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Latin America takes the lead with new format events

Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo presents a round-up of IACLE activities in Latin America, including a new online forum for priority institutions



LA Members' Discussion Forum

FIACLE Rolando Rojas (Perú) was the guest for an **LA Discussion Forum** (7th May). This regional initiative is focused on improving teaching techniques and skills. On this occasion the topic was 'How do we teach preliminary examination...?' Eight IACLE members from Colombia, Brazil and Perú, took part in the discussion.

Tips for this topic are:

- Make an organized plan before the session: Theory (33%) vs Practical hours (67%).
- Ensure adequate equipment is available where possible.
- Supply forms for adequate assessment of knowledge and practical sessions.
- Set educational goals for educator and student needs and find the best way to assess.

See the discussion again through IACLE YouTube channel, [TheIACLE](#)



LA members take part in OPTOINNOVA

Organizers of the [OPTOINNOVA](#) conference invited LA IACLE members to participate in this year's event through video streaming. OPTOINNOVA is promoted by the Universidad de Alicante in Spain and provided a good opportunity for our members to exchange experience with European practitioners on advances in contact lenses and cornea. Held on 23rd May, the event covered 12 hours of CE and reached around 13 LA IACLE members.

IACLE members in Colombia promote academic activity

IACLE members Orlando Neira and Ana María Agudelo from Fundación Universitaria Andina – Pereira organized the **2nd Edition Contact Lens Forum** in Colombia (19th May). A total of 63 students and seven educators attended six hours of contact lens education.



Allergy and contact lenses, an introduction to scleral lenses, clinical cases on RGPs, and a case report on fitting contact lenses to a six-year-old girl with Marfan's syndrome, were among the topics discussed. LA IACLE Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo participated in the opening session via Skype.

6th Edition of Web Lectures in Latin America

'Keratoconus and its correction with contact lenses' was the topic for the latest live online Web Lecture, delivered by FIACLE Sergio García from Colombia, LA's IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year. Five institutions, three from Argentina (Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Universidad de Morón and Universidad Nacional del Chaco Austral) and two from Perú (Universidad Peruana Los Andes and ISTEM San Fernando), were the institutions involved. This lecture reached around 80 students and nine educators.

Feedback was positive, one student commenting: 'I would like to thank IACLE for this activity and hope to have more lectures to access to be able to approach other educators exchanging their experiences with us and with our educators.'

Visit our YouTube channel, [TheIACLE](#), to see this lecture again.

