



Nominee Name

Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant

Nominee Job Title

Chairman

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Nominating IAPB member organisation

Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh

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Seconding IAPB member organisation:

Eye Care Foundation

Seconding Statement

Eye Care Foundation, member of IAPB is a Dutch based NGO working in Asia and Africa since 1984. In Nepal we have been actively working with Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) and able to establish two eye hospitals.

Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh, also an active member of IAPB, has been running 26 eye hospitals and 154 eye care centers. ECF feels enormous pleasure to have more than four-decade long partnership with NNJS in order to combat unnecessary blindness in Nepal.

Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant, dynamic personality with immense experience in eye care service delivery, management and strategic development, is the Chairperson of NNJS. Dr. Pant was elected chairperson of NNJS and successfully completed his first four years tenure. With his tremendous contribution and dedication, this year he was once again elected unanimously for his second term tenure as the chairperson. Dr. Pant was also member of National Planning Commission. He is also member of High-Level Committee on Eye Care in Nepal under the Ministry of Health and Population.

Eye Care Foundation is happy to second the nomination of Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant for the position of IAPB Board of Trustee - GroupC. We wish him all the best and we are confident that if given chance Prof. Dr. Pant will be successful in achieving the common goal of IAPB.



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Nominee Statement

Before 1970, Eye Care Services in Nepal was in rudimentary stage.

In the late 1970s, when good quality eye care services were available merely for affluent and blindness was untreatable in Nepal, I decided to join ophthalmic studies and did MD in Ophthalmology from AIMS, India in 1981 and MSc in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, USA in 1984.

Right now, I am a Chairman of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) (National Society for Comprehensive Eye Care) having 28 eye hospitals, and more than 160 eye care centres all over Nepal. Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh is also one of the winners of Champalimaud Foundation VISION award.

I have designed, developed and implemented large scale Vitamin A child survival research project in three hill and four terai districts of Nepal with technical and financial support of WHO, UNICEF, DIGVI, Ministry of Health and Population and NNJS. The research findings were implemented nationwide successfully. As a result the maternal and child health improved drastically and was successful in achieving Millennium Development Goals for which Nepal received international Award by UN. I have also served Member of National Planning Commission of Nepal where many health care initiatives were launched.

Under my leadership many eye hospitals and eye care centres were established in remote areas of Nepal. I believe in hard work, dedication, commitment and transparency due to which many donors are supporting eye care program of Nepal.

I have served Nepal and the international community with distinction, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to the field of ophthalmology and public health. This has been instrumental in advancing eye care initiatives, particularly in underserved communities, and my efforts have significantly contributed to the prevention of blindness and the restoration of sight for countless individuals.

Our direct efforts and contributions have resulted in unquestionably significant and extraordinary development of eye care services in Nepal which is cited as a model of the part of the world. Due to all these efforts, NNJS is being able to provide more than 90% of eye care service in Nepal.

I humbly offer myself as one the candidate as Board of Trustees from category C and seek all your support in my endeavors.

The nominee has read the role description and is willing to stand for the position

Yes