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IACLE India hails the success of 2018 Members' Meetings

'Great job IACLE India. IACLE worldwide' was how one delegate summed up the experience of attending one of the annual Members' Meetings held at three locations during October. Nilesh Thite reports on the program and feedback from members



The IACLE India Members' Meetings of year 2018 were conducted at [Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital](#), New Delhi (pictured above) (3-4 October), [Lotus College of Optometry](#), Mumbai (20-21 October) and [Sankara Nethralaya](#), Chennai (7-28 October). A total of 58 members attended (15, 22 and 21 members respectively).

Industry was well represented by **Rajesh Kumar** from Alcon, **Rupam Sinha** from CooperVision and **Khemraj Nackwal**, **Pushendra Singh** and **Jayashree Sekar** from Bausch + Lomb,. They gave very informative talks on advanced technology.

The meetings began with IACLE Director of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** and Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** welcoming members and sharing the objectives of the meeting. They also gave a detailed update on IACLE and its resources. Online resources such as the New ICLC, Case Reports Series and Image Collection were demonstrated step by step. Members were encouraged to contribute to various resources/programs such as Image of the Month and Distance Learning Program.

During this session the importance of IACLE resources, how to use them, and how to navigate the IACLE website were all explained. The next lecture was about technology in teaching. Every delegate gave inputs on how they are using technology and how it can be enhanced.



Post-lunch sessions focused on various aspects of education. Under blended learning, different techniques and the benefits of each were covered. This was followed by learning objectives and how to write them. FIACLEs then shared their experiences of using IACLE's student assessment sheets. They had performed contact lens assessment on two groups of students, one with assessment sheets and one without, and shared his results. It was evident that using the assessment sheets has a definite merit and the students using them demonstrated more discipline in noting important findings.

Day two began with a recap of day one. After that FIACLEs spoke about how to start conducting research. The session was very interactive and attendees had many questions on how educators and students start research, how to generate ideas, how to seek help etc. The papers from IACLE's monthly Research Updates can be used to generate ideas for further research. The next talk of the research session was on how to write a scientific abstract. The talk was made interesting by giving simple tips to use the right words, reduce clutter and make the abstract effective. The last talk of this session was on how to critique literature. During this session, attendees were divided in groups and were given a research paper to review and critique.

Attendees committed to use resources such the Case Reports Series. They also agreed to contribute to the Image Collection. Both industry and institutes are excited to work on the Industry Seminars where industry members will visit and conduct a half-day seminar. The workshop will cover the latest technology and products and will also include a hands-on session.

The meeting ended with surveys, certificate distribution and a vote of thanks.

Topics and speakers

Our thanks to the following speakers in the three venues:

Topic	Speakers in Delhi	Speakers in Mumbai	Speakers in Chennai
IACLE update	Lakshmi and Nilesh	Lakshmi and Nilesh	Lakshmi and Nilesh
Technology in teaching	Monica Chaudhry	Pancham Kulkarni Usman Memon	Premjit Bhakat
Blended learning	Lakshmi Shinde	Prema Chande	Lakshmi Shinde
Learning objectives	Nilesh Thite	Shraddha Kadam	Anitha Aravind
Practical assessment using standard sheets	Nooruz Zaman	Nirav Mehta Ankit Varshney	Daksha Kataria Maheswari S
How to start research	Monica Chaudhry	Chinmay Deshpande	Srikanth Dumpati
How to write an abstract	Nilesh Thite	Nilesh Thite	Nilesh Thite
Critical appraisal of research	Lakshmi Shinde	Prasad Sawant	Rajeswari Mahadevan

Delegate feedback

The following are a few quotes from attendees:

Delhi meeting

"Overall it was very good interactive informative and looking forward for such events in near future"

"Please conduct such interactive meeting frequently"

Mumbai meeting

"Excellent work for contact lens education and progress"

"A special thanks to the organizers – Team Lotus College of Optometry – for hosting a wonderful event. As always they are most courteous hosts. Thanks to the anchors – Lakshmi and Nilesh – and all the speakers who were so professional and knowledgeable to their core subjects. It was an enriching and informal meeting to remember, among all contact lens colleagues and industry participants. Need to make it twice a year as it is full of the latest information and sharing ideas in contact lens and allied service /products in this fast-moving educational /practice-oriented world."



"This is an excellent platform for educators to get updated informative and case studies."

"Great job IACLE India. IACLE worldwide"



Chennai meeting:

"The meeting was very helpful in providing a huge amount of information regarding educational models and research. Definitely a lot to take back home. The discussion group was the best part."

"Overall a very good experience and very enthusiastic about such programs in future."