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IACLE members in Guatemala take part in industry workshop

IACLE member **Aldo Ortiz** from the [Universidad Galileo Quetzaltenando – Guatemala](#) reports on a soft contact lens workshop with the support of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care (7 March).



This was the first workshop of 2017 and we hope to have more interaction with industry and students this year. The group of 30 students actively participated in the one-day workshop.

Aldo commented that they benefit from continuous collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Alcon and X-Cel. IACLE encourages its members to contact local companies to get involved in these educational activities.

Peruvian students organize three-day optometry event

In Perú, students from the optometry program at the [Universidad Federico Villareal \(UNFV\)](#) invited FIACLEs **Rolando Rojas** and **Guillermo Carrillo** to lecture at an optometry event held from 24-26 March. The students organized the three-day program and our members provided four hours of education on a variety of topics, such as contact lens proactivity, astigmatism, problem-solving and current developments in myopia control. A total of 35 students from the UNFV optometry program took part. Pictured is Guillermo with the group of students.



IACLE LA and AMFECCO meet in Mexico with heads of optometry schools



Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** participated in the recent [AMFECCO Meeting](#). AMFECCO is working hard to improve the level of optometry in Mexico. The IACLE message was focused on gaining members from 10 academic institutions that are part of AMFECCO, and encouraging more activity through IACLE members supporting academic initiatives. IACLE member and [FEDOPTO](#) President

Johana Garzón (Colombia) reinforced the message as she explained that closer collaboration between IACLE and FEDOPTO in recent years has been beneficial in strengthening contact lens education.

Massive Student Trial Exam planned for Latin America

During the next [FEDOPTO Conference](#) on 5 August, IACLE and the FEDOPTO Board have agreed to invite students from the eight optometry programs in Colombia to join a massive sitting of the IACLE Student Trial Exam (STE). Heads of optometry schools have received the invitation and optometry programs from [Areandina](#) (Pereira) and [Universidad Antonio Nariño](#) (Bogotá and Medellin) have already joined their students up for this initiative. We expect to have all Colombian schools involved.

The STE is a very good diagnostic tool of the impact of educators on their students and allows educators to assess contact lens knowledge by area. Educators can then establish strategies to remediate weak areas, leading to better contact lens practitioners in the future.

- Find out more about the Student Trial Exam [here](#)