

IACLE members take the lead in Latin American developments

Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo reports on a busy month for IACLE events and activities in Latin America



Uruguay President inaugurates new contact lens room at Universidad del Trabajo

José Mujica, President of Uruguay, paid a visit to the Universidad del Trabajo (UTU) this month to open a new contact lens clinic. IACLE members Milagro Baptista and Ernesto Valdenegro were instrumental in the new room for contact lens practice, aimed at improving

students' knowledge. President Mujica gave a motivating speech to students and university authorities. 'Uruguay will be a developed country in both scientific and technical knowledge if we maximize this knowledge,' he said.

Watch President Mujica's speech [here](#).



IACLE members in Cordoba launch 1st Mediterranean Congress on Contact Lenses and Science

Members from Argentina, Colombia, Chile and Perú will take part in this one-day event to be held on 25th October in Cordoba, Argentina. IACLE member Sabrina Lara has coordinated the scientific program and is very enthusiastic about the impact on regional contact lens practitioners.



Industry joins forces for contact lens workshops in Perú

A series of contact lens hands-on workshops were scheduled at Universidad Peruana Los Andes (UPLA) in Lima with the active participation of the contact lens industry in Perú. Alcon, CooperVision, Bausch+Lomb and local lab MOTSA performed hands-on workshops for 15 students on toric soft

contact lenses and presbyopia. Gonzalo Tejada from CooperVision is pictured fitting a toric soft lens with active participation of students.

Pablo Amado from Alcon (pictured right) delivered a hands-on workshop on presbyopia. From Bausch+Lomb, IACLE member Edison Gamarra (pictured below) led a second hands-on workshop on toric soft contact lenses. And another IACLE member, Javier Villanueva, discussed the same topic on behalf of MOTSA.



Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina hosts Student Trial Exam and Students' Contact Lens Forum

Students at Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina in Pereira, Colombia took the latest IACLE Student Trial Exam on 9th October. IACLE members Ana María Agudelo and Orlando Neira led this activity. We hope soon to have results from these enthusiastic Colombian students.



These two members will also host another Students' Contact Lens Forum, on 20th October. Next month we will have further details from this leadership academic activity.

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