

## ELECTION IATBR – December 2015

We are now electing the Vice Chair and three (3) Regular Board Members.

Given there is only one candidate for the role of Secretary/Treasurer, Abdul Pinjari, we are not electing a Secretary/Treasurer at the moment.

Please note that the final election of candidates to the Board must adhere to the geographical distribution requirements stipulated in the IATBR constitution. These requirements are that there should be at least one member from Europe, North America and Asia, and that no single country shall have more than two members on the Board.

This creates an unusual situation in this election, and the rules imply that:

- 1) Given the incoming Chair, Patricia Mokhtarian is from the US and the only nominee for the secretary/treasurer is from the US, no US member can be elected for a regular board member.
- 2) For the vice chair we have two nominees: Elisabetta Cherchi from Europe and Kostas Goulias from the US. We give precedence to the election of vice chair over the secretary/treasurer. If Kostas wins, we would seek additional non US nominees for the Secretary/Treasurer position and run additional elections for this positing. If Elisabetta wins, Abdul will be appointed as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3) As the only three current members who stay on the board already represent Asia (Yoram), America (Pat) and Europe (Caspar), there are no other restrictions.

The names and biographical sketches for all candidates appear in the attached file to this email and may also be found at: <http://iatbr.weebly.com/announcements.html>

To make your vote please access the anonymous and secure online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LP5RGXW>

The election site will be closed **January 5, 2016** (5 PM Central European Time, 10 AM EST). No ballots can be cast after that date.

Results will be announced at the business meeting during the TRB (January 12, 2016).

### **Please note that:**

- 1) You can cast **ONLY 1 vote** for the **Vice Chair** position (you MUST select only ONE of the nominees)
- 2) You can cast **3 votes** for the **Regular Board Members** position. However, you may give any nominee only zero, one or two votes out of the three votes you have. **So, if you cast 3 votes for a single candidate or if you cast more than 3 votes in total, this will make your entire ballot invalid.**
- 3) Please **be sure to click “Done”** at the bottom of the survey screen to submit your ballot. If this button is not clicked, the vote will not get registered in the database.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any question you may have regarding this process.