

**MATS GRANATH**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Mats Granath, from Älta, Sweden was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Granath retired in 2020 after serving more than 10 years as a culture school principal and manager for an association. He has been, and is currently, serving as a member of the city council since 1999.

He first became a Lion in 1995 when he joined the Lions Club Älta and since 2019 has served with the Lions Club Tyresö. He has held a number of offices with the association including district governor, chairperson for the MD 101 centennial celebration and multiple district youth (Lions Opportunities for Youth) chairperson. Director Granath has shared his belief that, "To be an international director on the board, is to be a bearer of our history, and a creator of our association's extension in the present."

He has also served as project leader to build up a diabetes clinic in Negombo, Sri Lanka and provided more than 14,000 health screenings to school children. This project has developed into a Health Center currently serving children, youth and elderly diabetes patients throughout Negombo, Sri Lanka.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award, an International President's Award and a Sweden Lions Gold Lion Medal. Director Granath is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director Granath is married to Ylva, and they have two adult children, Louise and Philip. Apart from being a Lion, his interests are his farm, hunting, and dogs. And above all else, for Director Granath, family always comes first.