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## West Indian students join virtual conference on speciality lenses



Each month IACLE's Global Member Newsletter provides links to useful resources for contact lens educators worldwide. IACLE member in the West Indies Niall Farnon found a recent resource especially helpful

Highlighted in our October newsletter, [GPLIwire2017](#) was a virtual CE conference that focused on specialty contact lenses. Participation was offered at no charge to optometry students and faculty. The

conference was sponsored by the [GP Lens Institute](#) (GPLI) and [ODwire.org](#) and was open until December 2017. There were two tracks focusing on sclerals, orthokeratology, custom soft lenses, presbyopia, hybrids, managing ocular conditions and instrumentation used in specialty fitting.

IACLE member **Niall Farnon** (pictured above center) from [The University of the West Indies Optometry Program](#) spotted the resource in our newsletter. Students at the university took part in the conference and benefited from the experience, as he describes:

'This virtual speciality lens conference provided extremely useful and relevant information to us students in Trinidad and Tobago. We can now use this vast wealth of knowledge that was made available to us at no cost, to help our future optometry careers.

'The lectures were well presented with the use of relevant diagrams and illustrations which created a better understanding for all of us, specifically with regards to the current statistics available on myopia control and the use of speciality contact lenses for more than just refractive correction.

'As future optometrists, these lectures also contributed in keeping us abreast of what is happening as new technology is being developed each day. It showed the uses of the variety of things that we are capable of doing on our own as professionals in the field of optometry. We do intend to incorporate as much of it as possible into our day to day practice.

'We at UWI Optometry would like to express gratitude to IACLE and GPLIwire2017 for letting us be a part of the online system of lectures and we do look forward to participating in the next available virtual conference. We count ourselves as fortunate to have been able to access these lectures as students.'

- GPLI is the educational division of the [Contact Lens Manufacturers Association](#) and provides a range of resources including webinars.