The voice of VOSH/International is heard in Latin America



Our organization was present at three important recent events in Latin America.

One of the events was held within the framework of Franja Visual 2020 in Bogotá, Colombia. The "***Visual Health Crisis in Latin America***" forum took place on May 16, 2025, and featured a presentation by Dr. Mónica Márquez, SVOSH Advisor of the Andean Area University Foundation, Pereira Branch. During this forum, sponsored by the Latin American Association of Optometry and Optics (ALDOO), Dr. Márquez reviewed Latin American optometry's current state and future.

Dr. Héctor Santiago, President of VOSH/International, participated in two virtual events broadcast from Peru. The first event was the International Optometry Seminar on May 3, 2025. Under the theme ***VOSH/International: Making a Difference in Global and Latin American Optometry***, Santiago reviewed the origin and development of VOSH/International. He also reported on the VOSH Ambassador and Mentor programs and the Technology Transfer Program.

The second virtual event was the First International Congress on Medical Technology, held on May 23, 2025, under the theme "New Approaches in Optometry." The Congress was sponsored by the Autonomous University of ICA and the Regional Council I of the College of Medical Technologists of Peru. Dr. Santiago lectured on the ***Challenges and Opportunities for Visual Health in Latin America***. The conference addressed the challenges of poverty, investment in public health, and the number and distribution of optometrists. The challenge of developing optometric education and the inclusion of optometry in national public health plans were also discussed. Finally, he highlighted the role of VOSH/International in developing Latin American optometry.

VOSH/International appreciates the invitation to these events. It reiterates our organization's support for the professional development of our colleagues on the continent.

During the International Optometry Seminar in Peru, Dr. Héctor Santiago, President of VOSH/International, presented a lecture on VOSH/International's contribution to Latin American optometry.

