of consultative roles within education and other allied government departments. These roles, together with his role within NSA often have him questioning, like a lot of retired persons, how he had time to work.

BRAZIL



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Maria Julia da Silva Araujo is the president and founder of Retina Brasil, an association of patients with retinal degenerative diseases, including age-related macular degeneration.

She worked for over 30 years in the finance field, but in 1999 was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa. Impacted with the diagnosis, she decided with four other patients to found the association. During nearly 14 years working in the association, she has worked to disseminate information about retinal diseases through the website, social network and annual meetings organized by the association.

Her participation in forums and debates about eye health has allowed greater involvement in advocacy for public policies that guarantee and extend the patients' rights to access early diagnosis and appropriate treatment, and also access to new technologies and rehabilitation that ensure a better quality of life. Much has been done, but there is much more to do to ensure the patients' rights.

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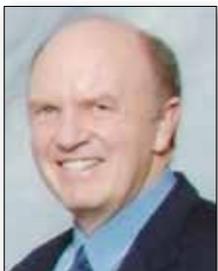


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Dr Luiz Ramos graduated in medicine at Escola Paulista de Medicina, UNIFESP in 1976, and also holds a MSc in Community Medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (1981), and a PhD in Gerontology from the University of London (1987), and post-doctorate in Psychogeriatrics at the Division of Aging at Harvard University (1997). He has taught Epidemiology and Geriatrics at the Medical School at UNIFESP since 1990, has coordinated a cohort study with elderly people in São Paulo since 1991, and has been Full Professor in Preventive Medicine at UNIFESP since 2005. He has had published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, and supervised 19 PhD and 52 MSc students. Lines of research include epidemiology of ageing, epidemiology of cognitive impairment, evaluation of health promotion in old age, and physical activity in old age.

CANADA



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Dr Keith Gordon, CNIB Vice President Research, joined CNIB in 2007 after more than 30 years spent in the ophthalmic industry, where he was responsible for a wide range of research and scientific activities. He is responsible for managing the research operations of CNIB, and is committed to utilizing research to ensure evidence-based vision rehabilitation services at CNIB. Dr Gordon's goals for CNIB research are to establish a research enterprise of the highest standards dedicated to vision rehabilitation, ophthalmic epidemiology and vision public health.

Dr Gordon's primary research interests lie in the area of ophthalmic epidemiology. His academic qualifications include an MSc in Epidemiology, a PhD in Bio-organic Chemistry and an MBA. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences at the University of Toronto.

Dr Gordon has been a Board member of a number of national and international organizations associated with vision. He is currently a Board member of Vision 2020 Canada, and an Executive Board member of AMD Alliance International.

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Susan Eng is Vice President for Advocacy at CARP, the national, non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to advocating for social change that will bring financial security, equitable access to health care and freedom from discrimination for all Canadians as they age.

Under Susan's leadership, CARP Advocacy has helped to shape the public discourse on key issues such as pension reform, investor protection, mandatory retirement, workplace age discrimination, home care and age friendly cities. Increasingly, CARP has become a trusted source of public policy input at all levels of government and the media. In 2012, Susan was named one of the The Hill Times' Top 100 Lobbyists.

Susan's initiatives are outlined in the CARP Action pages of ZOOMER Magazine, in CARP ActionOnline, a twice monthly e-newsletter and on www.carp.ca.

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Mr. Xiao has a PhD study on Social Gerontology from Renmin University of China and finished his post-graduate of Sociology at American University in the USA in 1998.

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CHINA



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Prof. Zhao is a leading ophthalmologist in China and has worked extensively in the Asia Pacific region to support ophthalmological development. He is currently a Council Member of the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO), the Chairman of the APAO Prevention of Blindness Standing Committee, the Chairman of the Committee for Prevention of Blindness in the Chinese Ophthalmological Society (COS) since 2011, and Vice President of Chinese Disabled Person Rehabilitation Association in China since 2009.

Prof. Zhao was the Director and Professor of the Department of Ophthalmology at Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Director of Eye Research Center of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in China and Director of Beijing Aier-Intech Eye Hospital. He graduated from Peking Union Medical College in 1970, and studied and worked at the National Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute, University of Southern California, USA. He has been actively promoting ophthalmology in China since 2000.

Prof. Zhao has been widely recognized for his work both in China and abroad including the Kupfer Award for Prevention of Blindness in 1999, and was elected a member of the Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis in 2004.

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Dr Geneviève Imbert graduated from the Université de Montréal, Quebec, Canada (PhD in Public Health) and from the Université Bordeaux 2 in France (PhD in Ethnography), her main research activities addressed type 2 diabetes mellitus and its complications among native Polynesians living in Tahiti's urban areas. Since 2008, Geneviève Imbert is the Director of Research at the French National Foundation of Gerontology (Paris). She is also associate researcher at the University of Besançon, France, Methodological Unit and Quality of life in Oncology, EA 3181. Her academic path was largely shaped by her early professional experiences as a nurse, nurse teacher and nurse teacher supervisor and as a curriculum designer for the training of health care providers.

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Luc Licari is Interim Executive Director of Retina France. The association has grown from 3500 to over 20,000 active members and is a leader in supporting ophthalmology research in France. Mr. Licari joined Retina France in 1995 as Director of Communication and Development and in 1999, 2001 and 2009, he worked to launch the first of Retina France's campaigns on AMD awareness.

He began his career in the USA at Wick Builders Company in New Jersey. After returning to France, he joined the communications department of the General Council of Haute Garonne launching the organization's public health initiatives. He graduated in communication sciences and economics from Toulouse University.

GERMANY



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Andreas Bethke, blind since pre-school age as a result of cataract, attended the Bavarian State School for the Blind in Munich. He completed his A levels at the Carl Strehl Grammar School for the Blind in Marburg to study for a diploma in Biology at the Philipps University of Marburg, with Psychology and Computer Science as minors.

After graduation he started his professional career as Director of the Advisory, Information and Text Service Centre at the Bavarian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted in Munich. In 1994 he took over as Executive Director of the German Association of Blind and Partially Sighted Students and Professionals in Marburg (DVBS), and became the CEO in 2004. Under his leadership DBSV has evolved into a robust political lobby group and an organization which is increasingly opening up to the needs of eye patients threatened by sight loss. Besides his responsibility as CEO, Andreas Bethke is also Secretary General of the German Audio Described Movies Ltd, a non-profit private limited company, and Chair of the Federal Competence Centre for Accessibility (BKB).

On a personal level, his sporting pursuits include sport climbing and alpine skiing, and he played as a competitive sportsman for the German National Goalball Team and became a world champion in Calgary/Canada in 1990 with that team. He took part in four Paralympics.

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Juliane Willuhn studied for a diploma in Biotechnology at the Technical University of Berlin. After graduation she started her professional career as a Quality Manager for new biological products in the pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis. Because of her strong interest in education she conducted a master study in Adult Pedagogics at the Humboldt University of Berlin. For many years she worked as a freelance trainer for topics including project management, change management, team development and intercultural communication or as a facilitator for working groups for different organizations. She joined the DBSV in 2010. Her main role is the establishment of a local based information and counseling service for individuals with eye disease.



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For BAGSO, she is involved in political consultation processes in the fields of ageing, health, long term care and inclusion. She was responsible for an empirical study on age friendly cities in Germany, and was one of the staff members of the “German national office for the European Year 2012”. She has participated as partner in EU-projects for example in an EU-funded project called WeDO (Wellbeing and Dignity of Older People in Europe) managed by AGE Platform Europe. She is substitute member of the Council of Administration of AGE Platform Europe.

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ITALY



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Dr. Giuseppe Castronovo is President of IAPB Italy as well as President of the Italian War Victims Association, President of Sicilian Regional Council of Italian Blind and Visual Impaired People Union, and President of the Regional Braille Printing Works of Sicily. He is also Member of the National Council of Italian Blind and Visual Impaired People Union and member of the Council of National Federation of Institutions for the Blind.

Mr. Castronovo began his career as a lawyer. He spent his career seeking to improve the social, cultural and economic level of blind people in Italy, fighting to spread the culture of prevention of blindness and visual rehabilitation. He promoted several national laws for the prevention of blindness and visual rehabilitation, just two of these are: the Law no. 284/1997 which funds the IAPB Italy and the Law no. 291/2003 which funds the Italian National Center of Services and Research for the Prevention of Blindness and Rehabilitation of Low Vision Patients.

The President of the Italian Republic awarded him the merit medal for public health.



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Dr. Michele Corcio is Vice President of IAPB Italy, and is also President of Italian Blind and Visual Impaired People Union in Foggia (South Italy, Puglia Region), and Member of the National Council of Italian Blind and Visual Impaired People Union.

Dr Corcio also deals with the integration of visually impaired pupils at school and is interested in training specialized educators (teachers supporting pupils with disabilities).

During his university studies that led him to a degree in education, he also obtained a diploma in physiotherapy, and worked as physiotherapist for ten years. Since he was also interested in corporate relations, he also received a certificate from the Italian Center for Human Relationships.

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ITALY



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Dr. Tiziano Melchiorre is Secretary General of IAPB Italy. His role includes managing activities concerning communication, external relations with institutions, and research.

He has extensive experience in managing communication campaigns and health projects in the field of prevention of blindness, low vision rehabilitation, and political and institutional lobbying. He also supervises the activities of the Italian National Center of Services and Research for the Prevention of Blindness and Rehabilitation of Low Vision Patients - founded by IAPB Italy and financed by the Ministry of Health.

Tiziano holds a degree in economics and business, and has worked as a consultant to public administrations (provinces and communes) to define and manage projects aimed at developing local areas.



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ITALY



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Prof Pozzi is Vice-President of FederAnziani, a national association representing 3 million people aged over 60, with the mission to protect the rights and improve the quality of life of elderly people. He is also President of the Scientific Committee of FederAnziani, directing and overseeing its scientific activity. As President of The Popular Court of Justice for the Right to Health he works to highlight criticalities of the healthcare system and seek solutions for an attainable healthcare system, especially for the most fragile people. Prof Pozzi is also President of the FederAnziani Solidarity Foundation.

Prof Pozzi has a degree in medicine and from La Sapienza University of Rome, and specialized in general and thoracic surgery. Since the 1990s he has been a pioneer of minimally-invasive and video-laparoscopic surgery for treatment of oncologic and benign pathology. He is a member of several national and international surgery associations, author of numerous publications, and collaborates with international centers for research in innovative surgery.

JAPAN



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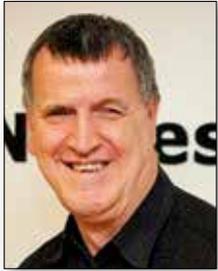
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Dr Hozumi is the CEO of the Medical Corporation Junkei-kai which is made up of several health and long term care facilities in Akita City, Japan. He is specialized in internal medicine with most of his work focused on elderly persons. With a strong interest in contributing to better policies on ageing, Dr Hozumi has pioneered many initiatives, including the incorporation of art installations in Junkei-kai facilities, which has been recognized internationally for their stimulating effect on elderly people. Dr Hozumi believes that the creativity expressed through art is an important medium for inspiring innovation in the medical and welfare care sectors.

In May 2012, Dr Hozumi was elected the IFA Regional Vice President of the Asia Pacific Region. In 2007, he initiated the establishment of an independent non-profit organization, Friends of IFA Japan, of which he is President. He is also on the board of the Japan NGO Council on Ageing and the Japan Association of Medical and Care Facilities. Dr Hozumi is a graduate from Akita University of Medicine.

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NORWAY



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Arnt Holte, blind, became active in the Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted in 1978. He was elected as the chairperson for the youth organisation in Norway in 1980 and to the board of NABP in 1980. He subsequently worked in various other roles for NABP including administration, head of the information department, and Marketing Director.

He has held numerous roles at an executive level including: CEO of Norwegian Rheumatism organisation (1994-2000); CEO of the Norwegian Organisation for persons with Multiple Sclerosis (2000-2002); director of the international department in NABP (2002-2006). From 2006 to now he has held the position of Vice Executive Director of NABP and responsible for their international work.

From 2001 to 2005 he was the President of the umbrella organisation for people with disabilities in Norway, and today he is the Vice President of the umbrella organisation for all volunteer organisations in Norway.

Mr Holte served as a member of two commissions working for the Norwegian Government. The first one was reviewing the social security system for people who could not be employed. The second was reviewing the system for support of technical aids for disabled people in Norway. He has been the First Vice President of WBU the last quadrium, and has been active in the international work carried out by NABP since 1980.

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UNITED KINGDOM



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