

2026 Harry I. Zeltzer Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Bruce Moore, OD, PhD, FAAO

The VOSH/International Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon an individual whose lifetime of service has advanced visual welfare through leadership, innovation, public health, sustainable eye care, and a deeper understanding and correction of refractive error. This award recognises the highest standards of achievement and exemplifies the spirit of VOSH/International.

Professor Bruce Moore is the 2026 recipient of the VOSH/International Harry L. Zeltzer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Professor Moore's career reflects these values through decades of clinical service, teaching, research, public health leadership, mentorship, and international collaboration. His career as a pediatric optometrist has been devoted to studying vision problems in young children and advancing therapeutic options for their care. After earning an undergraduate degree in Biology from Boston University, he graduated from the New England College of Optometry in 1975. He began his optometric career at Boston Children's Hospital Department of Ophthalmology and Harvard Medical School, where he practised, taught, and pursued research in pediatric eye care for 22 years. In 1997, Dr. Moore became the Marcus Professor of Pediatric Studies at the New England College of Optometry and later served as Department Chair for more than a dozen years. He has published more than 250 papers, posters, chapters, and two textbooks on pediatric optometry. His 1997 text, *Eye Care for Infants & Young Children*, became the standard textbook in pediatric optometry for students and practitioners for many years.

Dr. Moore has been involved in an array of clinical, research, and public policy efforts focused on children's vision. He has led the development of broader, more rational, and more effective programs for children's vision care at local, state, national, and international levels. Dr. Moore is a member of the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health, a member of the Children's Vision Massachusetts Coalition leadership team, and served on Governor Baker's Children's Vision Commission. He was a



Prof. Moore is devoted to children's vision



Sharing his expertise with the emerging generations of optometrists in Vietnam.

consultant to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), contributing with others to the 2021 revisions of the MDPH Children's Vision Screening Protocols.

Dr. Moore was a founding member and principal investigator in the National Eye Institute-funded multicenter research study of vision screening of children, the Vision in Preschoolers (VIP) Study. The study aimed to develop an efficient and

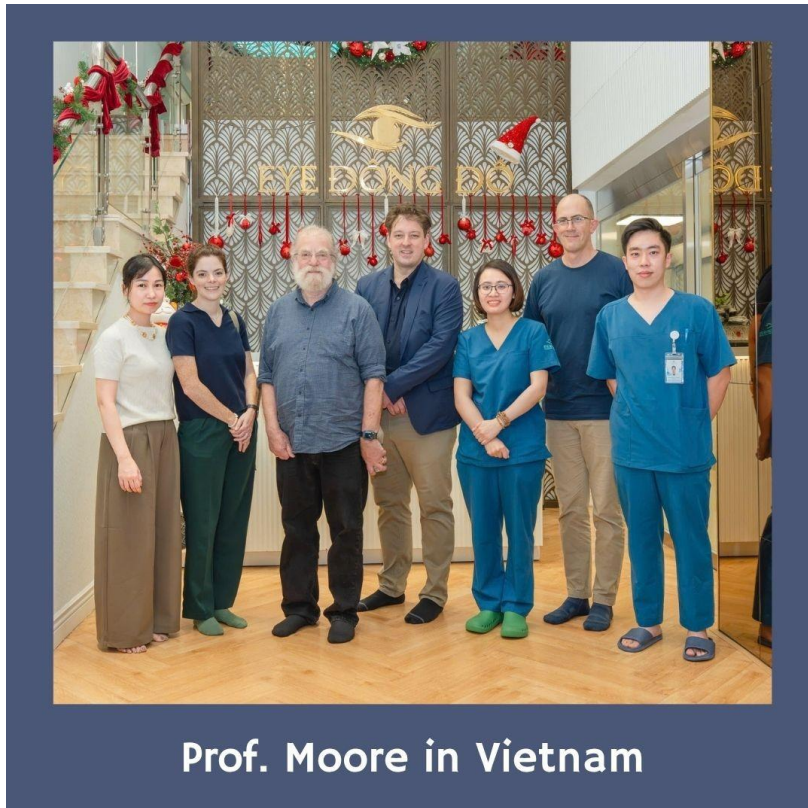
effective battery of vision screening procedures that are applicable to broad use with preschoolers throughout the United States, and in more recent phases, to evaluate the relationship between vision and learning in preschoolers. In 2016, he received the Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health from Prevent Blindness.

Dr Moore has shown a significant commitment to the development of optometry internationally. Over many years, he has worked and continues to work, on vision care projects in Vietnam, Mongolia, Israel, Nicaragua, El Salvador, China, Philippines, Malaysia, India, South Africa, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and throughout Europe. Through this work, he has helped strengthen optometric teaching, clinical care, and research in collaboration with new and existing international optometry programs.



Prof. Moore supports optometry across the world

Dr. Moore retired from full-time faculty status at the New England College of Optometry and is currently Professor Emeritus at the College. He remains active in his professional career.

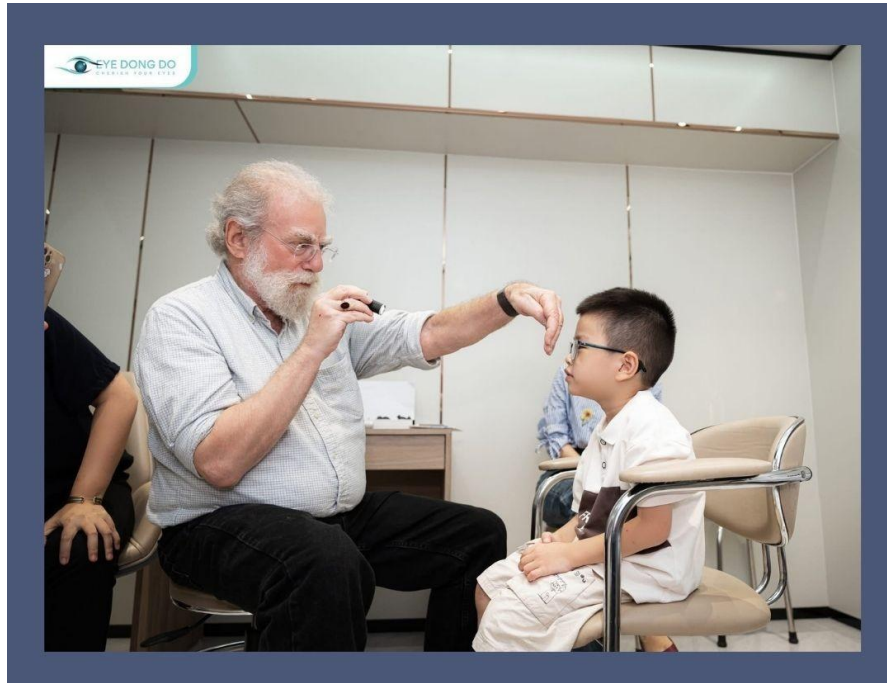


Dr. Moore's impact continues to be felt and appreciated by generations of optometrists across the world. Min Ahn Tran, Lead of the Optometry Programme at Hanoi Medical University in Vietnam, captures the feelings of many who have had the opportunity to meet and work with him. Min Ahn Tran says *"Prof. Bruce has made a lasting contribution to the development of optometry in Vietnam. His commitment has gone far beyond sharing clinical knowledge and expertise; he has helped inspire confidence, raise professional standards, and encourage a generation of Vietnamese optometrists to see how our profession can contribute more broadly to eye health and to our communities. His genuine connection with Vietnam, his generosity in sharing his experience, and his belief in the people he has worked with have made his influence especially meaningful."*

For me personally, Prof. Bruce has been an important mentor and source of inspiration throughout my professional journey. His encouragement and confidence in me have helped shape the way I see my role not only as an optometrist but also as an educator and someone with a responsibility to help advance the profession in Vietnam. What I value most is that his support has always felt genuine and personal. He has shown me that leadership is not only about professional achievement but also about lifting others, creating opportunities, and leaving behind people who are more confident and capable because you believed in them. I am deeply grateful for his mentorship and friendship,

and very happy to see his lifetime of contribution recognized in this way. His contribution has meant so much to many of us.”

VOSH/International shares these feelings and is honoured to have Dr. Bruce Moore as part of our team.



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