

About the 2019 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Award winners



IACLE Americas Contact Lens Educator of the Year

Rubén Velázquez graduated in Optometry from the School of Medicine, Instituto Politécnico Nacional de México, Mexico City. He holds a Master's degree in Epidemiology from the Faculty of Medicine, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, where he is academic founder of the Optometry Program and Professor of Contact Lenses. Ruben is a Fellow of IACLE, country coordinator for IACLE in Mexico and a former Secretary of the Latin American Academy of Orthokeratology & Myopia Control. He has authored around 80 articles on contact lenses in *Revista Imagen Óptica México*, and has attended many national and international optometry and vision science conferences. Ruben is principal investigator for several research protocols for contact lens products.



IACLE Asia Pacific Contact Lens Educator of the Year

Craig Woods is Professor of Optometry, Head of Clinical Placements (Optometry) and Head of Research (Optometry) at the School of Medicine, Deakin University, Victoria, Australia. He is Vice President of the International Society for Contact Lens Research and a member of the editorial boards for both the *Contact Lens & Anterior Eye* and *Eye & Contact Lens* journals. Craig graduated with an Optometry degree from The City University (London, UK), was awarded his PhD while at Eurolens Research at UMIST (Manchester, UK) and gained his graduate certificate in Ocular Therapeutics from the University of Melbourne. He has authored over 150 refereed and professional papers, and 11 textbook chapters in related fields to ocular dryness, contact lenses and associated adverse ocular responses.



IACLE Europe / Africa – Middle East Contact Lens Educator of the Year

Fabrizio Zeri is a researcher and contract Professor at the Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy and Visiting Research Fellow at Aston University in Birmingham, UK. He also taught as a contract Professor on the degree course of Optics and Optometry at Roma TRE Università from 2007 to 2014. Fabrizio was educated and achieved his Diploma in Optometry at the Istituto Superiore di Scienze Optometriche in Rome. He graduated in Experimental Psychology at Sapienza Università di Roma where also gained his PhD in Cognitive Neurosciences. He has been President of the Società Optometrica Italiana (Italian Optometric Association) and Founder and Secretary of the Accademia Italiana di Lenti a Contatto (Italian Contact Lens Academy). He is a FIACLE, FBCLA and FEAOO. In

2014 he received a two-year Marie Curie research grant and in 2017 he was awarded the Irving Fatt Memorial Lecture by the British Contact Lens Association. Fabrizio has published over 50 papers as well as having written one book and contributed chapters to five books. He has delivered more than 100 lectures at conferences in the fields of ophthalmology, optometry, contact lenses and vision sciences.