

# IACLE shares its impactful activities of 2017

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) is a one-stop hub for contact lens professionals from across the globe. Today, the association enables contact lens educators to access enriching educational content that they can use to further their knowledge of the optical industry. IACLE supports and brings together professionals to excel in the industry, in order to bring out the best of products and services for the customers.

In a recent press release, IACLE shared its yearly activities of 2017, which were buzzing with new collaborations, thought-provoking sessions, insightful workshops and varied events. IACLE proudly shared that many new IACLE members have since joined the initiative. It has also been noted that IACLE added new educational resources to improve the quality of contact lens teaching.

## The Activity Summary 2017 highlighted the following:

- Since 1990, resources and training has been provided to more than 2,200 contact lens educators from 91 countries.
- IACLE had 782 active members in 71 countries by December, 2017 (Dec 2016: 731).
- Nearly half (47%) hail from China, India, Korea, Taiwan, Mexico, Brazil and Russia (IACLE's Global Priority Countries).
- IACLE members connected with 19,600 students (approx) in 560 institutions.
- A total of 154 candidates appeared for the 2017 Fellowship Exam and 84 were successful. Currently, there are 328 active FIACLEs (Fellows of IACLE) worldwide.



Hosted by IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo, IACLE in the World is a new weekly broadcast via Franja Visual Radio, a web-based program with an audience of more than 100 eye care practitioners in Latin America

- The session, 'IACLE Congress on Contact Lens Education' was held in Hyderabad in September.
- A monthly resource called Research Update was introduced.
- A weekly radio broadcast was introduced via Franja Visual Radio in Latin America, called IACLE in the World.

In 2017, IACLE's sponsors, Alcon, CooperVision and Johnson & Johnson Vision and Euclid Systems supported its exclusive contact lens programs worldwide, and in the last quarter of 2017, Bausch + Lomb renewed its support by becoming a sponsor at the Bronze level.



More than 100 delegates from 20 countries joined the IACLE Congress on Contact Lens Education in Hyderabad, India in September 2017