

## IACLE provides support for Brazilian optometry school

With a population of around 200m, Brazil is considered by the contact lens industry to be a priority country due the size of its potential market. IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo paid a visit to a school in the northeast of the country



Brazil has previously partnered with Colombian universities for implementing optometry schools within some local universities. The Ministry of Education (MEC) regulates all academic activities in Brazil so validation of an optometry course or curriculum requires MEC authorization.

[Facultade do Saúde de Paulista](#) (FASUP) is located in Paulista city in Pernambuco state in the northeast of the country. This private institution has 10 years of activity and offers an optometry program with a five-year curriculum. IACLE was invited to visit the school and deliver lectures to the students (4-8 April).



Optometry Director of the program is **FIACLE Anyella Scussel Malburg**, pictured with **Guillermo Carrillo** (left) and **Paulo Fávoro** (right). Anyella was born and trained as an optometrist in Colombia.

The optometry school has around 200 students at different levels and the program is approved by the MEC. The school also offers postgraduate courses in visual therapy and rehabilitation, neuro-optometry for visual rehabilitation and clinical optometry focused on public health.

Topics were presented by IACLE members **Jose Luis Delgado** (Argentina), **Paulo Fávaro** (Brazil) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú). Guillermo gave an update on IACLE activities in the region and demonstrated the use of IACLE resources and then José Luis and Paulo delivered presentations on Slit Lamp Biomicroscopy and Contact Lens Fitting Practice respectively.

The students were divided into three groups of around 27 students. Topics were focused on Anatomy and Physiology of the Anterior Segment, Preliminary Examination, RGP and Soft Contact Lens Fitting and some hot topics on Scleral Contact Lenses and Ortho-K. The whole group of students was then divided into three smaller groups for contact lens practice.

The program covered 40 hours of education in total. IACLE educational resources were provided to FASUP staff, who offered help with the translation into Portuguese of the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) (New ICLC).

