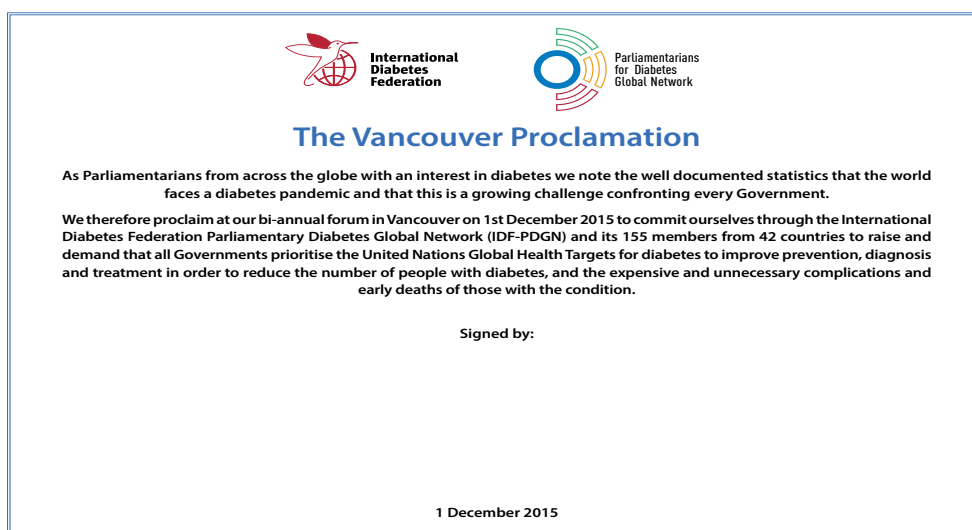


A highly successful Second Parliamentary Champions Forum was held at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver.

Its success was in no small measure due to the remarkable level of sponsorship offered by a host of contributors including:

Astra Zeneca, Sanofi Diabetes, Johnston & Johnston, Takeda, Abbott, Merck Diabetes, FEND, the Watson Foundation, Bermuda Diabetes Association and Argus Group

The Forum theme was ***The Human, Social and Economic Impact of Diabetes*** and culminated in the signing of ***The Vancouver Proclamation below:***



This committed PDGN to ***raise awareness and demand that all governments prioritise the United Nations Global Health Targets for diabetes to improve prevention, diagnosis and the expensive and unnecessary complications and early deaths of those with the condition.***

Signing up to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal on Health, which targets 100% access to health care, with the agreement of every government around the globe is a very significant step forward.

Parliamentarians for Diabetes Global Network is made up of individuals elected to parliament, who have a particular interest in improving diabetes treatment and care.

The proclamation on Universal Access to Healthcare was discussed, passed unanimously and signed by delegates at the conclusion of the Forum.

We would anticipate that they, along with registered members of IDF PDGN, will carry this message on the need for Universal Access to Healthcare to their respective parliaments lifting the level of debate and urging action to meet the UN target.

IDF PDGN will continue to highlight the need for action by individual members and parliamentary diabetes groups on the Proclamation.



Figure 1 Sir Michael Hirst & PDGN delegates sign the Vancouver Proclamation

The Vancouver Forum and Proclamation builds on the work of the Inaugural Forum in Melbourne and the signing of the Melbourne Declaration in 2013, which offered formal expression to the increasingly serious health, economic and social impacts on developing and developed nations from the diabetes pandemic and agreed to:

- Eliminate discrimination toward people with diabetes
- Encourage governments to take comprehensive action to meet the targets set at the 66th World Health Assembly in 2013
- Work toward urgent action through exchanging views and seeking further knowledge
- Attend IDF organized meetings from time to time (where practicable) to facilitate exchange of ideas and provide a support network
- Establish a platform for dialogue

Since Melbourne, the membership of IDF PDGN has grown from 47 parliamentarians to approximately 155, representing 42 countries.

One of the unique characteristics of PDGN is that all its registered members have a particular commitment to diabetes policy.

Ablly chaired by PDGN Co-chair, Mr Guy Barnett MP, the Forum opening included an official welcome to the City by Councilor Andrea Reimer, Deputy Mayor of the City of Vancouver, and a First Nation Welcome by Ann Whonnock, Co-chair of Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council.

Sir Michael Hirst once again opened the proceedings with a powerful and inspiring address on the growing challenge of diabetes and the pressing need for ongoing parliamentary advocacy.

There were twenty-one outstanding speakers in the main sessions on relevant diabetes related topics including:

- *Advances in Diabetes Care,*
- *Access to Medicines & New Technology in Diabetes Care,*
- *The Role of E-Health & Mobile Health in Diabetes Care,*
- *The Economic Impact of Diabetes, Health Cities,*
- *Government's Role in Diabetes Policy Making and*
- *The Need for Universal Access to Health Coverage for People With Diabetes*

Country Reports were a major feature of the Forum with nineteen speakers providing updates on progress in diabetes management and care.

Election of Office Bearers 2015-2019

On the concluding day of the Forum new office bearers were elected as follows:

Co-Chairs:

Sir Michael Hirst

Mr Adrian Sanders

President: Mr Guy Barnett MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
Tasmania Australia

Vice Presidents:

Hon Dr Simon Bussutil MP, Leader of the Opposition, Malta

Hon Dr Rachael Nyamai MP, Chair Parliamentary Committee on Health, Kenya

Dr M Brahim, Deputy Vice Chairman of the Committee on Social Sectors,
Morocco

Senator Dr Professor Florian Bodog, Romania

Ms. Susan E Jackson MP, Bermuda

The Forum unanimously appointed all office holders for a term of 4 years.

Global Coordinator, The Hon Judi Moylan and Executive Assistant, Ms Jana Allan concluded their 2 year contract with IDF PDGN and all enquiries should be directed to Mr. Guy Barnett MP at guy@guybarnett.com