

# Global View



## EBAANZ Ratifies ANZ's - First Bioethical Framework



Members of EBAANZ ratified Australia and New Zealand's first regional Bioethical Framework concerning Human Tissue for Ocular Application, during their annual meeting held in conjunction with the Corneal Society, at the Perth Convention Centre on March 4th.

Inspired by the *Declaration of Istanbul* – which was developed to support ethical practice and policy in human organ transplantation internationally - and encouraged by the World Health Organization, EBAANZ members collaborated with corneal surgeons, policy advisers of the *Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists*, and obstetric representatives, to develop a framework relevant to the ANZ eye bank community and the wider eye care and donor communities. Dr Dominique Martin, bioethicist at the University of Melbourne's *Centre for Health Equity* also collaborated on the project.

"The Framework," says EBAANZ Acting-Chair, Dr Graeme Pollock (and GAEBA Representative for EBAANZ), "focuses on 9 key strategies which are designed to guide care and professional conduct while completing donor consent, tissue preparation and tissue distribution aspects of our cornea, sclera and amnion tissue custodian service.

"The Framework will support our profession to work together to address tissue needs within our population and provide guidelines to surgeons and eye banks who are approached by colleagues from other countries for humanitarian support.

"Our natural instinct is to always help others but we needed some guidelines for decisions about how and where we should help. It also meant that we were ensuring that the generous gifts from ANZ donors were being respected and that our priority remains the ANZ recipients.

"As a collective, we are aware of some issues facing other countries—which to-date we are blessed to have not experience, and wanted to be pro-active and ensure that we continued to up-hold the standards and expectations of ANZ donors and recipients and ensure our services are not hampered by external factors" says Dr Pollock.

The Framework's key strategies include: activities and wellbeing of the donor, particularly the vulnerable donor; ethical collaboration and interaction with the local, national and global eye care communities and governments; the necessity for policy and training; tissue distribution and prioritization—especially during periods of insufficient supply; prevention of trafficking and tampering; and accountability and effective leadership.



## Global Alliance Representatives

### Association of Eye Banks of Asia



Professor Donald Tan,  
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### Eye Bank Association of Australia & New Zealand



Dr Graeme Pollock

### Indian Eye Bank Association



Dr Samar K Basak, and  
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### Pan American Association of Eye Banks



Dr Luciene Barbosa,  
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Dr Mark J Mannis

### Development

Heather Machin, RN

## Representatives Report— *Heather Machin*

On February 24th the *Global Alliance* officially celebrated its twelfth month since official incorporation.

Looking back over that time, I have witnessed the *Global Alliance* grown from strength-to-strength attracting rapid engagement from within the sector and from the wider transplant and global eye care community.

Having set base-organization objectives for the first 12 months, the *Global Alliance* has successfully mapped over 451 eye banks, completed a global statistical data base project—ready to commence global data-capturing in 2016 and, commenced early phase discussion on issues and practice advancement, such as; tissue tracking mechanisms and bioethics, and has collaborated with partners on issues of regional and local relevance.

The *Global Alliance* has also evolved to provide a rapid-response-network to tackle global issues and threats - such as Ebola, by disseminating key messages quickly throughout the network.

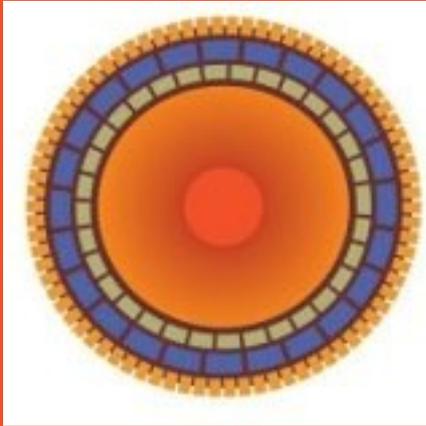
Personally, I am new to the eye banking sector, however I am not new to eye care and global health, and I can say, with my hand on my heart, that the eye bankers are a unique and impressive group of professionals who actively engage and support each other in as many ways as possible—and do this with compassion and immense understanding of the needs of all those involved. They are also willing to review and challenge their practice to ensure donors and recipients are always at the forefront of their every move. It is the essence of that passion that has lead the eye banking community, as a whole, to contribute and continue to build their *Global Alliance* and achieve global, regional and local needs.

On behalf of the representative committee, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your passion, commitment and involvement with the foundation stages of the *Global Alliance*—it has been a pleasure, and we very much look forward to finally meeting you in San Diego at our Scientific Meeting—and of course, onwards as the Association continues to evolve.

*See you in SD*

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## In the news:

**The Cornea Society** are now offering a special one day meeting registration rate to attend the World Cornea Congress VII in San Diego (directly after the GAEBAA Scientific Meeting). This rate is not advertised on their meeting website however you can pre-register for the meeting with this rate. The special one day meeting registration fee is \$495.00. You do need to indicate at the time of registering which day you would like to attend (i.e. Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> or Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>).

As this is not available on the website, to obtain this rate you need to contact Marlene Braxton from the Cornea Society at: [Mbraxton@ascrs.org](mailto:Mbraxton@ascrs.org)

**EBAANZ** have up-loaded their first Competency Framework to their website. This has been piloted in one Australian State with others to follow. For further information, please visit: [www.ebaanz.org](http://www.ebaanz.org)

## Share your story or event

The *Global Alliance* encourage you to share your stories, experiences and up-coming events with other members within your region and around the world.

Please submit your story or event by May 2015 for submission in the June 2015 edition

Email to: [info@gaeba.org](mailto:info@gaeba.org)

## EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

### 2015

#### April

14 Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations — Scientific Meeting. San Diego, USA. [www.gaeba.org](http://www.gaeba.org)

15-17 World Corneal Congress, San Diego, USA  
[www.cornealsociety.org](http://www.cornealsociety.org)

#### June

03-06 EBAA 54th Annual Meeting. Atlanta, USA.  
<http://www.restoresight.org/upcoming-events/>

06-09 European Society of Ophthalmology. Vienna, Austria. <http://soe2015.org/>

#### November

14-17 American Academy of Ophthalmology Congress, Las Vegas, USA. [http://www.aaopt.org/meetings/annual\\_meeting/las-vegas.cfm](http://www.aaopt.org/meetings/annual_meeting/las-vegas.cfm)

15-19 Transplant Society Joint Congress. Melbourne, Australia.  
<http://www.melbourne2015.org/>

### 2016

#### January

22-23 EEBA 28th Annual Meeting. Aarhus, Denmark. <http://2016.eeba.eu/article>

#### February

5-9 World Ophthalmology Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico. [www.icoph.org/events/event\\_detail/194/World-Ophthalmology-Congress-WOC-2016.html](http://www.icoph.org/events/event_detail/194/World-Ophthalmology-Congress-WOC-2016.html)

#### August

18-13 26th International Congress of the Transplant Society, Hong Kong. <http://www.tts2016.org/>

**Early bird rate ends on March 17th**



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## **GAEBA SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**Embassy Suites San Diego Bay**

**San Diego, CA, USA**

**14 April 2015**

*Immediately preceding World Cornea Congress*

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**Pan-American Association of Eye Banks**  
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