

IACLE Americas recognizes La Salle Optometry Program

This year the Optometry Program at [La Salle University](#) in Bogotá celebrates its 50th anniversary. This is oldest optometry program in South America and has been the most influential in the development of Latin American optometry. During the [13th International Seminar of Vision Sciences](#) (6-8 October), organized by the Optometry Program, the IACLE Americas office recognized the La Salle Optometry Program for its educational path and for being the most influential group of IACLE members in the region. IACLE President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** sent a video message congratulating La Salle as well.

The academic event celebrating the anniversary offered a range of topics. In the Contact Lens and Ocular Surface section, lectures and panel were covered by experts to show contact lens designs and material advancements, contact lens solutions effectiveness, contact lens fitting to irregular corneas and the implications for the ocular surface of some systemic diseases.



Pictured (left to right) are: **Dr Jairo Garcia** (Dean), **Guillermo Carrillo** (IACLE Regional Coordinator) and **Edgar Leguizamon** (Vice-Dean).