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Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, Chairman and Managing Director, IKP Knowledge Park elected as the new IASP Vice President at the 42nd World Conference in China

The IASP International Board of Directors welcomes new Vice President Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, Chairman and Managing Director of IKP Knowledge Park who will serve on the Executive Board together with President Salvatore Majorana (Kilometro Rosso, Italy), Treasurer Tom Bentley (Melbourne innovation Districts, Australia) and IASP CEO Ebba Lund. Ms Chattopadhyay begins her 2-year term following approval from the 2025 IASP General Assembly in Beijing, China.

The IASP International Board is made up of 15 members from 15 different countries and meets twice a year.

Ms Chattopadhyay has previously held other positions on the IASP Board, including IASP Treasurer and member of the IASP Advisory Council.

Alongside her role at IASP she is Chairman & Managing Director of IKP Knowledge Park. During her career, she developed the first Life Science Research Park in India, in Hyderabad and pioneered a Hardware Product Incubator and Makerspace, IKP EDEN, in Bengaluru, working with Indian and global partners to support over 1850 innovation projects and early startups. Deepanwita is the recipient of several awards including the Golden Jubilee Biotech Park Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 and "Women of the Decade in Life Sciences & Innovation" by the Women Economic Forum.

She joined the ICICI Bank in 1994, working in telecom regulation and policy and advised the government and the private sector on telecom regulation, market forecasts and market entry strategies. She was deputed to IKP Knowledge Park as its CEO in August 2001 and took over as Chair in November 2015. She is now a Director on the Boards of IKP, IKP Trust, IKP Ventures, Research & Innovation Circle of Hyderabad (RICH) and AIC-CCMB, and the President of IKP EDEN.



Upon her appointment she commented" I am both delighted and humbled to have been approved to serve as IASP Vice President. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with IASP members from across the globe to make a difference and create impact".



About the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP):

IASP is the leading association of innovation ecosystems worldwide. Our mission is to be the global network for science parks, innovation districts and other areas of innovation, driving growth, internationalisation and effectiveness for our members.

A worldwide membership-based organization, IASP is an independent non-profit NGO managed by experts in science and technology parks and areas of innovation. For further information about IASP, please visit www.iasp.ws.

About the IASP World Conference:

The Beijing Municipal Government with Zhongguancun Science Park hosted the 42nd IASP World Conference in Beijing, China, on September 16-19, 2025. The theme 'Elevating Excellence: Innovation Spaces Driving High-Quality Development' looked at the role innovation ecosystems such as Areas of Innovation, Innovation Districts and Science Parks can play in being conveners of knowledge and fostering innovative and entrepreneurial communities.

The IASP Beijing Conference brought together a unique international audience, welcoming close to 1,000 leaders and representatives of innovation ecosystems, government authorities, and academics as well as business and innovation professionals, from 97 countries. The conference boasted close to 100 speakers from across the world, which gave a truly diverse perspective on the topics in question.

The conference sessions took the theme and dived down into various elements of what it means to truly 'elevate excellence', addressing how science parks and areas of innovation are transforming to drive industrial growth and urban development as well as economic transformation. The constant evolution of the industry was highlighted throughout the event, hearing examples from across the globe where regeneration is happening constantly, showcasing cutting-edge approaches to workforce development, sustainable growth, and inclusive community building.

Innovation spaces are paving the way forward while addressing affordability, sustainability, and social equity. IASP 2025 Beijing was a true conductor of knowledge, hearing from practitioners, innovation agents, academics and government on topics ranging from talent mobility to policy innovation, helping to understand how to develop and support emerging technology integration and the importance of well-crafted partnerships to lay the groundwork for success.

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