Message from the Chairman of the Board, PAOF

William De La Peña, MD  
Chair of the Board of Directors, Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation

Dear Colleagues:

As we come to a close for 2013, I would like to take this moment to share our exciting advances and to give thanks on behalf of the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation (PAOF).

We would like to thank all those individual donors who sent in generous contributions via the PAAO’s Portal or as an add-on to their annual membership dues for the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO). These donations are vital to the maintenance of our existing educational programs. We received almost $10,000 from these individual donors.

The participants in the Circle of Vision continued to grow this year. Not including our generous industry partners, we received over $65,000 in Circle of Vision membership donations. These donations will help us to expand our educational programs.

Our big fund raiser event this year was the Pan-American Carnival which took place during the 30th Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Its purpose was to raise funds to support the mission of the Pan-American to provide lifelong sight-saving ophthalmic knowledge and skills to thousands of ophthalmologists who are working daily to improve the quality of eye care and prevent blindness. Resulting in more than $20,000, the proceeds from this event will go to support our continuing education and prevention of blindness projects.

We thank our industry partners and our family foundations who continue to be so generous and support our many programs with their restricted funding totaling over $200,000 this year: Abbott Medical Optics Inc., Alcon Laboratories Inc., Allergan International, Bausch+Lomb Inc., David & Julianna Pyott Foundation, Lions Clubs Int’l Foundation, Rayner Intraocular Lenses Limited, the Allergan Foundation, the Retina Research Foundation, the Tim & Judith Sear Foundation and the Troutman-Véronneau Endowment Fund.

We look forward to 2014 where we will continue working with our partners, big and small, to provide continuing education, cultural exchange and prevention of blindness programs to the Ophthalmologists of the Americas and in the world.

Best regards,

William De La Peña, MD  
Chairman of the Board  
Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation

Allergan organizational announcement from Douglas Ingram, President, Allergan

Nelson Marques to retire February 28, 2014; Mauro Naddeo Promoted to Corporate Vice-President and President, Latin America effective January 1, 2014.

After fifteen years of dedicated service to Allergan, and nearly 40 years of service to Latin America’s health and pharmaceutical sector, Nelson Marques will retire from Allergan on February 28, 2014. During Nelson’s four decades of service, he has served in a variety of regional and global commercial leadership roles, most importantly with Allergan as Corporate Vice-President and President of Latin America, and also as Corporate Vice-President, President and Chairman of Latin America, and as President of Alcon Laboratories from 1994–1998. Allergan Latin America sales grew by more than 700% during Nelson’s tenure, and Nelson was instrumental in bringing BOTOX and our dermatology products to the region.

During his career, Nelson has served as Chairman of the Board of the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation, a great honor for Allergan and for Nelson from 2009 – 2012, and served on their board since 1998. He has truly been a great leader for Allergan and Ophthalmology in Latin America.

I am pleased to announce that I have promoted Mauro Naddeo, currently Vice-President of Global Strategic Marketing for Dermatology, Allergan Medical based in Irvine, to the role of Corporate Vice-President and President, Latin America, as well as membership on the Operating Committee effective January 1, 2014. Mauro joined Allergan in April 2000 as the leader of our Argentina Ophthalmology team. Since then he has also served as the Ophthalmology Sales and Marketing Director for Brazil; Business Head for Ophthalmology, Latin America; and Vice-President of Ophthalmology, Latin America and Managing Director of Mexico. In 2012 Mauro and his family relocated to Irvine where Mauro began his current role to expand his sphere of business knowledge, and gain valuable corporate and strategic experience.

Mauro holds an Executive MBA (MEDEX) from the Instituto Panamericano de Alta Direccion de Empresas (IPADE) Business school (Mexico), and a Marketing Degree from UVM.

I appreciate Nelson’s many contributions to Allergan and the Ophthalmology community, and I wish him great health and happiness as he enters this next phase. I am also excited to bring Mauro into this leadership role and very confident that he and his team will drive continued success in Latin America.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Nelson and Mauro on these important milestones.