

IACLE members take the stage at LA events

Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo reports on educational events around the region in the past month



Cordóba hosts inaugural congress with IACLE participation

More than 300 optometrists and opticians attended the 1st Mediterranean Congress held in Cordóba, Argentina (25th October). IACLE members Sabrina Lara (Argentina), Augusto Rossé (Chile) and Guillermo Carrillo (Perú) provided 4.5 hours of continuing education. Topics were RGPs, contact lens management, irregular corneas and silicone hydrogels.



Pictured (above left) are Sabrina and Augusto performing a live workshop on fitting irregular corneas and (left) a discussion session on contact lens for children with Sabrina, Guillermo Carrillo and Luz Esperanza González, who specializes in optometric aspects of children's eye care and binocular vision.



ALDOO leads program for Deans and Directors of Optometry

Guillermo Carrillo recently travelled to the University of West Indies in Trinidad & Tobago to take part in the Deans and Directors of Optometry Programs Meeting (29th and 30th October), an event organized by [Latin American Association of Optometry and Optics](#) (ALDOO) thanks to the generous support of CooperVision LA.

The first day of activities focused on optometry programs, the status of the profession in LA, collaboration among LA educational institutions and the US, and VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) International programs. Marcela Frazier highlighted that an Ecuadorian university had applied following an approach to the IACLE LA office.

The second day featured Brien Holden Vision Institute workshops led by Luigi Bilotto, Luisa Casas and Vivien Ocampo. These workshops were very useful to establish needs, challenges and solutions for optometry education, for future planning of curriculum issues. The World Council of Optometry, represented by Gerald Lowther, emphasized the WCO Optometry Curriculum and levels, and Damaris Pagan from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, spoke about the management of optometry clinics.



UTU hosts industry seminar

IACLE members at [Universidad del Trabajo del Uruguay](#) (UTU) in Montevideo organized an industry seminar (7th November). Six educators and 25 students were joined by industry representatives from Alcon – Arazaty Camacho, Bausch + Lomb – Ricardo Gonzalez, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care – Herbert Frías, Flexlens – Verónica Hernández, DAO – Carlos Quiróz, Boston – Daniela Garese, and CooperVision took part.

Guillermo Carrillo gave the opening lecture via Skype. Companies offered 3.5 hours of relevant information on contact lenses and donated resources for clinical practice. J&J donated toric soft trial lenses, DAO a trial set of cosmetic soft lenses and silicone tweezers, and B+L BioTrue contact lens solutions, some handouts and leaflets regarding companies for students.