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## IACLE Americas begins pilot on Student Case Reports Discussion



Students and staff from two Mexican optometric schools, the [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México](#) (UNAM) and [Universidad Autónoma de Querataro](#) (UAQ), have taken part in a pilot program for a Student Case Reports Discussion based on the format of the [IACLE Case Report Series](#).

This program arises from a proposal by **Arturo Aguirre**, an IACLE member from Mexico, during the IACLE Educators' Meeting in Mexico this year. After exploring the best way to implement the program, we used the IACLE WebEx platform.

The program was trialed last month (21 November) with two groups of students presenting each other their case report. The UNAM group was led by FIACLE **Rubén Velázquez** and the UAQ group by Arturo Aguirre. UNAM optometric program authorities (pictured below) attended the pilot and the Dean of the UAQ optometric program took part as well.



The presentation of case reports was based on the SOAPE model [Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan and Education]. The IACLE Americas office acted as host for the WebEx platform.



The UNAM group began the session with a case report on 'Piggy-back fitting on an old radial keratotomy', after which UAQ students and educators asked about the case and provided some feedback and recommendations. The second case report was by UAQ students who presented

'Orthokeratology contact lens fitting'. Following the presentation UNAM students and educators asked questions and gave feedback on the topic.

This was an interesting learning experience for all the participants. Future plans are focused on implementing this educational activity through the region.

## Spanish provider collaborates with IACLE LA on Advanced Contact Lens Course

OPTOAcademy is a web-based platform which offers optometric development courses and is based in Spain. Its manager, **Epifanio Ruiz**, invited IACLE members **Patricia Flores** (Chile), **Edgar Davila** (Puerto Rico) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) to lecture on its online Advanced Contact Lens Course. These members discussed 'Dystrophic corneal ectasias', 'Management of pediatric contact lens patients' and 'Management of residual astigmatism with scleral lenses'. This is an interesting approach from LA to Spain through IACLE leadership.



## IACLE speakers play prominent part in CLASS 2019



The Contact Lens of the Americas Specialist Symposium (CLASS) is an initiative promoted by materials manufacturer Contamac that began in 2018 in Bogotá, Colombia. This year the venue was Buenos Aires, Argentina (15-17 November) and almost half of the lectures and workshops offered at CLASS 2019 were provided by the following IACLE members:

**Edgar Davila** (Puerto Rico), **Sabrina Lara** (Argentina), **Patricia Flores** (Chile), **Juan Pablo Luna** (Argentina), **Elise Kramer** (USA), **Patrick Caroline** (USA), **Sergio Garcia** (Colombia), **Eef can der Worp** (Nederlands), **James Wolffsohn** (UK), **Martin Conway** (UK), **Ricardo Pintor** (Mexico), **Patricia Magnelli** (Argentina), **José Luis Monroy** (Mexico), **Guillermo Carrillo** (Peru).

During CLASS 2019, IACLE Americas offered three workshops (6 hours) for around 240 attendees on the following topics: 'Preliminary examination with slit-lamp biomicroscopy', 'Assessment of the contact lens patient and appropriate use of dyes' and 'Assessment of contact lens fitting'.



IACLE workshops were performed by FIACLEs **Juan Pablo Luna** (Argentina) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) (pictured right).

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



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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: ‘Avoiding contact lens dropouts’, ‘Clinical practice as a basis to teach fitting contact lenses’, ‘Optometry in Bolivia and contact lens development’ and ‘How to communicate contact lens fitting to patients’.

IACLE members who took part this month were **Leticia Orozco** (Mexico), **Guadalupe Duhart** (Mexico), **Veronica Salzar** (Bolivia), **Helen Aguilar** (Bolivia) and **Katherine Gonzalez** (Ecuador).

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