



ISBER Elections Candidate Statement Director-At-Large: IPR Region Wayne Ng

It has been a privilege to serve as ISBER's Director-at-Large for the Indo-Pacific Rim (IPR) region over the past two years. I am honoured to be nominated for a second term and am excited by the opportunity to continue building on the momentum we've created together.

As General Manager of the Victorian Cancer Biobank (VCB), I lead a consortium of five hospital-based biobanks in Melbourne, Australia. Since 2019, I have driven strategic transformation across the consortium—enhancing governance, harmonising operations, and securing government funding to support cancer research. My scientific background in cancer molecular pathology, combined with governance training through the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD), equips me with a unique blend of operational, strategic, and scientific expertise.

During my first term as DAL-IPR, I have worked closely with Regional Ambassadors and ISBER leadership to strengthen ISBER's presence and engagement across the IPR region. Key contributions include:

- Chairing the Local Engagement Task Force for the 2024 ISBER Annual Meeting in Melbourne, including the successful ISBER 25th Anniversary Celebration.
- Supporting the development of the IPR Regional Strategic Priorities and ISBER Strategic plan
- Led the Regional Ambassadors to facilitate a roundtable discussion on measuring utilisation as an impact of biobank samples.
- Hosting regional pavilions in ISBER 2025 Montreal, showcasing 28 biobanking initiatives from IPR region

Looking ahead, I am committed to:

- **Deepening regional engagement** by fostering inclusive participation from underrepresented countries and communities across the IPR.
- **Strengthening ISBER's advocacy role** in promoting the value of biobanking to policymakers, funders, and the public.
- **Enhancing collaboration** between ISBER and local biobanking networks to co-develop regionally relevant tools, training, and events.

As a passionate advocate for equitable and impactful biobanking, I believe ISBER is uniquely positioned to lead the global conversation. I am eager to continue serving our diverse and dynamic IPR community, and to help shape a more connected, inclusive, and forward-thinking ISBER.

Thank you for your consideration.