

## INFORMATION

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## Organizational Information

<b>Name of Organization</b>	AMD Alliance International
<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
<b>Type of Organization</b>	Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

## Questionnaire/Survey Information

Your organization's FULL NAME ✖	AMD Alliance International
<b>Purpose of your organization: ✖</b>	
<p>AMD Alliance International is a global consortium of 70 NGO members in senior's, vision rehabilitation, ophthalmology, research, and patient organizations in 26 countries around the world. We exist to provide hope and help for people living with macular disease. Age-related macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness for older people in the western world and a growing problem in developing nations. The greatest risk factor is age. While people in middle age have about a two percent risk of getting AMD, the risk increases to nearly 30 percent in those over age 75. Worldwide, approximately 30 million people live with AMD.</p> <p>One of our key objectives is to create awareness of the disease and encourage preventative measures and regular eye exams because compared to people who are sighted, persons with vision loss experience reduced quality of life, greater difficulty with daily living and social dependence, higher rates of clinical depression, twice the risk of premature death, increased risk of falls and related hip fractures and premature admission to nursing homes.</p>	
<b>What are the programmes and activities of your organization? They must be relevant to the Open-ended Working Group and the country or countries in which they are carried out. ✖</b>	
<p>With our broad global reach, and members across wide-ranging political, cultural and geographic spectrums, we play a major role in increasing awareness of macular degeneration with older people around the world, influencing governments to recognize AMD as a health priority, and creating unity. Our activities include:</p> <p>Creating awareness: AMDAI launches international awareness campaigns focused on older persons and at-risk populations and caregivers to promote the importance of early detection and regular eye exams for those over 50.</p> <p>Serving as a global advocate for patients: AMD Alliance mobilizes members around the world to help influence outcomes in many countries and regions to ensure patients have affordable access to the best treatments.</p> <p>Helping older persons get the care they deserve: AMD Alliance and its members developed the Macular Disease Patient Charter, outlining the rights of people with macular disease. AMDAI encourages governments to embrace the charter and issue national declarations of support. Broad awareness campaigns aim to encourage adults over age 55 to seek the care they deserve.</p> <p>Developing position papers and reports: AMDAI develops position papers, distributes reports, and recommends actions on important healthcare issues affecting older persons. Recent reports include the Global Cost of Blindness, and classifying wet AMD as a chronic disease.</p> <p>Keeping patients and caregivers of older persons informed: Through our global public education network, website in four languages (www.amdalliance.org), brochures, newsletters and breaking news alerts, we are helping patients get the information and support they need.</p> <p>Creating unity: We work to develop channels for resource and knowledge sharing for our 70+ members globally.</p>	
<b>Please explain briefly whether your activities are at the national, regional or international level, or a combination thereof. ✖</b>	
Our activities are a combination of national, regional, and international programmes.	
Please attach a scanned copy of an annual report of your organization including financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions. (PDF or Word only please.)	
<b>If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's financial statement here. (Optional)</b>	

**Please provide a BRIEF list of members of the governing body of your organization, and their countries of nationality; ✖**

Staff

Chief Executive  
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Retina France (France)

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Royal National Institute of Blind People (United Kingdom)

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International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (Italy)

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President  
World Blind Union

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Dr. Robert (Bob) Thompson

**Briefly describe the membership of your organization, including: (a) the total number of members, (b) names of member organizations, if any, and (c) geographical distribution of your membership ✖**

72 Global Members Throughout the World

Argentina  
Fundación Oftalmológica Hugo Nano  
Buenos Aires

Retina Brasil  
São Paulo

Canadian Association of Optometrists  
Ottawa, Ontario  
CNIB  
Toronto, Ontario

Canadian Ophthalmological Society  
Ottawa, Ontario

The Foundation Fighting Blindness-Canada  
Toronto, Ontario

International Federation on Ageing  
Toronto, Ontario

National Coalition on Vision Health  
Toronto, Ontario

Alliance for Aging Research  
Washington, DC

Spectrios Institute for Low Vision  
Illinois

American Optometric Association-Low Vision Rehabilitation Section

Saint Louis, MO

American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses  
San Francisco, California

The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.  
Owings Mills, MD

International Association for Audio Information Services  
Detroit, MI

Lighthouse International  
New York, New York

The Association for Macular Diseases  
New York, New York

Lions Clubs International  
Oak Brook, Illinois

Macular Degeneration Partnership  
Los Angeles, California

Macular Degeneration Support (MD Support)  
Grandview MO

Prevent Blindness America  
Chicago, IL

Alliance for Generational Equity, Inc (AGE)  
Las Vegas, NV

Macular Degeneration Foundation  
Henderson, NV

The Hadley School for the Blind  
Winnetka, Illinois

The Seniors Coalition  
Washington, DC

Eye Care America  
San Francisco, CA

Macular Degeneration Foundation  
Sydney NSW

Retina Australia  
Thornleigh

Royal Society for the Blind of SA Inc (RBS)  
Adelaide SA

Australian Blindness Forum  
Deakin West Act

Vision Australia  
Enfield NSW

Guide Dogs Queensland  
Bald Hills, Queensland

Hong Kong Society for the Blind  
Shamshuipo, Kowloon

Retina Hong Kong

Kowloon

Macular Degeneration Society Singapore  
Singapore

LV Prasad Eye Institute  
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, India

National Society for the Prevention of Blindness - India  
New Delhi

Retina India  
Chennai

Retina New Zealand Inc.  
Raumati Beach

The Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind  
Newmarket, Auckland

Macular Degeneration New Zealand  
Parnell, Auckland

EURAG: European Federation of Older Persons  
Graz, Austria

Belgian Organization for the Prevention of Blindness  
Gent

Finnish Federation of the Visually Impaired  
Managing Director  
Helsinki

Retina France  
Colomiers Cedex, France

Pro Retina Deutschland e.V.  
Aachen

Berufsverband der Augenärzte Deutschlands  
Düsseldorf

Fighting Blindness Ireland  
Dublin

ESHEL: The Association for the Planning and  
Development of Services for The Aged in Israel  
Jerusalem

International Federation on Ageing  
Jerusalem

NAMAG - Association of AMD Patients in Israel  
Ramat-Hasharon

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness - Italian Branch  
Rome, Italy

Retina Italia Onlus  
Milano, Italy

Società Italiana Retina  
Rome, Italy

Per Vedere Fatti Vedere Onlus  
Rome, Italy

AMD onlus  
Rome, Italy

Macula Degeneratie Vereniging  
Utrecht, Netherlands

Polish Association of the Blind  
Warsaw

Retina AMD Polska  
Warsaw

AMD Patient Society  
Vilnius, Lithuania

Retina South Africa  
Johannesburg

Organización Nacional De Ciegos Españoles (ONCE)  
Madrid, Spain

Spanish Vitreous and Retina Society  
Madrid, Spain

Retina International  
Zurich, Switzerland

Retina Suisse  
Zurich

Nadi al Bassar, African Centre for Sight and Visual Sciences  
Tunis, Tunisia

Age Concern England  
Cannock, UK

Fight for Sight  
London, UK

Macular Disease Society  
Andover, UK

Royal National Institute for the Blind  
London, UK

Wales Council for the Blind  
Cardiff

Dr. Bob Thompson, Honourary Life Chair  
Scarborough

Please provide a scanned copy of your organization's constitution or bylaws. (PDF or Word only, please.)

**If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's constitution or bylaws here. (Optional)**

Please sign off with today's date: ✖

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