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Another busy month for IACLE Americas

Contact lens educators from across Latin America gathered in Perú and Chile this month for the latest events organized by IACLE in the region. Guillermo Carrillo reports

IACLE Educators' Meeting in Lima, Perú

Thirty educators from six institutions in Perú, Colombia and Ecuador came together in Lima earlier this month for an IACLE Educational Meeting (8 November).

Asociación Peruana de Óptica y Optometría sponsored the venue as part of the activities of its 19th International Congress of Optics and Optometry.



Americas Regional Coordinator

Guillermo Carrillo invited educators from all Peruvian optometric institutions.

Opening the meeting he introduced new IACLE resources, including the **New ICLC** (IACLE Contact Lens Course), and invited members to join our live online lectures.

Following on from the [Third IACLE World Congress](#) (WC3), meeting topics were around the use of technology, the way students learn today and assessment of learning. FIACLEs **Edison Gamarra** (Perú), **Orlando Neira** (Colombia) and **Rolando Rojas** (Perú) were in charge of the session. They discussed how information and communication technology influences the way students learn – through Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp.

Multiple-choice exams and the best way to perform them, the use of [Socrative](#) to achieve the most effective assessment and, finally, [Nearpod](#) for more interactive classroom sessions, were demonstrated. All these topics were based on WC3 developments and members' leadership.

At the end of the meeting, IACLE Executive Board member **Dr Percy Lazon** thanked attendees and highlighted IACLE's efforts to offer this kind of on-site activity.

Additionally, FIACLEs **Dr Percy Lazon** (Australia), **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), **Rolando Rojas** (Perú), **Ana María Agudelo** (Colombia), **Orlando Neira** (Colombia), and IACLE members **Renzo Serrano** (Perú) and **Johnny Huayhua** (Perú), took part in the Peruvian Congress, offering 10 hours of continuing education through lectures and workshops.

Members' Activities and Industry in Perú and Chile

In other LA activities in Perú, MOTSA – a local company that represents IACLE's Platinum Sponsor, Alcon – organized a workshop on Toric Soft Contact Lenses at [Universidad Nacional Federico Villareal](#) (UNFV) in Lima (18 November). Sixteen students took part in this initiative. The workshop was delivered by IACLE member **Javier Villanueva**.



Soft torics were also the topic for a workshop led by **Guillermo Carrillo** at the Instituto San Fernando in Perú (17 November), thanks to sponsorship of contact lenses from Alcon, CooperVision and Bausch + Lomb. Fourteen final-year students attended this workshop and were very motivated to fit toric soft lenses in the near future.

