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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

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

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025
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7:30 - 8:00 am

Registration -Breakfast

8:00 - 8:05 am

Welcome by NECO

Gary Chu, OD, FAAO

8:05 - 8:30 am



Welcome

**Reflections on his
legacy**

Hector Santiago, OD, FAAO

President VOSH/International

8:30 - 8:40 am



**VSP Vision:
impacting children's
vision in the US.**

Stephanie Ganiban

University & Student Relations Manager

VSP Vision

8:40 - 9:00 am



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

Prof. Yazan Gammoh, PhD

Head, Optometry Program, Al-Alhiyya

Amman University, Jordan

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**All children deserve
good vision.**

**Lessons from Special
Olympics.**

**Katherine Green, OD, FAAO, FOVDR
Clinical Director Special Olympics**

9:20 - 9:40 am



**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.**

9:40 - 10:00 am



Keynote Speaker

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

**Jacqueline Grove
President 20/20 Quest Foundation
National Vision Inc.
with Elizabeth Muchoki, Kenya Country
Manager, the Coalition for Clear Vision**

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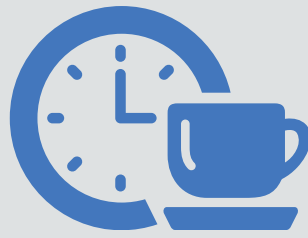


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Coffee Break

**Informal networking
Plenoptika demonstration or
tour of NECO.**

10:30 - 11:00 am

Recognition of volunteers.

**Inauguration of the new President,
Dr Vicki Weiss and Board member.**

**Franklin Harm Society
VOSH/International Fellowships
Student Fellowships**

11:00- 11:15 am



**The Child Eye Health
Statement.**

**Global Goals, local
action.**

**Prof. Kovin Naidoo, PhD, FAAO
Head Global Advocacy and Partnerships
One Sight EssilorLuxxotica Foundation**

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**2025
Harry Zeltzer
Lifetime
Achievement
Award**

Dr. Marcela Frazier, OD, MSPH, FAAO
Associate Professor at the University of
Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of
Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology and
Visual Sciences.

11:30 - 11:50 am



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

Prof. Emeritus Bruce Moore
New England College of Optometry

11:50 am- 12:00 pm



**2025 Humanitarian
of the Year Award**

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

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**Prevalence and severity
of anxiety, depression,
and stress among
optometry students in
Nigeria**

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

12:20 - 12:40 pm



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

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

12:40 - 12:55 pm



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

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

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12:55 - 1:00 pm



**Closing remarks and
thanks**

**Victoria Weiss, OD, FVAO, FVI
President, VOSH/International**

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