



# AMD Alliance International

## European Affiliates Meeting

### Rome

13th December 2012



**There is Hope and Help for People Living with AMD**



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**Date:** 13 December 2012

**Time:** 11.45am to 4.30 pm

## Regional EU Meeting and Launch of the Age-Related Sight Loss Campaign Resource and the Scientific Advisory Panel's Report

### Purpose

- Share information and practices of supporting AMD patients, education of general public and promotion of awareness with other organizations based in Europe.
- Launch the report of the Scientific Advisory Panel 2012.
- Launch the Age-Related Sight Loss Campaign Resource.

### Program Outline

**Arrival**  
11:30am

**Lunch**  
11:45am - 12:30pm

**Welcome and Program outline - Narinder Sharma CEO and President of the AMD Alliance International**  
12:30pm - 12.45pm

**Patient Testimonies**  
12.45pm to 1.15 pm

At the Roma Eventi, Piazza di Spagna Rome

Our Hope for the Future- Narinder Sharma CEO and President AMD Alliance- Being at the forefront of research such as regeneration medicine from basic research to clinical application.

The Video Vignette Project-Narinder Sharma:  
The Video Vignette Tutorial-Andrew Clark: A Patient Testimony

**Professor Francesco Bandello AMD Scientific Advisory Panel and Professor Mario Stirpe:**  
1.15 pm - 1.45pm

**A Patient Experience - Video Vignette**  
1.45pm - 2.00pm

**Professor Francesco Bandello and Professor Mario Stirpe**  
2.00pm - 2.20pm

**Refreshment Break**  
2.20pm - 2.40pm

**A Patient Experience - Video Vignette**  
2.40pm - 2.55pm

**Alan Suttie FCMI Chief Executive Fife Society for the Blind**  
2.55pm - 4.00pm

**A Patient Experience - Video Vignette**  
4.00pm - 4.15pm

**Panel Session Q+A.**  
4.15pm - 4.25pm

**Vote of Thanks and Next Steps-Narinder Sharma.**  
4.25pm - 4.30pm

**Close 4:30pm**

- The CATT 11 and IVAN Studies-the next steps.

- The Management of Diabetic Macular Edema
- Gene Therapy; a review of stem cells applications in AMD.

- First showing of the European Blind Union Video re Age Related Sight Loss:
- Responding to the growth in Age-Related Sight Loss World Blind Union/AMDAI campaign resource:
- European Blind Union response – INTERGEN and VISAL



## Profile of Presenters

### **Narinder Sharma President and Chief Executive Officer**

Narinder joined the Alliance as Chief Executive Officer in 2011 and is responsible for the strategic and operational management of the organisation. He is a physicist by training and qualification and along the way gained an interest in management acquiring an MBA and a law degree.

He has for the last 18 years been CEO of senior and rare disease organizations and involved strategically in non-executive roles within health and regeneration agencies.

### **Francesco Bandello, MD, FEBO**

Professor Bandello is a Full Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology University Vita-Salute, Scientific Institute San Raffaele, Milano, Italy.

**He is a full member of several institutions listed below:**

- Academic Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University Vita-Salute.
- President Elect of Euretina, the European Society of Retina Specialists.
- President of the Italian Society of Retina (SIR).
- Member Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis.
- Member and Vice President Academia Ophthalmologica Europea.
- National Institute of Health(N.I.H. – U.S.A.) Peer Reviewer for grant-applications since 2006.
- Fellow of the European Leadership Development Programme (EuLDP) of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.
- Former Member of the Board of Directors Club Jules Gonin.
- Former Executive Committee Member of The Macula Society.
- Former Italian Representative European Association for Vision and Eye Research.
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Panel of AMD Alliance International.

- Chair of the Committee for revision of the Vitreoretinal Diseases section of the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).
- Candidate for Membership of American Ophthalmological Society(AOS).
- Vice-president of EuroLam (European Latin American Ophthalmology).
- Member of the “Accademia Nazionale di Medicina”.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Osservatorio Malattie Rare (O.Ma.R).
- Co-Editor of the European Journal of Ophthalmology.
- Board Member of “Retinal Physician”.
- Past-President of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes Eye Complications Study Group.

He is also the Co-Editor of Developments in Ophthalmology, Karger, Basel, Switzerland and serves on the editorial board Case Reports in Ophthalmology, the Journal of Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Ophthalmologica and “Giornale Italiano di Vitreoretina”.

Dr. Bandello served as principal investigator in several clinical trials performed following ICH/GCP and mainly concerning age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Bandello is co-author of seven books and presented well over hundreds of presentations at different meetings in the areas of diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degenerations, fluorescein and indocyanine green angiographies of different retinal vascular disorders.

Dr. Bandello has published 185 articles on Pub-Med journals mainly related to retinal diseases.

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## **Alan J Suttie CertEd, CSS, DipMgt, FCMI**

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Alan Suttie is the Chief Executive Officer of Fife Society for the Blind and FSB Enterprises Ltd. He is the principal consultant providing a service as an expert witness. He has over 30 years' experience as a specialist in this field working with Sight Savers International, the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) and Fife Society for the Blind. Served for 25 years on the Board of RNIB and represents them on the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, International Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation. He has been chair of both the World Blind Union working group on age related sight loss and of the European Blind Union Elderly Blind Network.

He is a specialist in visual impairment and has been a practising Expert Witness for over 20 years. Mr Suttie has published several papers including ‘A Method of Assessing a Visually Impaired Person’s Ability to Use a Closed Circuit Television Reading Machine,’ Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness, 1985.

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## Professor Mario Stirpe

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Professor Stirpe, a former pupil of Professor G.B. Bietti, was appointed director of the Diagnostic and Surgical Centre for Retinal Diseases at the Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Rome after obtaining tenure in ophthalmology in 1972.

In Miami in 1973, he joined the international group that created and disseminated throughout the world a new type of retinal surgery based on the removal of vitreous gel. From that moment on, he oriented his research prevalently towards the treatment of serious retinal diseases.

From 1978 to 1994 he taught at several universities and “continuing education” courses in the United States on behalf of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

During the first half of the 1980s he helped establish the G.B. Bietti Foundation for Study and Research in Ophthalmology. In 1994 he played an important role in promoting the change in the law regulating cornea transplants in Italy and subsequently, through the Bietti Foundation, in establishing the Latium Eye Bank.

In 2001, in recognition of his contribution to the field, he was selected as a “Guest of Honour” at the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

In the early 2000s he dedicated part of his efforts to turning the G.B. Bietti Foundation for Study and Research in Ophthalmology into a Research Hospital [Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico - IRCCS].

In early 2006 the commission for the assignment of recognitions of merit awarded him the Gold Medal of Distinction in the field of health care, and the President of the Republic C.A.Ciampi awarded him the Cross of Distinction of the Italian Republic.

He is a member of the most prestigious international societies of ophthalmology, has authored over 200 scientific publications, organized five international ophthalmology congresses, and edited three volumes that have had worldwide distribution.

Currently, he is the president of the G.B. Bietti Foundation for Study and Research in Ophthalmology - Research Hospital [Istituto di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico –IRCCS] and is particularly involved in multi-centre international studies.

### **Honours and awards:**

- Guest of Honour of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (2001).
- Cross of Distinction of the Italian Republic.
- Medal of Distinction in the field of health care.
- Medal from the Cornell Hospital in New York (McLean lecture).
- Medal from the Columbia University in New York (DeVoe lecture).
- Gold Medal from the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.
- Gold Medal for teaching from the Italian Society of Ophthalmology.
- Gold Medal from the Gonzalez Rodriguez Foundation in Bogotá.
- J. Donald Gass Award 2011.

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## Ian Hastings

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Mr Ian Hastings a former Business Development Manager of Regus is the Development Consultant with AMD Alliance International. Mr Hastings joined the AMDAI after establishing an exceptional track record with Regus which included:

- Increased occupancy at East Midlands Airport from being almost empty to consistently full.
- Developed and secured Revenue Streams from both National and International Organisations.
- Negotiated and developed continuing business relationships at Board level with numerous international organisations.
- Increased Occupancy and Profit at numerous Centres within the UK.

Mr Hastings has progressed consistently through a rewarding career occupying roles such as:

- Business Development Manager of MWB Business Exchange.
- Director of Ryedale Construction Limited.

Mr Hastings discovered that he had dry AMD during a routine visit to his Ophthalmologist. At that point he knew nothing about the disease. However, this caused him to acquire information about AMD and has fortified his credentials for this new role in his career.

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## Dennis Lewis MBACP

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Dip. In Integrative Counselling.

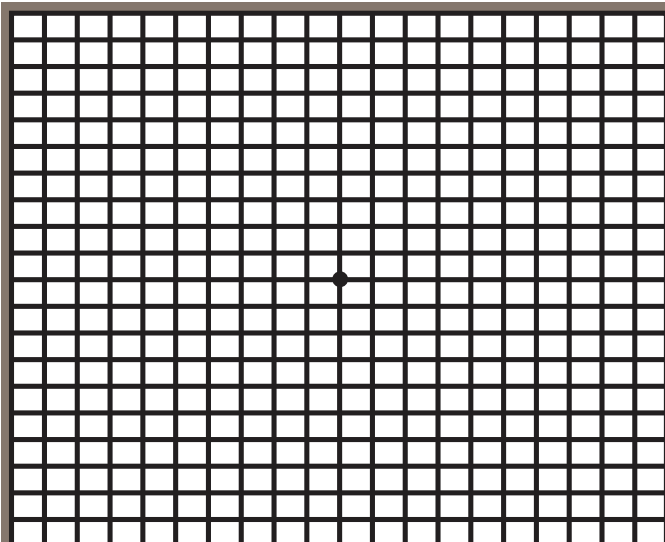
Following his City career in Banking, which ended in 1997, Dennis trained as a counsellor. He set up the telephone counselling service for the Macular Disease Society in 1999 and currently manages a team of 6 counsellors offering a U.K. wide service. Dennis also served as a Trustee for the MDS for 6 years between 2001 and 2006.

He is a co-founder and former Chair of the VINCE initiative (Vision Impairment Network for Counselling and Emotional support) which was launched in October 2007. VINCE was accepted as a standing committee within the Vision 2020UK structure in December 2008.

Since April 2010 Dennis became a Trustee and Board Member of the Kent Association for the Blind.

Dennis lives with his wife in Bromley, Kent and they have two grown up children and four grandchildren.

Dennis has an inherited form of macular degeneration for over 30 years and is registered as blind in the U.K.



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