DR. NELSON VIDAL PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Nelson Vidal from Lima, Peru, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2 through 6, 2007.

Past Director Vidal is a surgeon and university professor at several universities.

A member of the La Oroya Lions Club since 1977, Past Director Vidal has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. Additionally he served as chairperson of Membership, Leadership, Extension, LCIF and SightFirst. He has also participated as a member of MERL, DGE seminar faculty member for five years, speaker at the 1994 international convention and instructor at Leadership Institutes and MERL seminars. He is also the GLT constitutional area leader and the MD centennial coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Vidal has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President's Award, a Senior Master Key Award, the 100% District Governor's Award, the District Governor's Extension Award, a Membership Growth Award, the New Horizons Award, a Past District Governor Lighten the Path Award, 13 International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International Leadership Medal, eight International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Vidal has been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of the Public Health Committee of the Medical College in Peru and a founder of the Lions Medical Center Parraquial de la Oroya. He was Chief of Otorhinolaryngology, chairman of the medical team and president of the Medical Research Center at Chulec Hospital and National Medical of Altura. He has been an advisor to the President's office of Peru and to the Peruvian International Cooperation Agency. He is also the recipient of a Medical School Service Award and a merit award from the Interministerial Committee on Social Affairs (CIAS) of Peru.

Past Director Vidal and his wife, "Gris", also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and one daughter, who are also Lions.