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LORENZO M. VARGAS MD, FASME: A PERUVIAN PIONEER OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE AND  
EDUCATION

**Abstract**

What have been the contributions and legacy of Dr. Lorenzo M. Vargas MD FasME? The purpose of this work is to present the results of the pioneering aerospace work of Dr. Vargas in Aerospace Medicine and in Peruvian Education. To proceed, we have used an inter-institutional and interdisciplinary methodology that sought to identify, review and disseminate specific data on the aerospace legacy of Dr. Vargas. The project has the goal of highlighting the pioneering work of Dr. Vargas in the Peruvian context since his return to Peru in 1972 after studying Aerospace Medicine in the United States and his various aerospace education projects through the ORANIA Association. The results have been flattering, we have been able to identify, thanks to the PAULET Museum archives, various personalities and institutions that received support from Dr. Vargas and we have detected a great activity to promote aerospace education, revaluing the work of Eng. Pedro E. Paulet. Therefore, based on what has been done, we can say that we must continue with the investigation of the pioneers of the Space Age from the emerging countries of Latin America in order to increase aerospace awareness.