

About the 2019 IACLE Travel Award winners



Joseph Afonne is an innovative, result-oriented, adaptive professional with over 15 years' experience in health care education. He currently serves as Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Mzuzu University in Malawi, as well as the Chairperson for the Faculty Quality Assurance and Enhancement committee, Faculty of Health Science Research Committee. He is also a member of the Malawi National Health Science Research Committee. Joseph has been teaching optometry courses since 2004 and contact lenses since 2007. He believes health care education can be improved through quality research and is passionate about developing ingenious ways for health care education in low resource settings.



Fakhruddin Shamsheer Barodawala is a clinician and optometry lecturer at SEGi University, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. He finished his graduate and postgraduate studies at the Lotus College of Optometry, Mumbai, India, after which he pursued his career in academics and research. Fakhruddin has been associated with SEGi University for over 4 years, involved in teaching contact lenses, dispensing optics, low vision and advanced optometry care. He is a Fellow of IACLE (FIACLE) and a Fellow of ASCO-India (Dispensing Optics). He is in charge of the IACLE Resource Centre at SEGi University. Fakhruddin is also actively involved in conducting the IACLE Student Trial Exam for students at the university. His clinical expertise includes fitting irregular corneas and orthokeratology. He has a few publications in the field of public health and contact lenses and has presented papers at national and international conferences.



Maheswari Srinivasan, MSc FIACLE FASCO, has 6 years of clinical experience and 12 years of academic experience. She has presented papers and posters at conferences in India and overseas, and published in peer-reviewed journals. She enjoys teaching contact lenses and guiding the students' research work. Presently she is involved in research where she works on the application of modern technologies such as virtual reality and machine learning in the field of eye care services at Elisar Life Sciences, an innovation and testing lab, a unit of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals.



Wan-Yun (Connie) Tsung's current position is adjunct contact lens lecturer at the optometry department of Central Taiwan University of Science and Technology in Taipei, Taiwan. She is also the specialty contact lens consultant for Brighten Optix. In addition, Connie is clinical optometrist at Taipei Eye Clinic, where she specializes in contact lens fitting. Her hope is that providing advanced contact lenses will improve not just the vision but also the life quality of those in need.



Ma Yuying graduated from Shenyang Medical College in 2007. She has worked at Wuxi Institute of Arts and Technology teaching courses in optometry. Yuying is mainly in charge of contact lenses, binocular vision and low vision, and eye public health at her institute. She guides her students to combine theory with real-world practice to cultivate their interest. In her spare time, Yuying and her colleagues often visit communities to give presentations about eye care and check the eye health of the elderly. She has published several research papers about contact lenses in Chinese journals.