



July 2019

IACLE members educate in Chile...



The 7th Visual Science Seminar was held in Santiago de Chile on 8 June. This event was organized by [Colegio de Opticos de Chile](#) in collaboration with the IACLE LA office. **Patricia Flores** (Chile), **Christian Becerra** (Chile) and Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) developed the following topics: 'Managing low and high astigmatism with soft contact lenses' and 'Challenging fitting of presbyopic patients'. The academic activity had 101 attendees and 1½ hours of continuing education. Pictured (above) is IACLE member Patricia Flores (Chile) during the workshop.

... and take the lead in Ecuador

In Ecuador, IACLE members **Carlos Chacon** (Ecuador), **Daniel Torres** (Ecuador), **Ariolfo Vasquez** (Ecuador), **Sandra Herrera** (Colombia), **Catalina Moron** (Colombia), **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia), Javier Prada (Costa Rica), **Elise Kramer** (USA) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) took to the stage for the third edition of the [International Innovation Contact Lens Symposium](#) in Quito (21-22 June).

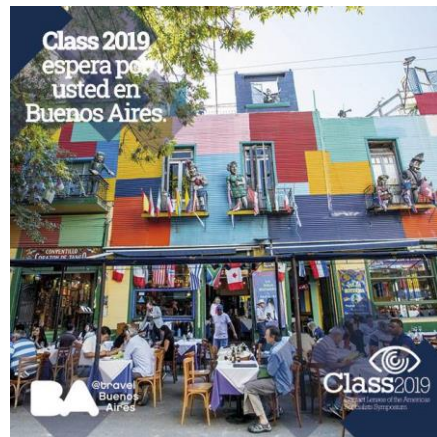
IACLE members offered around 8 hours of continuing education via lectures and workshops on diverse topics, focused on strengthening the Ecuadorean contact lens market. The [Optometry Program of Universidad Santo Tomás](#) supported the academic program through IACLE members. Pictured (right) is Guillermo Carrillo who mentioned IACLE's 40 years' celebration at the beginning of his lecture.



IACLE to run CLASS workshops in Argentina

The Contact Lens of the Americas Specialists Symposium (CLASS) 2019 – to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 15-16 November – has invited the IACLE Americas office to run 6 hours of workshops. Topics selected are: ‘Protocol, preliminary assessment and initial slit-lamp biomicroscopy’, ‘Dyes, fluorograms and adequate assessment of the tear film’, ‘Static and dynamic assessment of contact lens fits’ and ‘The right protocol for fitting and follow-up’.

FIACLEs from Argentina will collaborate actively on this program. The IACLE-assigned room will have capacity for 250 attendees and students at contact lens institutions are encouraged to take part.



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.

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: ‘Specialization = Training’, ‘The contact lens marketplace: how to contribute to growth’ and ‘Contact lens education in the Internet age’.

IACLE members who took part this month were **Eduardo Salischiker** (Argentina), **Nelson Merchán** (Colombia), **Josué Molina** (Guatemala) and **Ricardo Flores** (México).

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>