



Giving sight a fighting chance

Over 1,200 distinguished experts in the field of eye-healthcare gathered in Dublin for the 13th **International AMD and Retina** Congress to share knowledge, strategies and practice to help in the fight against the global challenge of sight-loss and blindness. Five delegates, representing non-profit initiatives, also received total XOVA Award funding of up to €200,000 sponsored by Novartis and Alcon. XOVA is an annual award programme, which provides funding to support innovative, sustainable, non-profit initiatives that aim to reduce the burden of blindness. ■



↑ Pictured are Ms Doreen Curran, Franchise Head, Ophthalmology and IHC, Novartis Ireland with award recipients: Frank Magupa (Tanzania) – Cataract centre; Skills and equipment enhancement initiative (SEE); James Muecke (Australia) – Cambodia and Lao childhood blindness initiative; Peter Mayoki (Tanzania) – To improve the use of vision in adventitious deaf-blind and adventitious blind students in a primary school in Tanzania; and Jennifer Perry (Australia) – Reducing blindness from cataract while empowering local ophthalmologists in remote Papua New Guinea via the YWAM Medical Ship