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Sinaloa's Optometry College in Mexico offers Contact Lens Course

Last month, [Sinaloa's Optometry College](#) offered an Updating Contact Lens Course based on the [IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) (ICLC). Topics covered were: Anatomy and Physiology of the Anterior Eye; Corneal Topography – Measurements and Importance; Contact Lens Examination; Biomicroscopy; and Contact Lens Fitting. The course provided 40 hours of education to 12 attendees. FIACLE **Ruben Velázquez** was the facilitator for the course.



IACLE visits Optometry Program at AreAndina University in Colombia

Taking advantage of attending the IACLE Seminar during FEDOPTO's Congress, IACLE members visited the Optometry Program of [AreAndina University](#) in Pereira, Colombia and organized an academic event for students on 11 August. Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** had the opportunity to talk to the group about IACLE and its programs and the group were motivated to take the [Student Trial Exam](#). IACLE Executive Board member **Dr Orlando Neira** spoke about the relevance of IACLE in contact lens education.



After the academic event, members met with contact lens educators and the Optometry Program director **Carol Pinzón**. Topics discussed included documents for clinical management educators were working on to standardize processes, and step-by-step procedures in clinical practice. IACLE's LA Office will

involve educators from other institutions in this collaboration and evaluate the documents for inclusion as an IACLE resource.

Additionally, through collaboration with contact lens educators and researchers in [Universidad Complutense de Madrid](#) (UCM), Spain, the IACLE LA office is facilitating the recruitment of educators in other institutions to participate in dry eye and dry eye and contact lens studies led by **Dr Gonzalo Carracedo** at UCM. AreAndina educators agreed to be part of the study and include data and relevant information from Latin America. Educators in Perú will also participate.

This event had around 140 attendees and offered four academic hours. After the visit contact lens educators from the AreAndina Optometry Program agreed that students will sit an STE next November.

IACLE holds Contact Lens Seminar at FEDOPTO Congress



During the [FEDOPTO Congress](#) in Armenia, Colombia (12-14 August), IACLE Latin America had a prominent role on the program. On the opening day, IACLE had the responsibility of leading the contact lens section. The IACLE Seminar covered topics on contact lens proactivity, comfort, contact lenses for astigmatism and presbyopia, compliance and daily disposables, and contact lenses for irregular corneas.

Taking part were: FIACLEs **Fernando Ballesteros** (Colombia), **Rolando Rojas** (Perú), **Martin Giraldo** (IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year 2015), **Jorge Vargas** (IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year 2016), IACLE LA President **Sergio García**, IACLE Executive Board **Orlando Neira** and Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo**, along with IACLE members **Edward Carmona** (Venezuela) and **Leonardo Orjuela** (Colombia). Invited lecturers were **Lynette Johns** (USA) and **Gonzalo Carracedo** (Spain). From the [American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control](#) (AAOMC) group, **Javier Prada** (Costa Rica), **Cary Herzberg** (USA) and **Bruce Williams** (USA) took part in the program. The whole program offered seven hours of contact lens education for around 120 attendees.

During the meeting IACLE members and the AAOMC group discussed myopia control and orthokeratology. Pictured above (left to right) at this session are: **Dennis Leoung** (AAOMC), **Bruce Williams** (AAOMC/IACLE), **Gonzalo Carracedo** (European Academy of Orthokeratology, EuroK), **Javier Prada**, **Sergio García** (ALOCM/IACLE) and **Cary Herzberg** (AAOMC).



Pictured left (left to right) are: Orlando Neira, Martin Giraldo, Guillermo Carrillo, Sergio García, Jorge Vargas and Fernando Ballesteros. All of them are dressed in the IACLE shirt!

For this meeting we had the generous sponsorship from FEDOPTO, Alcon, Tecnoquimicas (Colombia), Boston B+L and Paragon Vision Sciences.

Among the take-home messages was that, in Latin America, astigmatism and presbyopia correction are still a challenge for eye care practitioners, who need to have more confidence in the products that the contact lens industry offers.

LA members support translation of New ICLC

IACLE members **Orlando Neira** (Colombia), **Rolando Rojas** (Perú), **Martin Giraldo** (Colombia) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) will be collaborating on the translation of the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) (ICLC). In the next two months, IACLE members will have six PowerPoint presentations from the new version of ICLC translated into Spanish. The IACLE Americas office encourages more members to be part of this initiative.