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**Mexican university launches contact lens course with support from IACLE**

[La Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores Unidad](#) (ENES UNAM) in León, Mexico is an optometry program that opened two years ago. This year students will begin a contact lens curriculum. **Lizbeth Uribe** is the Dean of the program and IACLE member **Juan Pimentel** will be the contact lens educator in charge. They are committed to closer communication with IACLE and to establishing a new [IACLE Resource Centre](#) for educators and students. FIACLE **Jesús Espinoza** from Tamaulipas offered a workshop on binocular vision and myopia to 20 attendees last month (26 January).



ENES UNAM launched its contact lens course from 18-25 January. The course comprised 180 hours and had eight participants. Some local contact lens companies collaborated with lectures and resources. Pictured left is FIACLE **Elihu Mexia** from CooperVision donating a contact lens trial set to the university. Local company Lumilent offered lectures on hybrid contact lenses and scleral lenses, through sponsorship from SynergEyes and Blanchard Contact Lenses.

**IACLE LA Office on radio – IACLE in the World**



Every week, this program offers the opportunity for a couple of IACLE members to be interviewed by IACLE Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo, through the support of [www.franjavisualradio.com](http://www.franjavisualradio.com).

This month topics were around: IACLE and contact lens education; Novel treatments to correct refractive errors; Risk factors in contact lenses; Don't sell contact lenses but fit contact lenses; High eccentricity for correcting keratoconus with contact lenses. IACLE members who took part this month were **Orlando Neira** (Colombia), **Juan Camilo Cuesta** (Colombia), **Melania Astúa** (Costa Rica) and **Ernesto Ortega** (Colombia).

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>