

IACLE hosts Contact Lenses Special Interest Group at Pula 2018

IACLE and its activities were top of the agenda during a meeting for members and contact lens practitioners at Pula 2018. FIACLE David Berkow reports from Croatia



SIG speakers Sebastian Marx (right) and Costas Katsoulos (third left) are pictured with delegates including David Berkow (centre)

The European Academy of Optometry and Optics Annual Conference, in conjunction with OCCSEE (Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe), was held in Pula, Croatia from 11-13 May. During the conference members of IACLE and other contact lens practitioners had a most informative meeting at the IACLE-organized Contact Lenses Special Interest Group (11 May). Fifteen delegates from 10 different countries came together to listen to three presentations.

SIG Coordinator, FIACLE **Sebastian Marx** from [Ernst Abbe University Jena](#) in Germany, gave a presentation explaining all about IACLE. He provided an update on IACLE activities all around the globe, with special attention to Asia. He informed us of the latest membership figures, and explained about the new resources and latest educational programs offered to members. He encouraged non-members to become members, highlighting the benefits.

We then went on to listen to a most interesting presentation by **Costas Katsoulos**, Director of Optometry at [Athens Eye Hospital](#) in Greece, entitled: 'The use of filters in contact lenses'. He described the use of filters to block out UV radiation and also blue light filters and their potential advantages. Costas then gave a presentation and update from his clinical experience concerning contact lens solutions.

This was followed by a lively discussion on both subjects presented, amongst all in the room. To summarize, this was a most informative, well attended meeting. Hopefully it created enthusiasm among non-members to join IACLE.

Elsewhere on the Pula 2018 program, educators **Giancarlo Montani** (Italy), **Heiko Pult** (Germany), **José González-Méijome** (Portugal), **Nicola Logan** (UK) and **David Berkow** (Israel) were among the speakers. And FIACLEs **Helmer Schweizer** (Switzerland) and **Nick Rumney** (UK) hosted sessions during the meeting.