

IACLE reaches out across China with annual meeting

Members from 20 institutes and companies gathered in Shanghai last month for the annual IACLE China meeting. China National Coordinator Qu Xiaomei chaired the meeting and sent this report



IACLE China conducted its annual Members' Meeting and Train-the-Trainer program on 11-12 October at [Shanghai University of Medicine and Health Sciences](#). A total of 29 delegates attended (17 Educator Members, four Industry Members and eight industry representatives) from institutes across China.* Industry representatives and members attended from all five IACLE corporate sponsors: Alcon, CooperVision , Johnson & Johnson Vision, Bausch + Lomb and Euclid. IACLE members throughout China were able to take part via a WeChat link.



IACLE China National Coordinator (Shanghai) **Qu Xiaomei** (pictured) chaired the meeting and introduced the participants. The meeting began with the head of the optometry department **Professor Chen Feng Zhen** providing an introduction to the university, and a welcome from President **Liu Min Juan**.

Xiaomei provided an update on IACLE. IACLE always hopes to introduce more industry to be involved in the schools program. We are so happy to find that B+L's contact lens training centers mimic the actual working

scene. This will give students more chance to experience practical work early on. All attendees were invited to join the opening ceremony of the training centers.



Director of Educational Development **Dr Lewis Williams** (pictured back row center and below) was IACLE's guest speaker. Lew gave lecturers on how to teach toric contact lenses, presbyopia and orthokeratology.

China National Coordinator (Tianjin) **Wang Haiying** invited members from schools to share their experiences as to how to evaluate the practical skills of students. Haiying also discussed how to use IACLE resources more efficiently.

Xiaomei introduced IACLE's monthly Research Update program and we had a lecture on 'How to do clinical research and apply for funding'. **Dr Zheng Ke** from Fudan University shared his experiences on how to find interesting topics and how to gain public recognition as a young teacher. And **Zhang Mingyan** from Shenzhen Institute of Technology described her own experiences of applying for research funding.

The workshop session gave all attendees hands-on experience with soft multifocal contact lenses. Hai Ying set the WeChat link to all members, so those who did not attend the meeting could hear the lectures at the same time.



Industry representatives from Alcon, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision and Bausch + Lomb shared their latest information about products and marketing. The attendees were engaged, asking questions and describing their own experiences. Everyone agreed it was a great learning experience, which enhanced their teaching of contact lenses.

IACLE wishes to thank the organisers, speakers and attendees for making this meeting a great success. A special thanks to Shanghai University of Health Science for the use of their facilities, specifically to **Professor Chen Feng Zhen** for making the arrangements.

* Institutes taking part included:

He Si Medical College, Zhengzhou Railway Vocational and Technology College, Shandong Medical College Jinan, Nanjing Medical University Affiliated Eye Hospital, Jingling Institute of Technology, Shenzhen Institute of Technology, Yongzhou Vocational Technical College, Nanjing Tongren Hospital, Beijing Internet Eyecare Optometry & Ophthalmology Clinic, Shanghai Second Polytechnic University, Affiliated Eye Hospital of Suzhou Health College of Technology, Haichang Contact Lens Company, Itabashi Trading, Fuzhou Children Hospital of Fujian Province.