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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S VISION AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUTURE

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025
8 AM - 1 PM

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7:30 - 8:00 am

**Registration
Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:25 am

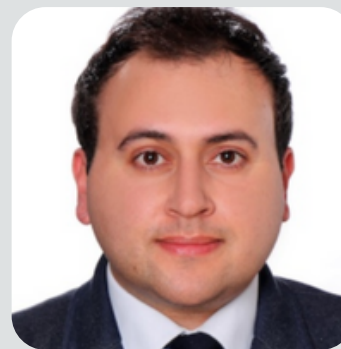


Welcome

**Reflexions on his
legacy**

Hector Santiago, OD
President VOSH/International

8:25 - 8:45 am



**Evaluation of the
effectiveness of training
schoolteachers to
conduct vision
screening for
schoolchildren in
Jordan.**

Prof. Yazan Gammoh
Head, Optometry Program, Al-Alhiyya
Amman University, Jordan

8:45 - 9:05 am



**All children deserve
good vision.**

**Lessons from
Special Olympics.**

Gonzalo Larrabure, MD (tbc)

**Head of Programs, Special Olympics Latin
America Region**

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Keynote Speaker

**Addressing
children's vision in
Kenya.**

Jacqueline Grove
President 20/20 Quest Foundation
National Vision Inc.

9:25 - 9:40 am

**2025 Humanitarian of the Year
Award**

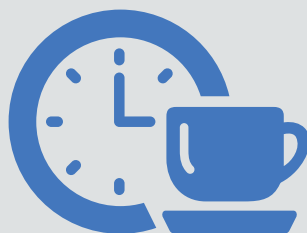
9:40 - 10:00 am



**Vision and learning:
improving the
recognition of children's
vision in Nicaragua**

Dr. Jairo Mercado
Head, Optometry Program, Universidad
Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua

10:00 - 10:30 am



Coffee Break

Informal networking and tour of NECO.

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**Recognition of volunteers.
Inauguration of the new President,
and Board member.**

**Franklin Harm Society, Fellowships,
and Student Fellowships**

11:00 - 11:10 am



**Eyes of Hope:
impacting children's
vision in the US.**

Ron Kemper

**University & Student Relations Manager
VSP Global**

11:10 - 11:20 am

2025 Lifetime Achievement Award

11:20- 11:35 am



**The Child Eye Health
Statement.**

**Global Goals, local
action.**

Prof. Kovin Naidoo

**Head Global Advocacy and Partnerships
One Sight EssilorLuxxotica Foundation**

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**Scaling up children's
vision through
interprofessional
collaboration: the
Mongolia experience**

Prof. Emeritus Bruce Moore
New England College of Optometry

11:55 am - 12:15 pm



**Exploration of mental
health conditions
among optometry
students in selected
African universities**

Dr. Levi U Osuagwu
Senior Lecturer and Academic Lead, Rural
Health, Western Sydney University, Australia

12:15 - 12:30 pm



**Mental health
challenges among US
optometry students:
preliminary results.**

Benjamin Konig, OD
Associate Professor
Director of International Affairs
Kentucky College of Optometry

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**Healthy vision from
the start. The
Colombian
experience of caring
for children under
five.**

Dr. Mónica Márquez

Faculty Optometry Program

**Fundación Universitaria del Area Andina-
Pereira, Colombia.**

12:50 - 1:00 pm



**Closing remarks
and thanks**

Victoria Weiss, OD, FVI

President, VOSH/International

**With appreciation to our loyal
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