PARD 2015 – A SCIENTIFIC PARTY!

In an effort to stimulate research at the Pan-American level and recognize the efforts of our young investigators, the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) has been organizing the Pan-American Research Day, in conjunction with the important partnerships with the Association of Research Vision in Ophthalmology (ARVO) and with Allergan Latin America, for the past several years and it has become an exciting tradition.

The Pan-American Research Day 2015 was a tremendous success. It was held in Denver, Colorado on May 2 at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.

More than 200 people registered to watch the presentation of 90 scientific papers from colleagues from around the world. The attendee breakout was (by country): Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Two exceptional keynote lectures were presented by Dr. J. Bronwyn Bateman MD from University of Colorado Denver on “The ophthalmologist in the modern world of genetics” and Dr. Alfredo Sadun MD PhD from University of California, Los Angeles, Doheny Eye Institute, a Flora L. Thornton Endowed Chair and Professor of Neuro-ophthalmology, Optic Nerve, and Optic Neuroopathies and Research on “How a Giant Brazilian Pedigree Helped Solve 3 Great Mysteries in LHON”
**PARD 2015 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Chair: Paulo E.C. Dantas  
Co-chair and scientific coordinator: Peter Quiros  
Co-Chairs and scientific advisors: Fernando Arevalo, Lihteh Wu, Carol Karp and Mauricio Maia

**Invited Moderators**
- Anterior segment: Jorge Valdez, Luiz Isquierdo V. J. Bronwyn Bateman and Paulo E.C. Dantas
- Posterior segment: Mauricio Maia, Peter Quiros, Paul Chan and Alfredo Sadun

Program management and coordination: Teresa Bradshaw and Terri Grassi

**AWARDS PRESENTED**

1. Arno Habicht Awards for Research Sciences  
   - Romina Mayra Lasagni Vitar MSc  
   - Ricardo Yuji Abe MD  
   - Jesus Cabral Macías MD
2. David & Juliana Pyott Foundation Travel Award  
   - Jeremías Gastón Galletti MD PhD
3. Allergan Latin America Research Incentive Awards in Glaucoma  
   - Augusto Paranhos Jr. MD PhD
4. Allergan Latin America Research Incentive Awards in Cornea  
   - Mauricio Guzman
5. Allergan Latin America Research Incentive Awards in Retina  
   - Natalia Alpízar Alvarez MD

We thank you to all our partners who helped make this event possible

Ø Allergan International  
Ø ARVO  
Ø David & Julianna Pyott Foundation  
Ø Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation  
Ø Retina Research Foundation

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