

# GPZL Leadership Team Meeting 1 September 2022 | 13:00 - 14:30 CET

## **Participants**

## Leadership team members and guests

- Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur for the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by Hansen's disease and their family members
- Amar Timalsina, President, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA) Nepal
- Arielle Cavaliero, Global Franchise Lead, Leprosy, Novartis
- Benedict Quao, Program Manager, National Leprosy Elimination Program of Ghana
- Berta Mendiguren de la Vega, Board of Trustees, Anesvad
- Bill Simmons (Chair), President & CEO, American Leprosy Missions
- Deanna Hagge, Senior Research Advisor, The Leprosy Mission (TLM)
- Emmy van der Grinten, Technical Division Manager, KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation
- Faustino Pinto, National Coordinator, Morhan
- Geoff Warne, CEO, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)
- Jordan Tappero, Global Health Representative
- Linda Hummel, Chair of Executive Group, Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI)
- Lucrecia Vásquez Acevedo, President, Felehansen
- Rabindra Baskota, Program Manager, National Leprosy Programme of Nepal
- Rao Pemmaraju, Technical Officer, WHO Global Leprosy Programme
- Suzan Trienekens, Coordinator, LRI
- Wim van Brakel, Chair, ILEP Technical Commission (ITC)

#### Secretariat

- Andie Tucker, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Bill Gallo, Secretariat Director, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Caroline Cassard, Communications Specialist, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Mondie Tharp, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy

#### Unable to attend

- Gangadhar Sunkara, Senior Global Program Clinical Head, Novartis
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre, Consultant to Brazilian Leprosy Programme
- Roch Christian Johnson, President, International Leprosy Association
- Takahiro Nanri (Vice-Chair), Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation

**Summary of Key Decisions / Action Items** 

- Action item The Secretariat will finalize the TOR for the chair/chair-elect position and will share it with the Steering Committee.
- Action item All Leadership Team members will review the term log and update as needed.

# **Meeting Agenda**

Presenter	Item
Bill Simmons	I. Welcome and introductions
Bill Gallo, Andie Tucker	II. Governance  1. Pillar group reporting  2. Next steps for term roll development and chair-elect position  3. Adding steering committee member
Bill Gallo, Andie Tucker, Mondie Tharp, Caroline Cassard	III. Secretariat updates  1. 2022 Budget Reallocation  2. Participation at NNN/ILC  3. November Leadership Team meeting
Bill Simmons	IV. Closing/Any other business

# **Meeting Notes**

Meeting Objective	Notes
Pillar Group Reporting	<b>The Research Pillar Group</b> has discussed plans for the continuation of the work begun in the research workshops, the diagnostic target product profiles (TPPs), and the research plenary at the International Leprosy Congress (ILC)
	The Country Work Pillar Group discussed how many new country partnerships we would initiate and how we would tailor our approach for each country. The group also discussed the role of GPZL following the development of a Zero Leprosy Action Plan.
	The Advocacy/Resource Mobilization Pillar Group discussed the lack of clarity around GPZL's resource mobilization and advocacy goals and decided that greater clarity was needed before discussing activities for 2023. The secretariat will share information about GPZL's prior resource mobilization and advocacy strategies with the pillar group. The pillar group members will discuss whether the previous goals and strategies are still valid/useful. In the next meeting, the pillar group will discuss their impressions of GPZL's resource mobilization and advocacy goals and strategies, and the ways in which those goals and strategies should shape activities in 2023.

Next steps for term roll development and chair-elect	The chair-elect will shadow the chair from January 2023 - 24 and then serve one 2-year term (2024 - 26), renewable once (2026 - 28). The TOR is under development.  The Secretariat will share term log spreadsheet. Leadership Team members are asked to update the term log as needed.
Secretariat updates	Secretariat updates: See slides.
Any other business	Lucrecia Vasquez Acevedo: Persons affected send messages to Felehansen, asking for help because they cannot access treatment. What can GPZL do?  - Bill Simmons: The Advocacy Pillar Group should discuss this further.  - Dr. Rao Pemmaraju: I've taken note that information is required for people to access treatment. I will go to PAHO and get information for Colombia. If we can identify the need for information about treatment as a key area of national strategic plans within the Zero Leprosy Country Model, this would help connect persons affected with the information they need.
	Emmy van der Grinten: During ILC, do you have any planned country meetings for countries interested in parterning with GPZL?  - Mondie Tharp: We are still discussing our plans. I am happy to hear your suggestions.
	Faustino Pinto: How can we ensure that persons affected can participate in both the People's Forum and ILC ahead of the GPZL Leadership Team meeting?  - Andie Tucker: We will follow up about ILC plans via email.
Key Upcoming Dates	
<ul> <li>Next Steering Committee meeting: 6 October</li> <li>Next Leadership Team meeting: 12 November in Hyderabad</li> <li>International Leprosy Congress: 8 - 11 November in Hyderabad</li> </ul>	