

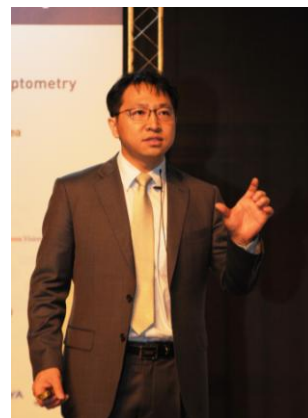
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IACLE takes the stage at Asia Pacific meeting in Seoul

Plans for IACLE activities across the region were on the agenda at a strategic planning meeting held in Seoul, Korea (2nd to 4th October) to coincide with the Asia Pacific Optometric Congress

‘Advancing education in optometry’ was the theme for the 19th Asia Pacific Optometric Congress (APOC), a scientific meeting organised by the Asia Pacific Council of Optometry and, this year, the Korean Optometric Association. More than 700 attendees engaged in high quality research and technologies by attending seminars and poster sessions.

Two Korean Fellows of IACLE, Professor Koon-Ja Lee (below left) and Dr Byoung Sun Chu (IACLE’s Korea National Coordinator, below right) were invited lecturers. Professor Lee’s topic was corneal wound healing and attracted interest from delegates. Dr Chu made two oral presentations on the topic of vision and night-time driving, and presented four posters.



During APOC, international contact lens companies and IACLE major sponsors Alcon, Bausch + Lomb, CooperVision and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care set up exhibition booths and provided updated product information. IACLE’s regional coordinators met with each company to discuss future collaborative projects and extending educational activities across the region.



Coordinators who took part in the meeting (pictured left to right) were Byoung Sun Chu, Haiying Wang (China Tianjin office), Xiaomei Qu (China Shanghai office), Nilesh Thite (Director of Educational Programs, India) and Cheni Lee (AP Regional Coordinator based in Indonesia). A travel grant from CooperVision helped meet the costs of attending the congress.

The next biennial meeting of the Asia Pacific Optometric Congress will be in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2015.