

Aldo acts as IACLE ambassador for Central America congress

FIACLE **Aldo Ortiz** (Guatemala) was invited to lecture at the [9th Central America Optometry Congress](#). The event took place on 1 and 2 June in Guatemala City. Aldo is an enthusiastic and active IACLE member and was an IACLE ambassador for this event.



Aldo also delivered a workshop to the final-year optometry group of [Universidad Galileo](#) in Guatemala (2 June). Around 20 students took part in the contact lens fitting workshop. Additionally, students showed presentations of some models of the eye, ocular adnexa and contact lenses.



Pictured (left) are two students during the hands-on workshop and (below) some of the models presented by the students



IACLE reaches new heights at Quito symposium



More than 300 attendees took part in the 2nd International Contact Lens and Innovation Symposium (**II SIILC**), held in Quito, Ecuador last month (1 and 2 June). FIACLEs **Andrea Villegas** (Ecuador) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (pictured, Perú) joined IACLE members **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), **Edgar Davila** (Puerto Rico), **Juan Pablo y Carlos Chacón** (Ecuador) and **Leticia Orozco** (Mexico), who were among the highlighted lecturers. IACLE Fellows and members provided around 30% of the academic program.

Americas office promotes the benefits of IACLE in Ecuador



IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** invited educators from Ecuador to an IACLE information meeting (2 June), where activities, resources and benefits were presented to around 30 attendees. The SIILC organization hosted the event and provided IACLE with facilities for this meeting.

The IACLE Americas office is intending to enroll more members from Ecuador and this was a good opportunity to create awareness of the benefits to being part of IACLE.

UMET discusses the relevance of myopia and its management

'Why childhood myopia must be our concern' was the title for IACLE member **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), who was invited to UMET in Quito to give a lecture around the topic of myopia and its control in clinical practice.

The optometrist's role in myopia control is becoming more and more relevant, not just in correcting refractive error but creating awareness of problems associated with myopia.

Pictured are attendees at the myopia forum



FIACLEs in the vanguard of contact lens practice



Around 150 delegates attended the 4th Vanguard Optometry Congress in Panajachel, Guatemala (30 June – 1 July). FIACLEs **Nelson Merchan** (pictured, Colombia) and **Aldo Ortiz** (Guatemala) were among the highlighted lecturers at the congress. More than 80% of the topics discussed concerned contact lenses. Topics included the tear film and ocular surface, the benefits of contact lenses for high ametropias, innovations in daily disposables for improving comfort, specialty contact lenses and RGP torics

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Conduce el Coordinador Regional Américas
Guillermo Carrillo, BOptom, FIACLE

Every Wednesday from 9.30 to 10.30 am (UTC-5), IACLE members participate in an IACLE radio program via support from www.franjavisualradio.com. Topics in June included daily replacement contact lenses in Latin America, managing childhood keratoconus with contact lenses, and contact lens wear in low vision patients. IACLE members who took part this month were **Sandra Villegas** (México), **Zuley Cañon** (Colombia), **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), **Elihú Mexía** (México), FIACLE **Paola Ramirez** (Colombia) and **Ingrid Pedraza** (Argentina).