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Latin America reaps benefits of working with industry

Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo presents a round-up of IACLE activities in Latin America, including several new initiatives supported by our sponsors



IACLE Members' Meeting and Train-the-Trainer Program in Colombia

The [FEDOPTO Congress](#) held in Bogotá, Colombia last month hosted a Members' Meeting and TTT Program organized by IACLE Americas. A total of 29 attendees from Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Panamá, Nicaragua, Perú and the US took part. Among them were industry members from CooperVision, The Vision Care Institute of Johnson & Johnson and Bausch + Lomb (Boston).

The TTT Program covered educational tools for effective teaching in contact lenses. Topics were 'How to teach through case-based learning?' and 'Assessment on clinical practice'.

Focusing on FIACLES' leadership, we propose to have an important participation as a group in the [1st World Optometry Congress](#), organized by the World Council of Optometry and FEDOPTO in Medellin, Colombia (14th to 16th August, 2015). IACLE Americas will work on the contact lens section within the congress.

Adopt-a-Patient Program

Patients unable to wear contact lenses for economic reasons are set to benefit from a new collaboration between IACLE and CooperVision. CooperVision's Adopt-A-Patient Program will be piloted in one priority institution in LA and offers students experience of contact lens fitting and follow-up over a year. CooperVision's Dr Juan Carlos Aragón and Marcos Lecznowski will support the pilot and evaluate the program for implementation at other institutions.

'One day with industry' starts in Perú

Local industry representatives will participate in a program of workshops in Lima, Perú this month (16th and 23rd September). Alcon, CooperVision, Bausch + Lomb and one local lab will develop four workshops for contact lens students on the optometry program at Universidad Peruana Los Andes. Twelve students will be offered 48 hours of training and topics to be developed are silicone hydrogel toric soft contact lenses and silicone hydrogel multifocals. We invite more IACLE members to join us in this initiative at their schools.



Local industry sponsors new IACLE Resource Center

The contact lens industry in Perú and IACLE America office have installed a new IACLE Resource Center at Universidad Peruana Los Andes. This facility will benefit more than 200 optometry students and educators. This computer has all the multimedia files IACLE offers as valuable educational tools.