How the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology can contribute to a successful medical and academic career of young Pan-American ophthalmologists

One of the missions of PAAO is to provide lifelong education and cultural exchange among ophthalmologists in the Western Hemisphere and, through this, to prevent blindness. PAAO believes that the need for ophthalmologists with a high level of training and medical education is extremely valuable and instrumental to preventing blindness in developing countries.

For over 70 years, PAAO and PAOF, the Foundation, have struggled to provide a myriad of opportunities for the young Pan-American ophthalmologist, offering dozens of scholarships, fellowships and scientific travel awards annually.

PAAO also provides an annual Leadership Development Course, with the purpose of orientation and skill development to future leaders of national ophthalmology societies affiliated with the PAAO.

We have the Pan-American Research Day (PARD) scientific meeting, one day before ARVO, offering an extraordinary opportunity to the young ophthalmologists and scientists to present orally their scientific production in an international environment and get connected with a network of scientists from around the world in a truly relaxed meeting. Always an enormous success!

Moreover, PAAO Regional Courses and Pan-American Congresses also offer many educational and networking opportunities. Remember, next is going to be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

To complete this virtuous cycle of opportunities, Vision Pan-America, The Pan-American Journal of Ophthalmology, the official publication of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology offers the exceptional chance to publish the Pan-American scientific production that will be of interest to the practicing PAAO member ophthalmologist. We believe that VPA is the right platform to give visibility and meaning to your scientific or academic opinion.

If one wants to move on medical and academic career with confidence, the PAAO is here to guide and support you throughout the years.

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