

**HEIMO POTINKARA
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Heimo Potinkara, from Lahti, Finland was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Potinkara has been a company owner in the packaging industry and has also worked in the real estate industry. He is currently chairman of the board with Flexolahti Oy.

A member of Lahti Lions Club since 1992 he has held a number of positions within the association including district governor, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district centennial coordinator.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Potinkara is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including vice chairman and member of the board for The Printing Industry Association of Finland, member of Häme Chamber of Commerce and member of the Board Partners of Häme

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards including three International President's Awards. Director Potinkara is a Melvin Jones Fellow.