



PRESS RELEASE

Lions/PAAO Award in Blindness Prevention to Recognize Excellence in Field

Oak Brook, Ill., USA, January 30, 2015—Nominations are now being accepted for the Lions/PAAO Award in Blindness Prevention, which will be awarded at the XXXI Pan-American Congress in Ophthalmology, to be hosted in Bogota, Colombia in August 2015.

The award will be granted to a Colombian ophthalmologist who has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing and developing eye care services in underserved communities throughout Colombia. The award is made possible through LCIF's SightFirst program and includes a US\$1,000 grant and travel budget to attend the Congress.

Nomination information and forms are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). This information is also available at www.paa.org.

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About Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the grant-making body of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest volunteer service club organization. The LCIF SightFirst program, Lions' flagship initiative, builds comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of blindness and care for blind and visually impaired persons. Since 1990, the SightFirst program has helped restore sight to more than 30 million people around the world. Lions have raised more than \$415 million to provide surgeries, to improve of hundreds of eye care facilities and train of thousands of eye care professionals. For more information, visit www.lcif.org.

About the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO)

The Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology was founded in 1939. The PAAO is dedicated to the prevention of blindness through lifelong education and cultural exchange among ophthalmologists in the western hemisphere. For more information, visit www.paa.org.

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