## WABA Elections 2015 ON-LINE voting

To: WABA General Assembly Voting Members From: Jay Sharma, Executive Director, WABA Secretariat Date: 29 April 2015



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## Re: Electronic Voting for the WABA Steering Committee (SC) 2016 - 2018

## DEADLINE: Your vote <u>MUST</u> be received by the Secretariat by Monday 15 June 2015, 12.00 noon Malaysian time

Please note that faxed or emailed responses will NOT be accepted.

Dear WABA General Assembly Voting Members,

The WABA Secretariat invites you to vote for the 1) *European regional* and 2) *Global* positions on the Steering Committee. The following nominations have been received:

- 1. EUROPE:
- 1. Geraldine Cahill, Ireland
- 2. Irena Zakarija-Grkovic, Croatia
- 3. Maryse Arendt, Luxembourg
- 2. GLOBAL:
- 1. Anne Batterjee, Saudi Arabia
- 2. Elisabeth Sterken, Canada
- 3. Khalid Iqbal, United Arab Emirates
- 4. Susan (Sue) Lynette Saunders, Australia

Please find attached nomination documents for the seven (7) nominees standing for the Europe and the Global positions (as listed above), consisting of the nominees' curriculum vitae and personal statement.

Please review the documents before deciding on your vote. Your vote should go to nominees who best meet the criteria for membership of the Steering Committee:

- i) be a mobiliser, networker and communicator;
- ii) have roots in various geographical regions and an international perspective;
- iii) be a key player in institutions and be willing to provide support to WABA;
- iv) have a range of leadership skills and understanding of issues; and
- v) be an endorser of WABA.

The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a global network of individuals and organisations concerned with the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide based on the Innocenti Declarations, the Ten Links for Nurturing the Future and the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. Its core partners are International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), La Leche League International (LLLI), International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA), Wellstart International and Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM). WABA is in consultative status with UNICEF and an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). WABA is incorporated in Malaysia as World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action Bhd (847762-P), a non-profit company limited by guarantee.

Once you have come to a decision, please complete the official on-line voting form (http://waba.org.my/pdf/voting-2015.htm). Write the name of your choice of candidate on the voting form, your name and your General Assembly position and click 'submit'.

Your on-line voting form should reach the WABA Secretariat latest by <u>12.00 noon</u> <u>Malaysian time on Monday, 15 June 2015 after which voting will be closed.</u>

## <u>IMPORTANT</u>: Fax and email votes <u>will NOT</u> be accepted. Voting must be online.

The current WABA Steering Committee members are:

Felicity Savage -	EUROPE (term ends 31 Dec 2015)
Anne Batterjee -	GLOBAL (term ends 31 Dec 2015)
Miriam Labbok -	NORTH AMERICA (auto 2 <sup>nd</sup> term renewal 2016-2018)
Rukhsana Haider -	ASIA-PACIFIC (auto 2 <sup>nd</sup> term renewal 2016-2018)
Mimi Maza -	LATIN AMERICA & CARRIBBEAN (auto 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
	renewal 2016-2018)
Hussein Tarimo -	AFRICA auto 2 <sup>nd</sup> term renewal (2016-2018)

The Secretariat will tabulate the votes received in the presence of its auditor and solicitor. The election results will be announced to all WABA endorsers and the General Assembly by end June 2015.

We look forward to receiving your votes. The newly appointed SC members will begin their responsibilities on 1 January 2016.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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