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RETIREMENT OF IBTA FOUNDATION CHAIR AND CO-DIRECTOR DENIS STRANGMAN

The International Brain Tumour Alliance (IBTA) announced today that foundation Chair and Co-Director, Denis Strangman (Canberra, Australia), will retire from the organisation in early June 2014.

Mr Strangman was appointed Chair of the IBTA at its inaugural meeting at the World Federation of Neuro Oncology and the European Association for Neuro Oncology joint conference in Edinburgh, UK, in 2005.

Under his leadership, the IBTA successfully established global awareness raising initiatives such as: "The Walk Around The World For Brain Tumours" and the "International Brain Tumour Awareness Week". With fellow foundation Co-Director Mrs Kathy Oliver (Tadworth, Surrey, UK), he co-edited the IBTA's "Brain Tumour" magazine and monthly E-News bulletins.

In 2013 Mr Strangman was personally involved in planning and organising the First World Summit of Brain Tumour Advocates in Lafayette, California, in which 64 delegates from 20 countries participated. During his nine year tenure, he has represented the IBTA at several national, regional and international conferences and has personally assisted brain tumour advocates and new groups in many countries.

Following his retirement from the IBTA, Mr Strangman intends to continue his involvement in brain tumour advocacy matters as a committee member of Brain Tumour Alliance Australia of which he was also foundation Secretary.

IBTA Co-Director Kathy Oliver said: "Without Denis Strangman's tremendous drive, inspiration and vision, the IBTA would not have had the impact that it does today in uniting all the various strands of the global brain tumour community. Denis' boundless energy, dedication and deep concern for the welfare of brain tumour patients and their caregivers around the world has helped make the brain tumour journey a bit more bearable for thousands of people. I wish him every success for his work with Brain Tumour Alliance Australia and a very enjoyable retirement among his many family members and friends."

Kathy Oliver added: "We shall miss Denis but look forward to continuing the IBTA's pivotal role in the international brain tumour community and taking it firmly and successfully into the future with exciting new projects and directions."

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