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Session Schedule:

Presented in New York, USA Time. Please convert to your local time.

Session recordings will be available immediately after the individual sessions to ensure access for those unable to attend live.

New York Time	Thursday July 21	Friday July 22
00 midnight-01am		
01-02am		
02-03am		Abstract Session
03-04am		Member Hosted Session: Research and Development
04-05am		
05-06am	Welcome - Key Note Address	Member Up-Date
06-07am	Lecture Session: Goals, Frameworks and Governance	Lecture Session: Data Development
07-08am		
08-09am	GAEBA Award Winners	Member Hosted Session: Donor Identification
09-10am	Lecture Session: Demand, Partnership and Duty	Member Hosted Session: Eye Bank Operations – Back to Basics
10-11am		
11-12midday	Lecture Session: Developing Local and National systems	Member Hosted Session: Call to Action
12 midday-01pm	Speed Networking	WEBS Wrap-up
01-02pm	Member Hosted Session: Highlights from South America	

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WELCOME



Welcome to WEBS 2022, hosted by the Global Alliance of Eye Bank Association (GAEBA) founding Partner, the Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand (EBAANZ). This year WEBS will have a uniquely Australian and New Zealand flavour, showcasing their best and brightest. EBAANZ Members have worked behind the scenes to plan for this years event. They welcome colleagues from all over the world, and from a range of work settings, professional backgrounds and resource-economic levels to help Chair, Present and Participate.

WEBS 2022 will virtually reunite the global community after 2 years of covid. It will re-set global collective goals, aimed at improving donation pathways, treating and preventing ocular conditions, and improving equitable access to services. It will imbed the key principles of ethics, compassion, collaboration and commitment to ensure the sector works effectively to serve our local, national and global communities.

About EBAANZ: EBAANZ is a not-for-profit organisation, and the peak body for eye donation and transplantation services in Australia and New Zealand. EBAANZ is dedicated to helping restore sight, providing national and international leadership and standards for eye banking, and advocating for the eye banking sector by promoting the unique requirements of eye banks, and facilitating the sharing of information and expertise amongst EBAANZ members.

Key Note Speaker



Professor Hugh R Taylor AC, LLD(Hon), MD, FAHMS, FRANZCO (Australia)

Melbourne Laureate Professor Hugh Taylor AC is a proud Old Scotch boy (1954-1964). He is the Harold Mitchell Professor of Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne. Previously he was Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Melbourne and the Founding Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia and their eye bank—the Lions Eye Donation Service. Prior to that, he was a Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Institute at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore with joint appointments in the Departments of Epidemiology and International Health. Professor Taylor's research interests have included blindness prevention strategies, infectious and corneal causes of blindness and the development of health policy. His current work focuses on Indigenous eye health and the elimination of trachoma. Professor Taylor has written 30 books and reports, and more then 700 scientific papers. He has received multiple international awards and prizes. In 2001, he was made a Companion in the Order of Australia. He is a Past President of the International Council of Ophthalmology, former Vice President of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, and former Chairman for Vision 2020 Australia.



GAEBA Traditional Sessions:

Welcome and key note address: Please join the WEBS hosts, the Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand (EBAANZ), as they open WEBS 2022, and 'Welcome to Country' the International delegation. The key note address from Australia's honourable Prof Hugh Taylor will follow. Prof Taylor will help to set the tone and agenda for WEBS2022. EBAANZ Chair, Mr Luke Weinel will then welcome delegates on behalf of EBAANZ and GAEBA.

Chair	Michael O'Neill (AU)
Welcome to Country	Custodians of the Land
Key Note Speaker: From then to now and into the future	Prof Hugh Taylor (AU)
EBAANZ and GAEBA welcome	Luke Weinel (AU)

GAEBA Member Up-dates: GAEBA founding and new members, and invited peer partner the World Union of Tissue BAnks, will provide a 5 minute rapid round up-date about their organisation. This will provide delegates with a general up-date about initiatives taking place across the globe and between organisations.

Chair	Erik Hellier (USA)
Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations (GAEBA)	Heather Machin (AU)
World Union of Tissue Bank Associations (WUTBA)	Martin Börgel (Germany)
European Eye Bank Association (EEBA)	Martin Börgel (Germany)
Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI)	Namrata Sharma (India)
Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA)	Kevin Corcoran (USA)
Pan-American Eye Bank Association (APABO)	Ana Maria Guimarães Garcia (Brazil)
Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand (EBAANZ)	Candice Leighton (AU)
Eversight	Collin Ross (USA)

GAEBA Award Winners: This is the first year GAEBA has offered an award program. It is designed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of members of our sector. We will announce, and welcome to the virtual podium, the 2022 winners in the National Category and the International Category.

Chair	Martin Börgel (Germany)
National Winner	Announced Live
International Winner	Announced Live

Speed Networking: This is a fun virtual networking session. Delegates who attend this event will be randomly moved (through an automated system) from one participant to another. They will have 2-3 minutes of one-on-one time to introduce themselves (or reconnect with old friends) before they are moved onto the next delegate.



Abstracts: This year, WEBS welcomes 12 abstract presenters from Australia, India, Mauritania and the USA. This will be a supercharged jam-packed session covering a wide range of topics, from research and development, to practice standards and quality, donor consent and individual eye bank historical milestones.

Chair	Lisa Buckland (AU)
A targeted next-generation sequencing-based panel for identifying ocular disease-inducing variants from post-mortem eye donors	Gregory H Grossman (USA)
Learnings and way the forward in eye banking services in the COVID-19 era	Rakhi Nathawat (India)
The Lions Eye Bank of Western Australia: 35 years (1986 – 2021) of eye banking	Jelena Kezic (AU)
Analysis of 5 year data of post keratoplasty infectious adverse events from a network of eye banks	Aravind Roy (India)
Improving awareness of corneal export practice	Heather Machin (AU)
Umbilical cord patch grafting in corneal perforations and descemetoceles – A novel approach	Ashis Majumdar (India)
Impact of cataract surgery on donor cornea suitability: an intra-individual retrospective audit	Andrew Muthurajah (AU)
The Mauritanian Corneal Transplant Center (Assessment of 7 years of existence)	Sidi Sidi Cheikh (Mauritania)
Is there a ceiling for donor consent? A comparison of consent rates from 2005 to 2015 at the NSW Tissue Bank	Pierre Georges (AU)
Quality assurance program at a community eye bank: indicators and impact	Manisha Acharya (India)
Actively tracking distributed tissue	Bronwyn Cohen (AU)
Family and general practitioner recall: assessing the knowledge of prior ocular conditions against clinical investigation in donor eyes	Chris Hodge (AU)
Q&A	Q&A

Lecture Sessions:

Goals, Frameworks and Governance: This session outlines the range of global frameworks, initiatives and goals that are necessary to help build local, national and global services and foster collaboration. Additionally, the session will outline the importance of developing a cooperative partnership between sector members and the government. This session underpins the remainder of the WEBS.

Chair	Danielle Fisher (AU)
WHO Eyecare Initiatives	Stuart Keel (Switzerland)
IAPB Insight2030	Peter Holland (UK)
WHO Donation and Transplantation Initiatives	Stratos Chatzixiros (Switzerland)
Global and national ethical frameworks in the eye tissue field	Graeme Pollock (AU)
Collaborating with government: Donatelife Australia experience	Lucinda Barry (AU)
Q&A	Q&A



Demand, Partnership and Duty: The session starts with examining prevention as a means to reduce demand. It then explores services such as exportation and importation and highlights the challenges, roles and responsibilities of low, middle and high income nations when seeking to develop sustainable services and partnerships.

Chair	Paul Dubord (CA)
Preventing corneal blindness	Josie Noah (USA)
Role of middle income nations to support low income nations	Aravind Roy (India)
Adapting to changing indications for transplantation	Nigel Brookes (NZ)
Challenges for eye bank and corneal service development in small and island nations	Nigel Barker (Barbados)
Exporting and importing corneas	Heather Machin (AU)
Role of tissue distributors and third parties	Phil Fasone (USA)
Q&A	Q&A

Building Local Eye Banks: This session highlights a range of initiatives underway around the world to develop national road maps, community engagement activities, build services and train clinical professionals.

Chair	Fredrick Korir (Kenya)	
Sustainability, maintenance and initiating new projects post covid	D.Saravanan (India)	
Canadian Road Map	Gary Rockl (CA)	
Indian Road Map	Namrata Sharma (India)	
Designing community donor awareness programs	Nega Demessie (Ethiopia)	
Eye bank and corneal training programs	Sujata Das (India)	
Tele-ed	Erik Hellier (USA)	
Q&A	Q&A	

Data Development: This session aims to support and inspire sector members to routinely collect and share data. The session highlights how the eye bank sector can learn from other groups who have already developed national and global data systems. It offers tips and tricks to support delegates to develop data systems – especially within low-middle income settings, and the use of geospatial mapping to present data effectively. It will close with a call to action to support GAEBA's global data project.

Chair	Celeste Nekasi Hinds (Guyana)
Importance of eye bank data collection. What we do and do not know	Brian Philippy (USA)
Data importance for low-middle income nations	Taylor Braun-Durrell (USA)
IAPB Vision Atlas - how they got it off the ground	Jude Stern (AU)
Data management at the eye bank	Sunita Chaurasia (India)
Geospatial data	Amber Benbow (USA)
Open panel and Q&A	Luke Weinel (AU)



GAEBA Hosted Sessions:

Individual GAEBA founding and new members have worked together to build a range of sessions. These include:

South American perspective: This session will feature a range of topics from the South American perspective.

Host: APABO

Chair	Ana Maria Guimarães Garcia (Brazil)
How to analyze the quality of the tissue delivered by the eye bank	Alvio Isao Shiguematsu (Brazil)
	Diane Ruschel Marinho (Brazil)
Create an eye bank in low and middle-low income nations (presented in Spanish)	Elisabeth Cittadino (Argentina)
How an eye bank association was decisive in changing the reality of corneal donations and transplantations in Brazil	Ana Maria Guimarães Garcia (Brazil)
Q&A	Q&A

Research and Development: This session will include presentations on a range of technical and scientific initiatives designed to increase access to tissue for transplantation. It will also showcase other ways eye banks can allocate tissue to help advance eye care.

Host: EBAANZ

Chair	Nigel Brookes (NZ)
Improving outcomes of endothelial keratoplasty surgeries	Mark Daniell (AU)
From PK to DSEK to DMEK to?	Esther Groeneveld-van Beek (The Netherlands)
Developing a bioengineered cornea	Gerard Sutton (AU)
A novel approach of harvesting viable single cells from donor corneal endothelium for cell-injection therapy: The S.N.E.C. technique	Hon Shing Ong (Singapore)
Allocating and using tissue for retinal research	Paula Yu (AU)
Q&A	Q&A

Donor Selection: Eye banking and transplantation rests on the selection and consent of donors. This session is dedicated to putting donors front and centre, and providing technical and practical information to help build donation programs.

Host: EEBA

This is a joint lecture presentation featuring:

Martin Börgel (Germany) - Chair
Anna Salz (Germany)
Gary Jones (Italy)
Manisha Acharya (India)
Sandra Verter (South Africa)



Eye Bank Operations – Back to Basics: This session aims to provide a 'back to basics' overview for those wishing to establish eye banks or those seeking a refresher. It will cover a range of topics, from philanthropy and finance, to basic equipment and Infrastructure, tissue recovery and preparation, and tissue preservation mediums.

Host: LCIEBWG

This is session will feature:

Viola Jobita (USA) - Chair

Jason Brosious (USA)

Eric Abdullayev (USA)

Call to Action (and event wrap-up): As the closing session, we welcome back key GAEBA members, invited guests and delegates to participate in GAEBA's 'Call to Action' where we will use the frameworks, teachings and renewed connectivity arising from WEBS 2022 to call the global community to action, and ask they pledge their support to tackle the issues impacting global access to tissue and transplantation services. Participants will be invited to share their experience (time permitting). This session will close with a final farewell from GAEBA and EBAANZ.

Host: Eversight

This is session will be in a workshop format, featuring:

Erik Hellier (USA) - Chair

Martin Börgel (Germany)

Heather Machin (AU)

Wajid Ali Khan (Pakistan)

Carrie Wolverton (USA)



Eric Abdullayev (USA) Lions Eye Institute for Transplant and Research

Eric Abdullayev MD, MBA, CEBT is a Head of Clinical Development and Innovations of the world's largest combined eye, tissue banks and research/development center. Dr Abdullayev is a recognized specialist in the development of new methods and technologies of modern eye banks, corneal preservation, preparation of donor grafts, new methods of keratoplasty, regulatory aspects of creating eye and tissue banks. He has published over 40 scientific papers in the USA and is author of the world's only "Science of Comprehensive Eye Banking - Implementation and Operations Essential" book, which since publication in 2014, is the reference book of eye banking specialists and transplant surgeons around the world.



Manisha Acharya (India) Eye bank Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital

Dr Manisha Acharya heads the cornea department and is the Medical Director of the Eye Bank of Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital Delhi, which is one of the fastest-growing eye banks in India. Her passion and contribution to Indian Eye Banking has brought her success both nationally and internationally. She is the proud recipient of BMJ South Asia Healthcare Award 2016 as the Quality team of the year for "Improvement in Eye bank Tissue utilisation through Quality Assurance Initiatives". Dr Manisha is instrumental in establishing the first Eye Bank training academy of India in 2021, providing training to all eye bank cadre. She has several publications to her credit and has authored the book "Eye Bank Tissue Recovery".



Nigel Barker (Barbados) Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Dr Nigel Barker, a Fellow of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists whose subspecialty is Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery, is a Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Barbados. He is the principal of Warrens Eye Care Centre, and Corneal Services Barbados. Dr Barker received his MBBS from the University of the West Indies. Following post-graduate training at the University of Glasgow, he completed two fellowships in Cornea, External Diseases and Refractive Surgery at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne and Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide. He also holds a MBA, with distinction, from Durham Business School, UK and a Post-graduate Diploma in Medical Education from the University of Dundee. He is the Immediate past-President of the Ophthalmology Society of the West Indies. Dr Barker is heavily involved in education and mentorship—including webinars and simulation courses. He has published a several papers and has made several presentations regionally and internationally.



Lucinda Barry (AU) Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority

As CEO of the Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA), Lucinda leads the Australian Government's national program to increase organ and tissue donation for transplantation. Lucinda's key areas of focus have included driving a best practice clinical donation programs and increasing community awareness of organ and tissue donation. Lucinda is actively involved in national and international collaboration across the donation and transplantation sectors to achieve world leading outcomes. Lucinda has extensive experience and knowledge of Australian healthcare and has held senior leadership positions for the Australian Government, the Public Service and in clinical health care management and delivery. Lucinda started her career as a Registered Nurse specialising in Emergency and Major Trauma before becoming a Director of Nursing. Her career moved into public policy which led to her becoming the Prime Minister's senior advisor in health policy — a highlight of her career. She commenced at OTA in 2017 — bringing all her previous experience together to lead a program she is passionate about.



Amber Benbow (USA) Lions Gift of Sight

Amber Benbow is a Business Analyst at Lions Gift of Sight (Minnesota), a top 10 eye bank in the US. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master's in Geographic Information Science. She is comfortable working with data of all types and is excited for what geospatial data can bring to the eye banking profession. Amber and her husband live in Minnesota with their 5-year-old son.



Martin Börgel (Germany) German Society for Tissue Transplantation (DGFG)

Martin Börgel began his professional life as a trained paediatric nurse and worked for two years at the St. Franziskus Hospital in Münster, while studying business administration in Osnabrück, specialising in healthcare. After receiving his diploma, he worked for several years as an auditor for Solidaris Unternehmensberatung Köln, where he was responsible for the expert audits of the Eurotransplant and DSO foundations. Since 2002 he has been Managing Director of the German Society for Tissue Transplantation (DGFG), which until 2007 operated as DSO-G, a subsidiary of the German Foundation for Organ Transplantation (DSO). Martin Börgel is a member of the European Eye Bank Association (EEBA) and General Secretary of the World Unit of Tissue Banks (WUTBA).



Taylor Braun-Durrell (USA) U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Taylor Braun-Dorrell is a Digital Technology Program Specialist for USAID's Technology Division in the Innovation, Technology and Research Hub, where she focuses on promoting responsible use of digital technology and data in USAID's activities. She led the effort to develop a remote monitoring guide for USAID staff and partners in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and currently leads the Digital Data Collection workstream for USAID's Digital Strategy. Prior to joining USAID, she worked for several NGOs in the Middle East and South Caucasus.



Nigel Brookes (NZ) National Eye Bank of New Zealand

Nigel Brookes has been the Technical Officer with the New Zealand National Eye Bank since 1989. The eye bank is based in the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Auckland, where he has a long research record in eye banking, corneal keratocytes, and keratoconus. He has an interest in both microscopy and software development and has recently combined these to develop a new approach to corneal endothelial analysis.



Jason Brosious (USA) Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank

Jason has worked in eye banking since 2001 working at all clinical levels. For the last five years he has served as Executive Director and CEO of Central Ohio Lions Eye Bank. He has is Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Ohio State University, and a Master of Science of Nursing with an emphasis in Leadership and Management from Western Governors University. He is also an active member of the Eye Bank Association of America having served on their Accreditation Board, Medical Advisory Board, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and Technician Education Committees, he is also a Certified Eye Bank Technician.



Lisa Buckland (AU) Lions Eye Bank of Western Australia

Lisa Buckland is the Business and Quality Manager of the Lions Eye Bank of Western Australia, located at the Lions Eye Institute in Perth. She has been part of the eye banking sector since 1994. Lisa, who has a background in nursing, science, manufacturing practices and human resources, also worked with the Australian Air Force. She has a post-graduate qualification in Eye Banking and Quality Management, and she is a co-Chair of the Eye Bank Association of Australia and New Zealand, and a member of the Australian Commonwealth Government Organ and Tissue Authority's Eye and Tissue Advisory Committee.



Efstratios (Stratos) Chatzixiros (Switzerland) World Health Organization

Efstratios (Stratos) Chatzixiro originally from Greece, born in 1975, studied Nursing Sciences (University of West Attica, Greece) and specialized in the field of Transplant Procurement Management (University of Barcelona, Spain) for Organs, Tissues and Cells. He worked until 2011 for the Hellenic National Transplant Organization as Head of the Transplant Coordination department and was designated national representative at the European Commission policy group of national competent authorities and a member of the Expert Committee on Transplantation at the Council of Europe. His career path led him to the transplant authorities of Italy (CNT) and France (ABM) where he was engaged in the management of various EU funded projects and Joint Actions. As of 2016, Stratos has worked at the World Health Organisation Headquarters in Geneva, where he is currently responsible for the implementation of WHA Resolutions in transplantation, including global oversight, development of policy and standards, country support and international collaboration.



Sunita Chaurasia (India) LV Prasad Eye Institute

Sunita Chaurasia holds a Fellowship in Cornea and anterior segment at LV Prasad Eye Institute (2006-07), and previously a Fellow at Price Vision Group, Indianapolis (2013). She is a Senior consultant in Cornea and Anterior Segment Services, Medical Director, Ramayamma International Eye Bank, LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Rochester, USA. She has been awarded the Achievement Award at AAO in 2014, AIOC-IJO Platinum award 2021. She is a reviewer for over 8 journals—including Editorial Board Member for IJO (Cornea). She has published 140 publications and is involved in trials related to Novel Endothelial therapeutics' and devices and Corneal Genetics.



Elisabeth Cittadino (Argentina) Santa Lucía Ophthalmological Hospital

Professor Cittadino is the Professor of the Organ and Tissue Search for Transplantation Course; Medical Director of the Santa Lucía Ophthalmological Hospital Eye Bank (Buenos Aires/Argentina), and Ophthalmologist at Santa Lucía Ophthalmological Hospital. She has a Master in Ophthalmology from the Catholic University of Salta.



Kevin P. Corcoran (USA) Eye Bank Association of America

Kevin P. Corcoran CAE is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Eye Bank Association of America. Since joining EBAA in 2011, he has initiated a new strategic planning process, an outreach program to foster more member collaboration and engagement and a new, more assertive legislative advocacy campaign. He also guided the association through a reorganization of its governance structure and has initiated a diversity and equity program. Kevin has over 30 years of non-profit management experience, and holds the Certified Association Executive designation, granted by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). He served a six-year term on the Board of Directors of ASAE Business Services, Inc. and is a frequent lecturer on association management topics for ASAE and other organizations. Kevin is a graduate of Georgetown University, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Marketing.



Mark Daniell (AU) Lions Eye Donation Service, Centre for Eye Research Australia

Professor Daniell is the Medical Director of the Lions Eye Donation Service, and Director of Surgical Research and Professor of Ophthalmology at the Centre for Eye Research Australia and the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. He is a world-renowned ophthalmic surgeon with a subspecialty interest in corneal disease, founding Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Corneal Society and prior President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand Collage of Ophthalmologists. He has 63 peer reviewed publications in highly cited journals with a h-index of 29; a significant research interest in tissue engineered corneas including the supervision of postgraduate research students in the field of corneal cell biology and has given invited international talks on the topic of engineered corneal tissues and corneal cell biology. He has received numerous grants and awards, including an NHMRC Project Grant (2017) to cultivate corneal endothelial cell implants for restoring sight.



Sujata Das (India) LV Prasad Eye Institute

Dr Sujata Das is a faculty member and the Medical Director of Drushti Daan Eye Bank at L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Bhubaneswar. She received her basic medical education and postgraduate training in ophthalmology from Berhampur University, Odisha, and FRCS (Glasgow) in Ophthalmology. She completed her subspecialty training in Cornea and Anterior Segment from LVPEI, Hyderabad. Further, she completed her International Council of Ophthalmology Fellowship in Cornea at University of Erlangen-Nüremberg, Germany, and Clinical Fellowship in Cornea at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and Centre for Eye Research Australia - Melbourne University, Australia. She has pursued an Advanced Management Program for Healthcare from Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, and received a D.Sc. (honoris causa) from Ravenshaw University, Odisha. She is recipient of several national and international awards. Dr Das is currently involved in research encompassing corneal infections, eye banking, keratoconus, and genetic analysis of Fuchs' endothelial corneal dystrophy. She has authored over 140 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters to her credit. She has published a book entitled 'Infections of the Cornea and Conjunctiva'.

Nega Demessie Damtew (Ethiopia) Eye Bank of Ethiopia

Nega Demtew is the Awareness Coordinator in the Eye Bank of Ethiopian. As Awareness Coordinator he is responsible for all internal and external relations of the Eye Bank. Particularly, he focuses on promotion and awareness creation assignments. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and Communication plus a Master of Business Administration degree. In addition, he has taken part in different on-the-job training opportunities, and national and international workshops. He has seven plus years' experience working in the communication field including through his role at the Eye Bank of Ethiopia.



Paul Dubord (CA) Eyesight International

Dr Dubord has been active in low-middle-income countries (LMIC) since 1989. In 1992 he founded Eyesight International (ESI) a development charity. ESI's mandate is Corneal Transplantation and Eye Banking. With ESI's partner, the LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) India, it has established the largest eye bank in LMIC, with over 5000 tissues per year supplied for corneal transplantation. As well as training over 350 Fellows in the subspecialty of cornea and external disease, LVPEI is now one of the largest eye banking and corneal programs in the world. Final Dr Dubord has been an invited member of the WHO's Expert Advisory Panel on Cell Tissue and Organ Transplantation since 2005.



Phil Fasone (USA) Vision Share

Phil Fasone is the Senior Director of Business Development at Vision Share. Phil spent 14 years in distribution, operations, and sales as Vice President for WorldPoint, an American Heart Association international distributor. His passion for saving lives guided him to support global resuscitation programs and save the life of a fellow passenger at Chicago's O'Hare Airport with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Phil joined Vision Share in 2016 and uses his passion for helping others to support global cornea transplant programs. Phil is training for his third Olympic-distance Triathlon and holds a BS in Management from the University of Phoenix.



Danielle Fisher (AU) NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service

Danielle has been the General Manager of the New South Wales (NSW) Organ and Tissue Donation Service – which includes the NSW Tissue Bank, since 2013. She works to deliver the NSW Government Plan to exceed the organ and tissue donation targets agreed by Australian governments, and grow NSW tissue banking to provide more lifesaving and life enhancing transplants for NSW and beyond. Danielle has proven capabilities in strategy, policy, governance and collaboration, and prior to her current role, she worked in the NSW Ministry of Health in a range of management positions. Danielle has led collaborations with universities on bioengineering initiatives and established Australia's first Ocular Bio Bank to ensure translational research progress is made possible. Additionally, Danielle is committed to improving engagement with Aboriginal communities and culturally and linguistically diverse groups.



Ana Maria Guimarães Garcia (Brazil) Pan-American Association of Eye Banks (APABO)

Ms Garcia is the Executive Director of the Pan-American Association of Eye Banks (APABO) - Brazilian Office. She has an MBA in Health Services and human resources (with extension from Johns Hopkins University). She was trained by Lions Eye Bank of Texas (Baylor College of Medicine) and by Georgia Eye Bank (Emory University). Her contribution was decisive to the restructuring and creation of eye banks in different Brazilian regions, the training of hundreds of medical and technical professionals, and the establishment of quality control, laws, and good practices for the eye banks. Recently, she was honored by the Brazilian Council of Ophthalmology (CBO) for "the competence, dedication, and professionalism demonstrated on the benefit of the Brazilian population's ocular health."



Esther Groeneveld-van Beek (Netherlands) Netherlands Institute of Innovative Ocular Surgery (NIIOS)

Esther Groeneveld-van Beek joined NIIOS and Amnitrans Eye Bank Rotterdam in 2008 and has a background in biotechnology and molecular biology. She is specialised in the manual preparation of DMEK, DSEK and Bowman layer grafts. Esther was a key player in developing the no-touch DMEK graft preparation technique and the Bowman layer graft preparation. Her main focus is to develop new techniques to help patients and surgeons and to optimize eye bank processes by making them more efficient. In her spare time she practices taxidermy and is an accomplished sailor.



Celeste Nekasi Hinds (Gayana) Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation

Dr Hinds was born and raised in the Guyanese country side. She is a wife and a mother of two adorable daughters. Having lived for many years in a community with little to no eye care facilities, she was drawn to the field of ophthalmology. She graduated from the Carlos J. Finlay Instituto Superior Medical School in Cuba 2009, and later travelled to Paraguay to pursue a Residency in Ophthalmology in 2014. Then in 2017 she completed a research Fellowship in Cornea and External Diseases at OftamoSalud in Lima, Peru. These were all very inspiring experiences. For Dr Hinds, this has fuelled her love for travel and diverse cultures. At present she is attached to the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation as Consultant Ophthalmologist, Cornea and External Diseases. Finally, she conducts clinical and surgical outreach programs in her home town.



Erik Hellier (USA) Eversight

Erik Hellier is the Director of Global Development for Eversight, a leading network of non-profit eye banks. He has worked in all aspects of eye banking spanning his 17-year career including recovery, clinical training, clinical management, eye bank development and international relations. Erik had the honor of living in South Korea as a member of an outstanding team whose goal of starting an eye bank in Seoul was realized in 2015. He has served as a member of the EBAA accreditation board since 2012 and has been a certified eye bank technician (CEBT) since 2006. Erik has a Master's in Business Administration and a Bachelor's in Biology. He is particularly proud of the development of the Global Development program of Eversight. Not only has the team had a significant impact in places like the Middle East, Korea and Pakistan, but they have also had the privilege of watching their colleagues become global experts that are truly mission driven. Erik describes his role as an honor and a privilege.



Peter Holland (UK) International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness

Mr Holland has been Chief Executive of the IAPB since May 2018. Mr Holland has also worked in the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the National Health Service and the Royal National Institute of the Blind. After 10 years developing primary care services in the NHS in south London, Mr Holland joined the FCO where his roles included postings to India and Afghanistan, senior policy roles on counter narcotics and negotiating international intellectual property agreements. At IAPB Mr Holland is taking a lead at a global level to promote eye health and to ensure its critical importance to the delivering of UN Sustainable Development Goals is recognised.

Viola Jobita (USA) Lions Clubs International

Viola Jobita is the Manager of the Program Development Department at Lions Clubs International (LCI) where she oversees the planning, development, and administration of LCI's 5 global causes (vision, hunger, environment, diabetes, and childhood cancer) programs, and service initiatives for Lions and Leos. She also develops and implements the long-term strategy for program development, which includes global program creation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation; education/awareness of the global causes; and strategic collaboration with LCI Foundation partners and other divisions. Before joining LCI, Viola worked for civil society and international organizations in Kenya and the USA, promoting sustainable international development. Viola holds a Master's degree in International Public Service/Development (DePaul University, School of Public Service, Chicago), a graduate certificate in Grant Writing (DePaul University School of Continuing Professional Studies, Chicago), and a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Political Science (Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya).

Gary Jones (Italy) Veneto Eye Bank Foundation

Gary L.A. Jones, (BSc. Econ) is the International Relations Manager for Fondazione Banca degli Occhi del Veneto Onlus (the Veneto Eye Bank Foundation) in Venice, Italy. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree from University College of Swansea (Wales) and spent his early career in the UK assisting academics and researchers obtain research funding, primarily from the European Commission in Brussels. In 2000 he relocated to Italy and began working for the Veneto Eye Bank, with special responsibility for managing the bank's international collaborative links that now encompass 25 transplant centers in 15 countries. Since 2003 he has been the Executive Officer for the European Eye Bank Association (EEBA) and overseas the day-to-day workings of the EEBA Secretariat. He is a founding representative of the Global Alliance of Eye Bank Associations (GAEBA) and of the Common representation of SoHO's Associations (CoRe SoHO).



Stuart Keel (Switzerland) World Health Organization

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With 18 years' extensive work with tissue donor families, the legal consent procedure and oversight of tissue recovery teams, Sandra focusses on collaboration in the South Africa sector. 2011 saw her awarded an International Fellowship in Eye Banking by the EBAA from where she developed further local eye banking programs. She is a founding member of the South African Tissue Bank Association (SATiBA) where she currently serves as President and Secretary of the Southern African Transplantation Society. She was influential in the establishment of Vitanova, the latest state-of-the-art tissue bank in Cape Town, where she now applies her skill.



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