

## **IACLE plays key role in advancing education in LA region**

**Following the success of the recent World Congress of Optometry, Latin America hosted another major optometric conference this month, in Argentina. Guillermo Carrillo reports on IACLE involvement in the event**

Organized by the Asociación Profesional de Optómetras (APO), the [4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Optics, Contactology and Optometry](#) was held in Mar del Plata, Argentina on 10-11 October. IACLE members offered nine hours of continuing education at this event, 12 lectures and six hours of workshops.

Americas Regional Coordinator **Dr Guillermo Carrillo** (left) and IACLE Americas President **Dr Sergio García** (right) are pictured at the beginning of the event.



During the congress, IACLE had the opportunity to meet with members from the Universidad de Morón Buenos Aires and with its Program Director, who offered facilities at the school for future IACLE activities. It was agreed that a Train the Trainer Meeting would be held in Argentina in April 2016.

### **IACLE meets with ALDOO's President**

Following the last meeting with the Asociación Latinoamericana de Optometría y Óptica (ALDOO), which was held in Medellín during the World Congress of Optometry in August, ALDOO President **Hugo Farhat** called a further meeting during the APO Congress to gather information on the number of optician, contactology and optometry schools in Argentina, and legal regulation around optometry in Argentina.

Conclusions of the meeting were focused on achieving improvements in optometry education and standardizing the level of education. Local organizations and school representatives signed a statement calling for the creation of new public or private university programs. Additionally, there was agreement among these institutions on how to achieve higher academic levels for opticians and contactologists.

The group who signed the statement were: **Hugo Farhat** (ALDOO), **Hernan Citrino** (FECORA), **Hector Guidi** (APO), **Enrique Día** (Colegio de Ópticos de Santa Fé), **Gabriel Devalis** (Colegio de Ópticos de Córdoba), **Jorge Gómez** (Colegio de Ópticos de Jujuy), **Ricardo Biodi** and **Marisa Montenero** (Colegio de Ópticos de Buenos Aires), **Laura Brusi** (Universidad de La Plata), **Guillermo Falconaro** and **Sabrina Lara** (Universidad de Villa María)

## UTU looks to ICLC to improve CL curriculum

Guillermo Carrillo and Sergio García also met with **Ernesto Valdenegro**, who is leading the project for improvements in the contact lens curriculum at the Universidad del Trabajo de Uruguay (UTU). Currently, this opticianry program offers 192 hours of contact lens course over a two-year period. The project is proposing an increase of 266% in hours and content based on the IACLE Contact Lens Course (ICLC). The university's new course should have an increase of 320 hours and one additional year. IACLE offered some suggestions on content for the project.



## New IACLE Online Conference

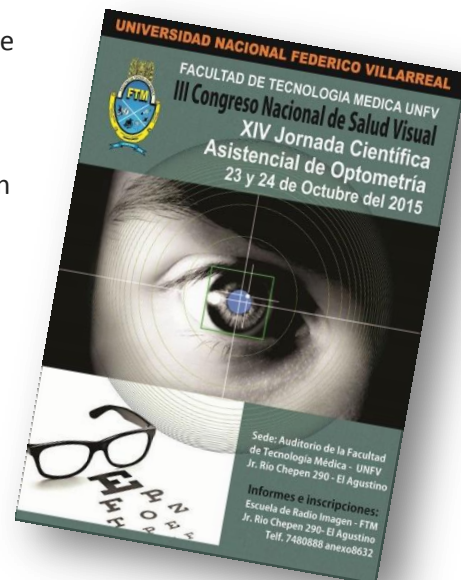


**Guillermo Carrillo** hosted a conference via Skype within the program of the 4th Optometry Congress organized by Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina (FUAA) in Bogota - Colombia.

The online lecture topic was around 'Clinical management of corneal staining' to accompany additional topics on 'Tear film stability' and 'New challenges in soft lenses'.

## Highlighting participation of IACLE members in Perú

IACLE members from Perú played a prominent role in the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Congress on Visual Health, held at the Facultad de Tecnología Médica, Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal (UNFV) on 23-24 October. FIACLEs **Edison Gamarra** and **Guillermo Carrillo** offered topics on 'Orthokeratology and myopia control' and 'The effects of high altitude on contact lens wear'.



New  
IACLE Educators  
Meeting in Perú



The IACLE Americas office has organized an IACLE Educators Meeting in Lima, Perú on 8 November, in the framework of the 19<sup>th</sup> Optics and Optometry Congress. Asociación Peruana de Óptica y Optometría is sponsoring with the venue for this meeting.

Around 25 educators from five optometric institutions in Perú are invited to take part. Selected topics are 'New technology in contact lens education: Nearpod and Socrative use' and 'How to perform a good multiple-choice quiz'. The session will be hosted by FIACLEs **Rolando Rojas, Orlando Neira** and **Guillermo Carrillo**.

In addition, 32% of speakers invited to this congress will be IACLE members and 90% of the IACLE speaker group are FIACLEs. Among the invited speakers are IACLE Executive Board member **Dr Percy Lazon de la Jara** and FIACLEs from Colombia, Uruguay and Perú.