

A month in pictures: a roundup of activities from IACLE members in LA

FIACLE **Aldo Ortiz** from Guatemala reported another workshop, this time on RGP contact lenses, with students from the Optometry Program of [Universidad Galileo Quetzaltenando – Guatemala](#) (13 May).



Additionally, students from Universidad Galileo attended a conference the same day (attendees' group pictured left)

With the sponsorship of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, **Dr Luis Villar** from Mexico hosted a webinar (right) about supporting the needs of contact lens wearers.



IACLE members **Javier Prada** (Costa Rica) and **José Lay** (Perú) played a prominent role in the [8th Central American Optometry Congress](#) held from 26-27 May in Guatemala. 'Myopia control' and 'Problems when fitting contact lenses' were their respective topics. Dr Prada is pictured left delivering his lecture.



In Ecuador, a Contact Lens Symposium took place, under an initiative from IACLE members **Edward Carmona** (Venezuela) and **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), and with the support of [Colegio de Optometristas de Pichincha](#). This two-day event (20-21 May) had two other IACLE members as highlighted speakers: **Leticia Orozco** (México) and **Juan Pablo Chacón** (Ecuador). The event offered more than 13 hours for around 100 attendees.



In Colombia, FIACLEs **Myriam T Mayorga** and **Fernando Ballesteros**, both from Colombia, were the team in charge of the last two events in [FEDOPTO](#)'s Continuous Education Program (PEC). Two Colombian cities were visited on 6 May (Villa de Leyva) and 20 May 20 (Pereira) by both FIACLEs. Topics addressed were related to 'Preliminary examination before contact lens fitting', 'Technology and design related to comfort improvements' and 'Contact lens compliance to achieve successful fittings'. Around 90 contact lens practitioners (pictured left) benefited from more than 10 hours of continuing education.

Again in Colombia, **Guillermo Carrillo**, IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator, was invited by the [Master in Vision Sciences Program of Universidad de La Salle](#) to lecture on 'The adverse effects of contact lenses'. He provided 12 hours of education for the Master's students. Guillermo (left) is pictured right with the whole group.



IACLE speakers deliver lectures online to Bogotá

IACLE member **Mary Fuentes** from [Areandina Bogotá](#) (Colombia) coordinated this IACLE event where IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) and FIACLE **Sergey Cusato** (Brazil) participated. The event offered near 4 hours of different contact lens topics: 'Corneal topography and post-surgical patients', 'Dry eye – classic tests vs new ones', 'OrthoK and myopia control', 'RGPs for irregular cornea patients' and 'Design of RGP contact lenses'. More than 50 students and educators attended. Sergey (below right) and Guillermo both offered online lectures for the attendees.



Areandina Pereira holds full-day IACLE event



Contact Lens Forum

The Contact Lens Forum at [Areandina Pereira](#) began early in the morning of 25 May with the participation of IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo**. Guillermo presented an overview of contact lens fitting and the remaining challenges in contact lens practice. Within the program, IACLE had the opportunity to present the [Student Trial Exam](#) (STE) option to optometry students, inviting them to join the huge STE sitting to be held in August

during the [FEDOPTO Congress](#) in Bogotá. Students were also advised about other IACLE programs and benefits for members, and the future of contact lens education. This program offered 4 hours of lectures and students also played an active part through presentation of case reports of patients seen in the university's clinics. Nearly 100 students in their final year attended the meeting.

Research Meeting

In the afternoon, FIACLEs **Ana María Agudelo** and **Orlando Neira**, with IACLE member **Lina Jaramillo**, led a research report session for students to introduce their research projects (pictured right). Our Regional Coordinator was the keynote speaker, showing future developments in the clinical assessment of the tear film and dry eye through signs such as lid-parallel conjunctival folds (LPCOF) and lid wiper epitheliopathy (LWE).



Graduate Update

Finally, the day ended with a Graduate Update session. The Areandina Optometry Program has established a new approach with its graduates, introducing an update cycle as part of the support to achieve improvements in practitioners' knowledge and skills. For this session, the invited speaker was IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo**



Carrillo (pictured above). Guillermo provided an update on the contact lens practitioner's role and responsibilities, and described his approach to myopia control and the need for intervention in this scenario.

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