

FIACLEs have highlighted participation in 1st Optics Congress in Cordoba



FIACLEs **Juan Pablo Luna** (Argentina), **Sabrina Lara** (Argentina), **Eduardo Salischiker** (Argentina), **Patricia Magnelli** (Argentina) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) were the highlighted speakers at the [1st Optics Congress](#), held in Cordoba, Argentina (13-15 April).

More than 85 attendees took part in the comprehensive full-day program from the [Colegio de Opticos de la Provincia de Cordoba](#). **Ana María Buceta**, president of the college, was very pleased with the high-quality lectures offered by FIACLEs and thanked IACLE for the opportunity for the college to become an IACLE Resource Centre. FIACLEs Sabrina Lara and Juan Pablo Luna were key in establishing the IACLE Resource Centre in this institution.

IACLE LA hosts Web Lecture on myopia control in Colombia



The IACLE LA Office has provided a one-hour [Web Lecture](#) for students and staff at [Areandina Bogotá](#) (Colombia). Over 45 students (pictured) and two IACLE members took part in the live online lecture on 10 April. This program allows IACLE members to exchange their experience with others. In this opportunity the topic was delivered by **Guillermo Carrillo**, IACLE Americas

Regional Coordinator, who lectured on myopia control. **Carolina Rodriguez** was the local IACLE member who coordinated this activity.

USTA promotes meeting to share educational experiences

The 6th Optometry Congress of Universidad Santo Tomas (USTA) took place in Bucaramanga, Colombia (20-21 April). This event included the first meeting of Teaching Experiences in Optometry. The goal was for each optometry program to share strategies and didactic tools for daily teaching. Programs participating were: Universidad del Sinú (Cartagena), Areandina (Pereira), USTA (Bucaramanga), Universidad de La Salle (Bogota) and Universidad Queretaro (México).



FIACLE **Jorge Vargas** (Universidad de La Salle) (pictured) was awarded La Salle Hum@nisTIC Optometry for his innovative teaching strategies. Jorge mentioned that his knowledge of innovations in educational apps was gained during the 2015 Third IACLE World Congress. He demonstrated the Showbie and Socrative apps to La Salle students. Based on this experience, this year La Salle is implementing assessment strategies on the Socrative platform.



During the USTA congress, IACLE members also took part in the contact lens module. This module was based on clinical experience and FIACLES **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) and **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia) joined an expert panel (pictured, left to right, are: Guillermo Carrillo, **Edward Carmona** and Jorge Vargas). The congress had around 400 attendees and offered 20 hours of continuing education.

IACLE Americas contributes to CL Certification Course in Ecuador



The final session of the Contact Lens Certification course was held in Quito, Ecuador last month (25 and 26 April). This CL course was launched with 15 sessions and 120 hours. The curriculum of the course includes various topics beginning with contact lens basics, fitting, management and special topics such as scleral lenses and myopia control. A total of 42 practitioners took

part. This initiative was supported by Alcon, Grupo OLA and X-Cel. IACLE Americas collaborated with the program and IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo was invited for the final session on myopia control. Pictured above is the whole group at the closing ceremony, with FIACLE **Gabriel Lalama** (Ecuador) who led the project.

IACLE LA Office on Radio – IACLE in the World



Este Miércoles 25 de Abril, en el Programa de IACLE, tendremos como invitados a la **Dra. Yasmin Álvarez** (Ecuador) y a la **Dra. Louren Escobar** (Guatemala).

Con quienes conversaremos sobre "IMPORTANCIA DE LA VALORACIÓN DE LA PELÍCULA LAGRIMAL"

9:30 am (Colombia, Perú, Ecuador y México)
11:30 am (Argentina, Uruguay & Brasil)
8:30 am (Centroamérica)

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Members from different parts of the region share with colleagues and other members their experiences and comments on education.

This is an easy way to develop closer links between IACLE members across our region. Some members are interested in using these interviews as part of their educational resources.

IACLE in the World has so far reached 10 countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Nicaragua and USA.

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