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SUMMARY

Miguel Padilha, one of the founders of BRASCRS, is honored in Italy

During the 104th Congress of the Italian Ophthalmological Society (SOI), held in Rome, Brazilian ophthalmologist Miguel Angelo Padilha—a Founding Member and former two-term resident of ABCCR/BRASCRS, and current member of the organization's Deliberative Council—was honored with the SOI Honorary Award in Ophthalmology: A Lifetime Universal Commitment 2025, in recognition of his professional career and immense contribution to cataract surgery over the past five decades.

The Gold Medal and the Certificate were presented by SOI President Matteo Piovella, one of Italy's most distinguished ophthalmologists, whose work is recognized in both Europe and the United States.

The tribute took place in the auditorium of the Hilton Cavalieri Hotel during the Brazil–Italy Session, which was attended not only by Italian representatives but also by Oswaldo Ferreira Moura Brasil, president of the Brazilian Society of Ophthalmology; Ricardo Paletta Guedes, director of publications for RBO/JBO; Bruno Fontes, secretary-general; and Dr. Maria Vitória M. Brasil, of the Brazilian Glaucoma Society.

This is the second time Miguel Padilha has been recognized internationally for his achievements. The first occasion was in 2009, when he received the ASCRS Honored Guest Award from Alan Crandall, then president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), during a conference held at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco.

One of the pioneers of phacoemulsification in Brazil, Padilha's extensive resume includes numerous scientific papers, books, videos, and CDs, as well as films that have won awards at conferences in Argentina and the United States. He has delivered more than 900 lectures, not only in Brazil but also in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, the United States, Portugal, Spain, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, and Japan.

In addition to serving as former president of the Brazilian Society of Ophthalmology, Miguel Padilha was, for many years, director of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Brazilian College of Surgeons and a former full professor of ophthalmology at UniFOA in Volta Redonda. He is currently an Honorary Member of the Rio de Janeiro Academy of Medicine.