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## IACLE LA enters Central America with events in Guatemala



IACLE Americas has paid its first official visit to Central America with a seminar and workshop in Guatemala City (4 September). This activity was promoted by IACLE member **Josue Molina** and marked the first time that an Americas Regional Coordinator has visited the region.

The event offered 8 hours of lectures and workshops in a full-day event for around 50 attendees. IACLE members **Josue Molina** (Guatemala), **Jairo Madriz** (Costa Rica), **Iris Hernández** (México) and FIACLEs **Louren Escobar** (Guatemala), **Aldo Ortiz** (Guatemala) and Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) were the key players in this event. Topics were focused on comfort with contact lenses, the importance of the preliminary examination of contact lens patients, astigmatism, myopia control and scleral contact lenses.

Thanks to Bausch Health Andina for supporting the accommodation and airfare enabling Guillermo to attend this event, and for donating the cake for the 40 years' celebration.

**Pictured (below left) are attendees in the preliminary examination workshop and (right) Iris Hernandez (Bausch Health México), Guillermo Carrillo (Americas Regional Coordinator), Josue Molina and Louren Escobar (organizers)**



## IACLE Americas office visits optometry program in Guatemala

The Americas Regional Coordinator also visited the [Universidad Galileo \(U Galileo\) Optometry Program](#) in Guatemala City (5 September), providing an opportunity to talk to students about IACLE and our 40th Anniversary.

Optometry Dean **Juan Carlos Aresti** is very enthusiastic about IACLE having a greater presence and offered to hold a Contact Lens Symposium next year under IACLE guidance.



**Pictured above (left to right) are Guillermo Carrillo, Juan Carlos Aresti (Dean) and FIACLE Aldo Ortiz (educator at U Galileo)**

Commitment from IACLE was focused on supporting U Galileo contact lens educators to get more involved in IACLE programs and to hold a [Student Trial Exam](#) in the near future.

## Mexico joins IACLE's 40th birthday celebrations



IACLE held another 40th Anniversary Celebration, during [AMFECCO'S Contact Lens Symposia](#) in Mexico City (26-27 September). AMFECCO (Asociación Mexicana de Facultades Escuela, Colegios y Consejos de Optometría) kindly provided IACLE with a booth and Bausch Health donated a cake.

**Pictured above (left) are IACLE members Patricia Flores (right, Chile) and Iris Hernandez (left, Mexico) helping Guillermo Carrillo (Americas Regional Coordinator) to cut the cake, and (right) Marcos Lecznowski (from CooperVision) with Guillermo.**

View a video at <https://www.facebook.com/AMFECCOMX/videos/718517531956591/>

IACLE members and FIACLEs **Rubén Velázquez** (México), **Ricardo Flores** (México), **Patricia Flores** (Chile), **José Monroy** (México) **Efraín Castellanos** (México) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) were among the speakers at this event, offering 7 hours of education to around 130 attendees.

The IACLE Americas office thanks AMFECCO for supporting the Americas Regional Coordinator's accommodation and Bausch Health for donating the cake.

## Ruben adds another award to this year's collection



FIACLE **Rubén Velázquez** of the [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México](#), Mexico City has had a successful year. In June he was awarded 2019 IACLE Americas Contact Lens Educator of the Year for his achievements in contact lens education. And during the [AMFECCO Contact Lens Symposium](#) (27 September) he received further institutional recognition for his academic path.

**Ruben is pictured (left) receiving the award from Marcelo Hernandez at the symposium**

## 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).

A promotional graphic for the IACLE radio program. It features the IACLE logo with '40 YEARS' and 'Exceptional Education. Exponential Impact.' Social media icons for Facebook (@iacle.americas), Twitter (@iaceradio), and Instagram (@iacle.americas) are at the top. The main text reads 'Miércoles de Contactología 25 de Setiembre' and 'Esaú Luna (México)'. The topic is 'CUIDADOS Y RECOMENDACIONES DEL PACIENTE ADAPTADO CON LENTES DE CONTACTO'. It includes the website 'www.franjavisualradio.com' and a photo of Esaú Luna. A small photo of Guillermo Carrillo is also present with the text 'Conduce: Guillermo Carrillo Olthuela'.

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: 'Care and recommendations for contact lens wearers', 'How to get new contact lens wearers', 'Bolivian optometry and contact lens developments' and 'Contact lens corrections for astigmatism: what are the latest advances?'

IACLE members who participated this month were **Esaú Luna** (México, pictured), **Giovanni Garcia** (México), **Veronica Salazar** and **Helen Aguilar** (Bolivia), and **Javier Villanueva** (Perú).

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

*[Franja Visual Radio](#) 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>*