

Bio & Policy Statement from A Nominee for First Vice President Board of Governors 2013-2014

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The FCC has achieved its status as the world's preeminent meeting place for journalists through the dedication of its membership and staff, and the hard work of its board. As a hands-on correspondent governor over the past year, I have been proud to play a part in consolidating this status, and hope to extend it in the year to come if elected as First Vice President.

At a time of unparalleled adversity for the media industry, one of the club's foremost long-term challenges is bringing in a steady stream of new correspondent members. I have encouraged several younger members to join, which should pay off for years to come in terms of the fresh perspective they bring to bear, and will stay committed to this outreach in the year ahead.

Among the other challenges for the new board will be continuing our lively mix of speakers and events, entrenching the FCC's role as a bastion of press freedom, and retaining key staff as competition intensifies in the food and beverage industry. Within the club, we must deepen interaction between correspondent and associate members, whose expertise from a vast range of sectors is invaluable both as a media resource and for the club's successful operation.

In terms of my professional experience at Agence France-Presse, I bring to bear my role as the deputy chief of a team that oversees multimedia coverage from 28 Asia-Pacific bureaux, including some of the world's biggest ongoing stories such as China and Afghanistan. I am exposed every day to the perils and rich rewards of reporting on the world's most dynamic region.

If given the honour of being elected First Vice President, I will work hard with the new President and my fellow board members to promote the FCC as the fulcrum of media activity in Asia, and as a home from home for correspondents in search of intellectual stimulation (and a fine meal!).