



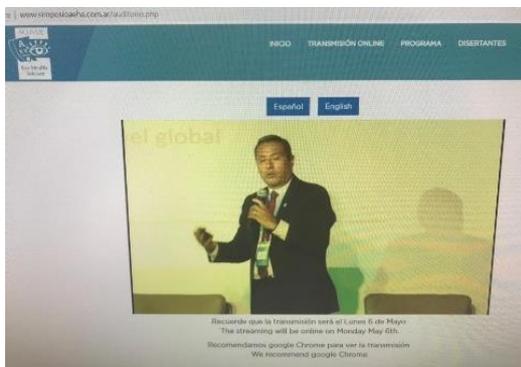
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## Technology tops the agenda as members meet in Argentina



The day before the Acuvue Eye Health Advisor (AEHA) Symposium in Buenos Aires, Argentina, IACLE held an Educator Meeting for members (5 May). Two hours of discussion at the meeting covered meaningful learning through technology. Blended learning schemes were demonstrated, along with tools for easy recording. Pictured (left to right) are participants: **Patricia Magnelli, Guillermo Carrillo, Eduardo Elvira, Yenny Ferraris and Hugo Soñora**. Johnson & Johnson Vision sponsored the room and coffee break for attendees.

## FIACLES show leadership at AEHA Symposia in Argentina and Mexico



At the AEHA Symposium (6 May), IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), had the opportunity to present a brief summary of what IACLE is and does to more than 250 delegates on site and more than 700 attendees via live streaming. FIACLES from Argentina, **Patricia Magnelli, Eduardo Elvira, Ingrid Pedraza, Enzo Ghiliasa and Gabriel Cordone**, joined **Nathan Efron** (Australia) among the highlighted speakers. Pictured left is Guillermo Carrillo on live transmission, describing IACLE's achievements in its first 40 years.

Pictured right is Patricia Magnelli speaking about contact lens adverse effects based on IACLE resources and images. Patricia Magnelli and Eduardo Elvira delivered a biomicroscopy workshop on the correct use of the slit lamp for preliminary contact lens examination and follow-up, for achieving successful fitting.



On 20 May, FIACLE **Nelson Merchan** (Colombia) and IACLE members **Sandra Villegas** (Mexico), **Omar Flores** (Mexico), **Jose Luis Monroy** (Mexico), **Giovanni García** (Mexico) and IACLE Vice President **Philip Morgan** (UK) were among the highlighted speakers at the Mexican version of the AEHA Symposium. This event had around 300 attendees and 800 took part via live streaming.

## IACLE leads Contact Lens Symposium at Franja 2019

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[FRANJA 2019](#) (23-25 May) presented an opportunity to IACLE and IACLE members to lead the meeting's Contact Lens Symposium. FIACLEs **Daniela Garese** (Uruguay), **Eduardo Elvira** (Argentina), **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), **Jaime Ibáñez** (Colombia, pictured left), **Elise Kramer** (USA), **Sergio García** (Colombia), **Alejandro Tapia** (Colombia), **Javier Prada** (Costa Rica) and **Carolina Rodriguez** (Colombia) were keynote speakers.

This academic activity reached around 600 eye care practitioners and offered 8 hours of discussions on three topics: contact lenses and occupations, exceptional fittings in daily cases, and neuroadaptation to multifocal contact lenses. An additional symposium was focused on myopia control. Topic messages highlighted great opportunities for patients based on contact lens wear. Delegates learnt how to be proactive on amateur sports, electronic device visual comfort, driving activities, and why contact lenses are suitable and compatible with daily activities and beneficial for patients.

## LA office meets with Deans at 1st Optometric Meeting of the Americas



The 1st Optometric Meeting of the Americas, held in Medellín city (31 May-2 June), provided an opportunity for IACLE to meet with Deans of optometric institutions in Colombia. **Guillermo Carrillo** discussed the latest [Student Trial Exam](#) results with **Sandra Delfina Guerrero** from [Universidad Santo Tomas](#). He also met with **Dr Manuel Lora**, Dean of [Universidad Metropolitana de Barranquilla](#), and discussed the enrolment of contact lens educators. **Dr Carlos Alfonso**, Dean of [Universidad del Sinú](#) in Cartagena, asked about more IACLE activity in his institution.

Guillermo then met with **Dr David Miranda** from Bolivia. The Bolivian government has approved an Optometry program in Bolivia with a 5-year curriculum. [Universidad Latinoamericana](#) in Cochabamba will have the first optometric program in the country, and Dr Miranda has asked the IACLE office for support and guidance on the contact lens program. This 1st Optometric Meeting of Americas had strong participation of 10 FIACLEs and IACLE members

## Further activities in the LA region



### 7º SEMINARIO PARA PROFESIONALES DE LA SALUD VISUAL

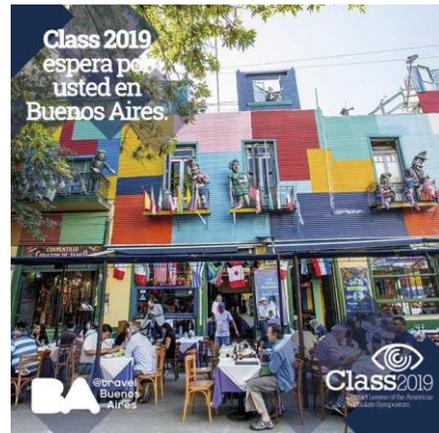
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The [Colegio de Opticos, Contactólogos y Optometras de Chile](#) collaborated with IACLE LA to offer contact lens topics at a recent seminar in Chile (8 June). Topics were managing low and high astigmatism with soft contact lenses, and the challenges

of fitting of presbyopic patients with astigmatism. FIACLEs involved in this program were **Patricia Flores** (Chile), **Christian Becerra** (Chile) and **Guillermo Carrillo**.

The Contact Lens of the Americas Specialist Symposium, CLASS 2019, will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina later this year (15-17 November). The organizers have invited the IACLE Americas office to be in charge of 6 hours of workshops on contact lens basics, for young contactologists and final-year students from institutions in Argentina. The IACLE-assigned room will have capacity for 250 attendees.

The IACLE LA office encourages FIACLEs and IACLE members from Argentina to participate in these workshops, applying IACLE resources and technological educational tools.



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

Every week the IACLE radio program offers the opportunity for a couple of IACLE members to be interviewed by Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo**. The IACLE Radio Program is made possible through the support of [www.franjavisualradio.com](http://www.franjavisualradio.com).

Members from different parts of the region are taking part and share with colleagues and other members their experiences and comments about their educational markets. This month topics were around: keratoconus contact lens fitting with RGP lenses with high eccentricity; and adequate replacement of contact lenses and ocular health. IACLE members who took part this month were **Aldo Ortiz** (Guatemala) and **Ernesto Ortega** (Colombia).

*IACLE in the World has so far reached 10 LA countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile and Nicaragua, and Brazil.*

*[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>*