



## **Governing Board Elections 2019**

Instructions and Nominee Profiles

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# Instructions

1. Read through these Instructions and the Notes on page 5 carefully.
2. Read through the [Detailed Nominee Profiles here](#) and Brief Summary on pages 7 - 8 as well as any additional links provided by the Nominees.
3. Select ONE UK resident nominee and ONE nominee from the rest of the regions who you think should be on the Governing Board.

The Nomination Committee had set the selection criteria for assessment in the Nomination Forms. The Nominees have given the best account of their suitability to be on our Governing Board on their Nomination Form submission (Scanned Forms Shared Below). The Nominees have also provided additional references to LinkedIn, Websites and Social Media. Please refer to these in assessing your selections. The broadly, the criteria on the Nomination Form are:

- Has the applicant been an ACTIVE member of IAPO:
  - Has the applicant demonstrated a commitment and contribution to IAPO through previous activities. Has the applicant participated in our Congress, AGMs, Regional Meetings, Patient Solidarity Day etc?
  - Has the applicant been an active advocate at a regional and international stage?
  - Has the applicant collaborated with other member organisations
- Has the applicant demonstrated patient leadership skills?
- Does the applicant have the skills and experience needed to fulfil a governance role at an international organisation?

Please also consider which applicants' experience would complement those already represented on the board such as:

- Are they from a region under-represented on the Board
  - Representation of different disease areas or conditions
  - Representation of large and umbrella organizations and smaller, grassroots organizations
  - Professional or volunteer experiences
  - Representation of developed and developing countries/regions of the world
  - Representation of all geographic regions
4. Place an X in the boxes next to your selected Nominees on the BALLOT PAPER.



5. Please ensure that you do not select more than 1 (ONE) box in each section as this will invalidate your BALLOT PAPER.

**6. For e-mail and postal ballots, please send your BALLOT PAPER and the QUESTIONS & ANSWERS PAPER to IAPO so that it reaches us by Friday 8 November 2019 at 16:00 (GMT).**

BY EMAIL to: [info@iapo.org.uk](mailto:info@iapo.org.uk)

BY POST to:

Annual General Meeting 2018  
International Alliance of Patients Organizations  
CAN Mezzanine Building  
49-51 East Road  
London N1 6AH  
United Kingdom

We will send you a confirmation once your ballot has been received.

If you have any questions then please email: [info@iapo.org.uk](mailto:info@iapo.org.uk) or telephone: +44 20 7250 8280.

**7. Voting in Person in Taipei Taiwan APPC 14th November 2019 8.15-9.15 Am Taipei Time**

The AGM takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 8.15-9.15 Am Taipei Time during our Asia-Pacific Patients Congress at the Sheraton Grand Taipei 12 Section 1, Zhongxiao E Rd, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City, Taiwan 10049. You can vote in person during the AGM as directed by the Chair.

## Notes

- All Nominees have committed:
  - To attend two face-to-face meetings of the Governing Board per year (expenses reimbursed). IAPO's travel policy is that it will cover the cost of economy travel (by air, train or other methods) for Board Members. IAPO aims to meet the needs of those with medical conditions which require specific travel needs and support them on request.
  - To be available for conference calls, telephone and email communications between these meetings, both with other Governing Board Members and with IAPO staff as necessary.
  - To be prepared to commit a minimum of two hours per week to IAPO.
  - That they are able to use English as a working language (verbal and written).
  - To ensure that their organization is in good standing and its membership fees are up to date.
- The Biography and Further Information sections of the nomination form had clear maximum word limits. Where these word limits have been exceeded the text has been cut at the end of a sentence or natural break.
- All ballot papers will be anonymous.
- The Nominee with most votes in each section will gain a place on the Governing Board.
- All Nominees will be informed of the Election outcome.
- The TWO elected Board Members will be announced later at 2019 AGM on Thursday 14 November 2019.

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

All Members and Nominees will abide by:

- Memorandum and Articles of Association  
<https://www.iapo.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/MemandArtspdf-final.pdf>
- Updated By-Laws <https://www.iapo.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/IAPO%20New%20By-Law%20Final.pdf>
- New Election Code  
[https://www.iapo.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/IAPO%20NEW%20ELECTION%20CODE\(1\).pdf](https://www.iapo.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/IAPO%20NEW%20ELECTION%20CODE(1).pdf)

### Current IAPO Governing Board

Please find below a list of the current Governing Board members, their terms and officer positions.

Name	Term dates
<b>Ratna Devi- Chair</b>	1st term (May 2018-2020)
<b>Ellos Lodzeni-Treasurer</b>	1st term (Nov 2018-2020)
<b>Karen Alparce-Villanueva</b>	1st term (Nov 2018-2020)
<b>Ya-Hsin Wang</b>	1st term (Nov 2018-2020)
<b>Androulla Eleftheriou</b>	1st term ( Aug 2016-2019) [Retiring as per the Automatic Retirement by Rotation Clause 26 Memorandum and Articles of Association
<b>Neda Milevska-Kostova-Secretary</b>	1st term (May 2018-2020) [Retiring as per the Automatic Retirement by Rotation 26. Appointment of Trustees and retirement of Trustees by rotation

## Brief Summary and Detailed [Nominee Profiles](#)

(in reverse alphabetical order by surname)

Neda Milevska	WHO EUROPE	Executive Director CRPRC Studorium Macedonia
<p>Neda is the Executive Director of Studorium with 17 years of experience working in a think-tank. Neda's drive and passion comes from her diverse educational background which has been essential to her understanding and fight for the multifaceted and multi-centered needs of a modern day patient. The desire to fight against injustice and unfulfilled health needs of people brought her into position of Executive Director of "Studorium", working on advocating for patients' rights, through which she established successful collaborations with patients' organisations in the Balkans, Europe and worldwide. In the past two years serving as IAPO Board Member and Secretary, Neda has had further chance to expand her work and contribute to the patients' rights and needs, through our very powerful alliance representing patients' voice in the global health and development agenda. Since June 2019, she was elected Vice-president of Health First Europe, a European alliance of providers, patients, academia and policy makers working towards access to innovative health technologies for patients.</p>		
Jacqueline Cahill	WHO PAHO	Chief Executive Officer The Canadian Continence Foundation Canada
<p>As CEO of the Canadian Continence Foundation since 2005, Jacqueline is passionate about access to treatment issues and a large portion of her work is advocating for Canadians living with incontinence to gain access under Universal Health coverage to Assistive Technologies that would dramatically improve their quality of life. In her role as vice-president of the World Federation of Incontinent Patients, and work with the WHO, she plays the same role on an international level with a focus on developing countries, to this end she is very familiar with the barriers on all levels to gaining access to treatment.</p> <p>Jacqueline sits/has sat on multiple boards and committees on a national and international level. She has participated on the <i>WHO GATE project on assistive devices by being an Advisor/presenter: Consensus meeting: Assistive Priority Devices List. She was invited to present a paper, at the WHO GATE GRaT Consultation &amp; Global Report on assistive devices.</i> She was Chair: Oral session: Affordability, Appropriateness, Acceptability, Availability and Accessibility of Medical Devices. Jacqueline has many years of experience in the non-profit sector, both as CEO and volunteer on the multiple boards and committees she sits on.</p>		
Bisi Bright	WHO AFRO	1st Vice Chairman / CEO Livewell Initiative LWI Nigeria

Bisi Bright is a Consultant Clinical Pharmacist and Public Health Manager with several years of cognate experience in the Public Health space as well as in Patient Organisations namely:

- National Coordinator Nigeria, UHC CSEM (Civil Society Engagement Mechanism) (Sept 2019)
- Board member IATHF, International Association of Hepatitis Task Force, California USA (2018-date)
- Deputy National Coordinator, Civil Society Viral Network of Hepatitis in Nigeria (2015-date)
- Asst Secretary General, Healthcare Federation of Nigeria HFN (2014-date)
- Africa/Middle East Representative. International Pharmaceutical Federation, HMiS (2008-2012)
- Steering Committee Member of IAPO Africa Regional Committee (2012-2014)
- Secretary General, West African Postgraduate College of Pharmacists (2007-2008)

Carol Ossai	WHO EUROPE	Chief Executive Officer Sickle Cell and Young Stroke Survivors United Kingdom
<p>Carol is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sickle cell and Young Stroke Survivors a charity that she founded over 14 years ago. She is a passionate Expert Patient/Parent Advocate and a EUPATI Fellow with keen interest in the research and development of drugs for rare diseases. She is also a selected reviewer with the European Medicines Agency and a selected member of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) pool of expert patients. She has worked closely over the years with the Stroke Association, Carers UK, Different Strokes, NHS Blood and Transplant and other stakeholders.</p>		