

**JOUKO RUISSALO**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Jouko Ruissalo, from Helsinki, Finland, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

Director Ruissalo is a retired CEO.

A member of the Helsinki Mellunmaki Lions Club since 1974, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, zone chairperson, youth exchange chairperson and council chairperson. Additionally, he is the Europa Forum advisor and archivist. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor's Award, an International Leadership Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Medals.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Ruissalo has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including president and board member of the Council of European Professional Informatics Societies, board member of the European Computer Driving License and vice chairperson of the Finnish Children and Youth Foundation.

Director Ruissalo and his wife, Pirkko, have two daughters and four grandsons.