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Cordoba, Argentina welcomes IACLE members

IACLE's educational resources were put to good use as IACLE Americas conducted a successful Members' Meeting in Cordoba, Argentina last month.

The meeting, on **22nd and 23rd March**, was organised by IACLE's Regional Coordinator Guillermo (Willy) Carrillo and the Educational Manager of Contact Lens Diplomate of Universidad Atlantida Sabrina Lara and Colegio de Opticos de Cordoba. A total of nine delegates took part, comprising seven educator members, one associate member and one from industry (Cooper Vision).



The agenda focused on IACLE Resources usage and discussion of the Contact Lens Curriculum for future improvements in both practice and clinics. Guillermo gave a brief talk regarding activities, resources and future plans for 2013. His talk was followed by President of Colegio de Opticos de Cordoba Hernan Citrino and President of Universidad Atlantida Amado Zogbi, who welcomed attendees and students to this Diplomate course. General Coordinator of the Diplomate course Oscar Andechaga acknowledged IACLE for all the educational resources and support available.

FIACLE Sabrina Lara joined Guillermo for a workshop on slit lamp biomicroscopy for students (51 attendees). The workshop highlighted the relevance of biomicroscopy for preliminary examination in order to achieve successful contact lens fitting and some of the IACLE images series were used for clinical identification. IACLE member Guillermo Falconaro led a practical workshop on slit lamp illumination techniques, also using IACLE material.

Here are some topics discussed and the feedback received:

Distance Learning Program (DLP) – Most of the members found the DLP very useful in order to prepare for the FIACLE Exam and also improve and standardise their knowledge on contact lens education.

Members also found the IACLE Student Trial Exam very useful for students in order to achieve contact lens course accreditation for our institutions.

And here are some comments from individual delegates:

'IACLE online resources in PowerPoint format donated by IACLE members and modules in PowerPoint format are new to me. I found these resources very useful for lecturing and reference material for conferences.'

'I'm very happy with this IACLE visit, especially these sessions with students have been very demonstrative for future work with students. Thank you IACLE.'