As you noticed, I borrowed this title from the text published in the next page from our Chairman of the PAOF Board, Dr. Liana Ventura, to make this short editorial meaningful.

And I did it because it is necessary to emphasize and enlighten the work and efforts done by important colleagues, taking their precious time to keep PAAO as an important and diligent Association.

This time, I would like to say thanks to Dr. Eduardo Alfonso, who is ending his two-years term as President of our Association.

Eddie is not just a very famous corneal and external disease doctor and worldwide-recognized leader in ophthalmology. He is a man of his time.

With great influence and superior skills, he kept our Association in fine tune with important partners such as International Council of Ophthalmology, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and all the National and subspecialties affiliated societies.

Diligently, he has worked hard, along with Liana and the Executive Committee, in fundraising to maintain and improve all educational programs supported by PAAO such as the e-learning educational webinars, the Curso de Liderazgo, the Pan-American Research Day and all the Becas, Fellowships and Travel awards.

Not by mere coincidence, The President and the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology has awarded the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology the 2017 Distinguished Service Award for its notable service to ophthalmology and for working with the AAO to foster education, leadership development and cultural exchange, awarding (as he said) not just him but the long list of predecessors, in whose shoulders we stand and honor.

A good listener, always providing us with diplomatic and wise advice, Eddie always brought up a word of hope, tenacity, and wisdom to our weekly conference calls, even in conflicting situations.

I personally am grateful for listening and learning from such a diplomatic and wise colleague and friend.

On behalf of the Pan-American ophthalmologists, I would like to say thank you so much, Eddie for all you have done to our Association.

Stay around, dear friend!