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Four new FIACLE's. \*

In previous editions of ContactlensInside I have informed you about activities of IACLE (International Association of ContactLens Educators). Every two years IACLE organizes the Accreditation Exam, in which members who can prove their knowledge of contact lenses and everything about fitting of contact lenses. The exam contains about 150 questions, most of them are multiple choice. Last november three Dutch candidates have joined the exam, all of them passed the exam. My sincere compliments to them. Two years ago another IACLE member passed the exam, I did not mention this in earlier editions of this column. The new Dutch FIACLE's are one full member, Henri Eek from Hogeschool Utrecht and Deltion College. The other three are Industry representatives, Marco van Beusekom and Lisette Wijdemans (Johnson & Johnson Vision Care) and Ron Beerten (Procornea). From now on they may wear the title FOACLE. Worldwide 194 members wrote the exam, 53% of them passed. This is a sign that the knowledge level of Dutch Contact Lens Practitioners is excellent. If you want to know more about IACLE's activities check the website [www.iacle.org](http://www.iacle.org) which provides much more information on IACLE's activities.



The questions in the exam are based on the IACLE Contact Lens Course, subjects are in the table below.

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International Association  
of Contact Lens Educators

Module	Onderwerp	Module	Onderwerp
1	Anterior Segment of the Eye	6	The Cornea in Contact Lens Wear
2	Introduction to Contact Lenses	7	Contact Lens-Related Complications
3	Contact Lens Fitting	8	Special Contact Lens Fitting
4	Examination Procedures for Contact Lens Patients	9	Special Topics
5	Care and Maintenance	10	Business Aspects of Contact Lens Practice

NCC 2014.

The NCC 2014 is behind us. It was a well visited and interesting meeting. ANVC (Dutch Association of Contact Lens Practitioners) and NAC (Dutch Association of Contact Lens Manufacturers) have done a good portion of work, my compliments. At some moments it was hard to choose between presentations that were held at the same time. For us educators the session "Decoding the Secret of Soft Lens Fitting" was extremely interesting. During the first part of this session Mark André, Eef van der Worp and Marco van Beusekom extensively treated the way soft lenses have been and can be fitted. During the second part of the session, "Decoding the Secret of Future Soft Lens



Fitting” an open discussion took place on how soft contact lenses can or should be fitted. Central keratometry, corneal sagitta, lens sagitta, base curve radius, movement, centration, corneal shape, corneoscleral profile, tear layer, modulus and more lens parameters have been discussed in an extensive and constructive way. Moderator Helmer Schweitzer will, together with other experts, make a report on this discussion. The goal is describing a uniform international way to describe how soft lenses should be fitted and how the fit should be recorded. One of the challenges in this goal is to have the manufacturers give more details on the design of their contact lenses.

A session during NCC2012 has led to a scientific publication of Professor James Wolffsohn (Aston University) on fluorescein patterns of gas permeable rigid lenses. This article has been published in “Contact Lens and Anterior Eye”, BCLA’s bimonthly journal.

Dutch schools, yearly meeting of IRIS

IRIS is the organisation that is set up by the Dutch schools who educate opticians and contact lens practitioners. April 10th and 11th the yearly meeting took place. The meeting was held at Deltion College at Zwolle, representatives of all schools joined to discuss about the present and future of education in the Netherlands. Representatives of NUVO and UFON, the branch organisations, and



SVGB, the organisation that links education and the government, were also present. The goal of the yearly meeting is informing each other about things we all do, and to uniform the way education is done in all schools. A short list of subjects that have been discussed:

- Refraction Master, a software package to practise refraction schemes.
- The new Qualification Dossier Optics and education and examination that is attached to this dossier
- The new branch profile Contact Lens practitioner and how education should be changed to make this education up-to-date.
- Blended Learning Contactlens Education: there is a lot of work done to make educational materials more modern.