**Nominee Statement: Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant**

**Position: IAPB Group C Trustee**

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| **Nominee Job Title** |
| Chairman |
| **Nominee Organisation** |
| Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh |
| **Nominating IAPB member organisation** |
| Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh |
| **Nominated by** |
| Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant |
| **Nominating Statement** |
| Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh is pleased to nominate Prof. Dr. Chet Raj Pant, Chairman of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh for IAPB Board of Trustees Group C Member.  Right now, he is the Chairman of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) 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.  Under his leadership many eye hospitals and eye care centers were established in remote areas of Nepal. He has served Nepal and the international community with distinction, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to the field of ophthalmology and public health. His 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.  I humbly request all to vote for him for the board of trustees of IAPB.  Mr. Bharat Bahadur Chand Secretary General Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh |
| **Seconded IAPB member organisation** |
| Eye Care Foundation |
| **Seconding by** |
| Mr. Bjorn Stenvers |
| **Seconding Statement** |
| [Click here for the statement.](https://iapbglobal.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/Governance-External/EQ9DtBq-WO1LkrrJ_xwyjacBYjeQiXEGAigv4uAfLngnuA?e=wya7aq) |
| **Nominee Statement** |
| In the late 1970s, when good quality eye care services were available merely for affluent people 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 the Chairman of Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (NNJS) 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 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. I have also served Member of National Planning Commission of Nepal.  Under my leadership many eye hospitals and eye care centers 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.   I humbly offer myself as one the candidate as Board of Trustees from category C and seek all your support in my endeavors. If I will again be elected as an IAPB board of trustees, it will help the board to make an effective policy to achieve the vision 2030 Insight. I will also be an effective accelerator to raise visibility, leverage funds for IAPB and raise the key advocacy issue of IAPB at the regional and country level. I would be honored to have your vote again for the board of trustees of IAPB. |