

### Education crosses borders: from Uruguay to Brazil



FIACLE **Daniela Garese** (Uruguay) collaborated with [Instituto Brasileiro de Treinamento e Pesquisa em Lentes de Contato](#) (IBTPLC) in Sao Paulo, Brazil (15-17 October).

IBTPLC is an institution that offers postgraduate training to contact lens practitioners in Brazil. IBTPLC is led by FIACLE **Sergey Cusato** and from time to time he invites other IACLE members to support his institution and enrich education with different experiences for its contact lens students.

Daniela (pictured) offered 24 hours of training in soft contact lens fitting and workshops for eight students. She received support from Boston Bausch + Lomb and IBTPLC.

### IACLE members from J&J Argentina offer workshops to students

Associate members **Ingrid Pedraza, Gabriel Cordone** and **Enzo Ghiliasa y Felipe Bilbao** developed an intensive academic activity for the optician and contactology program of the [Universidad de Buenos Aires](#) (UBA), Argentina.

The program reached 25 students and six educators from UBA, over four days in October. Members delivered training in slit-lamp biomicroscopy, astigmatic contact lens fitting and advances in contact lenses. This activity offered around 10 hours of education and was developed in small groups to help students achieve meaningful learning.



The IACLE LA office thanks the J&J group for being proactive and demonstrating the synergy between IACLE and industry.

### IACLE visits the Universidad Técnica de Manabi in Ecuador

Around 40 students took part in this academic event where IACLE members **Augusto Rosse** (Chile), FIACLE **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia), FIACLE **Andrea Villegas** (Ecuador) and **Héctor Velasquez** (Venezuela) joined Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to visit and lecture at the [Universidad Técnica de Manabí](#) in Ecuador (18 October). IACLE members offered 5 hours of diverse topics around specialty contact lenses, myopia control, astigmatism and presbyopia.



Pictured above, FIACLE Andrea Villegas lecturing to students.



Pictured left (left to right): Guillermo Carrillo (Peru), Andrea Villegas (Ecuador), Hector Velasquez (Venezuela), Laura Centeno (Mexico), Katherine Gonzales (Ecuador), Freddy Moreno (Colombia), Mónica Márquez (Colombia), Patricia Duráb (Ecuador), Luz Gonzales (Colombia), and educators from UTM.

The optometry program at UTM is launching a Master of Sciences program which emphasizes contact lenses and visual therapy. **Patricia Duran** (UTM) has asked IACLE to collaborate with the program and proposed that FIACLEs be part of the teaching staff.

### IACLE takes the stage during National Optometry Congress in Ecuador



The [VI International and VII National Optometry Congress](#) was held in Manabí, Ecuador on 19 and 20 October. IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** delivered the opening lecture.

IACLE members from LA provided lectures and workshops on a variety of topics: myopia control, contact lens management, keratoconus management, scleral lenses and the ocular surface. Taking part were **Augusto Rosse** (Chile), FIACLE **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), FIACLE **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia), FIACLE **Andrea Villegas** (Ecuador), **Carlos Chacón** (Ecuador), **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), **Héctor Velasquez** (Venezuela) and **Raul Ramos** (Mexico).

IACLE member **Yasmin Alvarez** (Ecuador) was very grateful and pleased with the IACLE group and the lectures they offered to more than 250 attendees. IACLE members offered 6 hours of continuing education lectures.




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**Miércoles de Contactología**  
Este Miércoles 31 de Octubre en el Programa de Radio de IACLE, tendremos como invitados a:



**Dr. Oscar Blanco**  
(Colombia)



**Opt. Enzo Ghiliasa**  
(Argentina)

El tema de esta semana: "¿Cómo Optimizar el Cumplimiento en el Uso de LC?"

- 9:30 am (Colombia, Perú, Ecuador y México)
- 11:30 am (Argentina, Uruguay & Brasil)
- 8:30 am (Centroamérica)

**LOS ESPERAMOS!!!**

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## IACLE LA Office on Radio – IACLE in the World

This month IACLE Radio Program is still ongoing, having 39 weeks on air to date. Every week a couple of IACLE members are part of IACLE Radio Program through the support of [www.franjavisualradio.com](http://www.franjavisualradio.com).

Members from different parts of the region are taking part to share with colleagues their experiences and comments about their educational markets. This month topics were around: scleral lenses – first steps and learning curve; adverse events in hydrogel and silicone hydrogel contact lens wearers; silicone hydrogel and its more common problems; signs and symptoms in keratoconus patients; and how to improve compliance in contact lens wear.

IACLE members who took part this month were **Marcos Gimenez** (Argentina), **Hector Velasquez** (Venezuela), FIACLE **Ana María Agudelo** (Colombia) and her students: **Katherin Bustos** and **Nathalia Acevedo** (Colombia), FIACLE **Orlando Neira** (Colombia), **Ghuillerme Cassiano** (Brazil), **Amalia Diaz** (Mexico), **Oscar Blanco** (Colombia) and **Enzo Ghiliasa** (Argentina).

*IACLE in the World has so far reached 10 countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Nicaragua and USA.*

*[Franja Visual Radio](http://www.franjavisualradio.com) is web-based radio with an audience of more than 100 eye care practitioners.*

*The program goes every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am (UTC-5). Recorded programs can be accessed via the following link:*

*<http://www.franjavisualradio.com/index.php/programas-especiales/iacle>*