

### IACLE LA explores use of TV at Costa Rica university



This month IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** visited the Optometry Program of the [Universidad Latina de Costa Rica](#) (2 November). **Dr Augusto Díaz** (above left), Dean of the program, provided a guided tour of the optometry and contact lens clinics. The university has very good facilities and optometry collaborates with other programs, including the communication program.

The university also has a studio for broadcasting open TV programs for Costa Rica. Pictured above right (left to right): are Dr Díaz, IACLE member **Melania Astúa** (Costa Rica) and Guillermo Carrillo (Perú), during a demonstration of the studio set. The idea of promoting contact lens education to patients through a TV program will be explored in future.

### Americas office promotes IACLE membership in Argentina

The [Contactología Sin Fronteras](#) meeting was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina last month (16 and 17 November). More than half of the speakers on the program were IACLE members or FIACLEs: IACLE Secretary **Dr Janice Jurkus** (USA) (pictured right), **Augusto Rose** (Chile), **Eef van der Worp** (Netherlands), Guillermo Carrillo (Perú), **Sabrina Lara** (Argentina), **Juan Pablo Luna** (Argentina), **Yenny Ferraris** (Argentina), **Martin Conway** (UK) and **Edgar Davila** (Puerto Rico).

During the program IACLE Americas presented an update of activities during 2018 and invited attendees to be proactive and join IACLE.



Elsewhere on the program, Guillermo Carrillo presented FIACLE **Sabrina Lara**, from the Universidad Nacional Villa Maria in Córdoba, Argentina, with a certificate in recognition of her 2018 IACLE Travel Award. More than 250 attendees witnessed the ceremony.

Sabrina chose to use her award to travel to the FEDOPTO Congress in Colombia in August 2018.

Find out more about IACLE Travel Awards [here](#)



## FIACLEs take the lead in journey around the cornea



FIACLEs **Rolando Rojas** and Guillermo Carrillo were among the speakers at the 17th Optometry Journey of [Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal](#) in Perú (23 and 24 November). FIACLEs offered 7 hours of continuing education on diverse topics: a workshop on corneal topography, keratoconus classification based on morphology, and topographical patterns and orthokeratology. Around 60 eye care practitioners attended this event.

## Educators from across the region meet up in Mexico



Members from eight institutions in Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and Perú attended an IACLE Educators' Meeting (30 November) to coincide with the ALDOO Congress in León Guanajuato, Mexico.

Facilitators were FIACLEs **Fernando Ballesteros** (Colombia), **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia), **Ricardo Flores** (Mexico), **Ruben Velazquez** (Mexico) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú). Topics were around information and communication technologies applied to contact lens education, how to use slit lamp biomicroscopy for registering and other uses, and the flipped classroom. The program included a session on how to improve contact lens education for the future. **Arturo Aguirre** from Guadalajara suggested implementing a discussion forum for students from different countries and institutions. This idea needs to be explored to look for the best way to involve students in future developments.

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



**Miércoles de Contactología**  
Este Miércoles 21 de Noviembre en el Programa de Radio de IACLE, tendremos como invitados a:



**Dr. Fernando Ballesteros** (Colombia)    **Dr. Jorge G. Vargas** (Colombia)

**El tema de esta semana: "Control de la Miopía y Lentes de Contacto en Niños"**

- 9:00 am (Colombia, Perú, Ecuador)
- 11:00 am (Argentina, Uruguay & Brasil)
- 8:00 am (Centroamérica y México)

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This month the IACLE Radio Program, IACLE in the World, is celebrating one year on air. 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 corneal biomechanics, custom soft contact lenses for pediatric contact lens fitting, and myopia control and contact lenses in children. IACLE members who took part were **Deyanira Rojas** (Colombia), **Sabrina Lara** and **Juan Pablo Luna** (Argentina), **Fernando Ballesteros** and **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia)

*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>