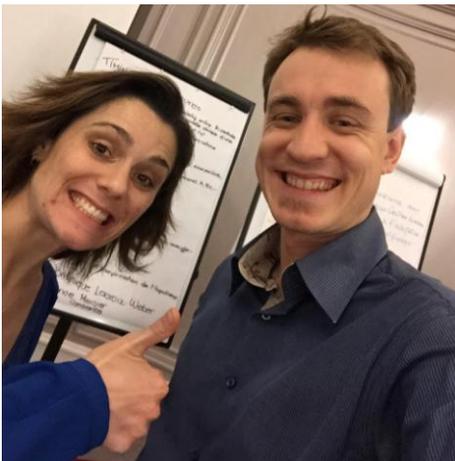


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From Paris with love: French educators learn about the benefits of IACLE

Ways to improve the teaching of contact lenses in France were on the agenda as Alcon hosted a meeting of French educators in Paris last month (14 January). Marina Barthe from the Institut Supérieur



d'Optique in Bordeaux represented IACLE at the meeting and sent this report



The meeting was organized by Alcon with FIACLE **Jonathan Douaud** (pictured above with **Marina Barthe**) and 24 French contact lens educators took part. The theme was around 'How to improve our education' and new pedagogical approaches.

FIACLE **Samuel Avril** delivered a lecture on the structure of teaching in France, its strengths and weaknesses. It seemed that contact lens education was well structured and followed IACLE topics, but some key points – such as the lack of correlation between central keratometry readings and soft contact lens fit, and spherical aberrations in simultaneous vision contact lenses – were not necessarily well taught. We also needed to improve on business aspects of contact lenses, and how to be profitable in practice.

Marina Barthe discussed how IACLE could help educators, using a dynamic presentation with interactive questions on smartphone and analysis of replies in real time. She expressed the hope that the number of IACLE members in France would improve.

After some news from the [NCC2016](#) and [TFOS 2016](#) meetings, educators worked in groups with a professional trainer in order to improve pedagogical approaches in our weaker subjects: central keratometry, aberrations in simultaneous vision contact lenses, refraction with these lenses, and contact lens products. It was helpful to educators to talk about these topics in creative ways: using mind-mapping instead of slides, [Padlet](#), online quizzes and role play, and working on new technological devices.

A great day for IACLE in France, and for all French educators! Kisses from France ;)

- The Alcon meeting coincided with the 36th Congrès d'Optométrie et de la Contactologie (COC 2017), also held in Paris (15-16 January). The congress is organised by the [Association des Optométristes de France](#) (AOF).