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IACLE delegation spotted in Dalmatian resort

The Dalmatian coast proved a popular venue for OCCSEE 2016, the Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe. And this year, for the first time, the conference included a special IACLE meeting for educators, as David Berkow reports



Pictured (left to right) at the IACLE Educator Meeting in Split are Wolfgang Sickenberger, Sebastian Marx, David Berkow, Eef van der Worp, Kristina Mihic and Helmer Schweizer

The 3rd Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe (OCCSEE) took place in Split, Croatia (14-16 April). The conference was attended by over 400 participants, with lecturers and delegates from more than 20 countries.

IACLE was allotted a slot on the program on Friday 15 April. This event was well attended both by all IACLE members present at the conference as well as other contact lens educators from across Europe attending the event.

Croatian educator **Kristina Mihic** chaired the meeting and welcomed all the participants. FIACLE **David Berkow** from Israel gave a presentation explaining IACLE and its benefits to the non-members present. He also gave an updated report on IACLE, reviewing all the latest developments within IACLE, including the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#).

He was followed by a presentation by Kristina who described the contact lens syllabus at the Optometry Faculty at the [University of Applied Science Velica Gorica](#) in Croatia. She also enlightened us on the Optometry Summer Institute which was held in Zadar.

Her presentation was followed by a lecture by **Professor Wolfgang Sickenberger** from the [Jena University of Applied Science](#) explaining the optometric syllabus and the research being done at his university.

Sebastian Marx, from the same university, followed on and spoke about 'Migraines and contact lenses' using a green tinted contact lens. He mentioned that they were short of patients so any educator within IACLE who wishes to take part in the study should contact him.

The next person to speak was the 2014 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year for the EAME region, **Dr Eef van der Worp**, from the [University of Maastricht](#) in the Netherlands. Eef gave a presentation on 'Analyzing the ocular surface shape'. He spoke about two new instruments, namely the SMAP 3D and the Eaglet Eye.

The final speaker was the 2015 winner of the same award, **Helmer Schweizer**, Head Professional Affairs Distributor Franchise in EURMEA at Alcon, who gave an update on the subject of disposable lenses and lens manufacturing.

Thank you to EAME Regional President **Judith Morris** and to Kristina Mihić for making this event possible. Find more information on OCCSEE 2016 [here](#).