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Specialist summit marks 40 years of IACLE



The [International Summit of Specialty Contact Lenses](#) (ISSCL) was, for the first time, held in Rome, Italy, from 8-10 November. The summit was organized by Italian-based optometrist – and new IACLE member – **Dr Daddi Fadel** (below left) and US optometrist **Dr Mindy Toabe** (below right).

Around 230 delegates attended from 31 countries including 40 contact lens educators and 160 practitioners. The meeting had many international invited speakers, one of whom was IACLE Assistant Secretary **Dr Luigina Sorbara** (below center) who was given the opportunity to speak about IACLE's 40th Anniversary celebration and on its activities, mainly the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) (New ICLC). Her presentation was, at a later social event, followed by a cake celebration.



ISSCL is the first congress in Italy to be organized by both ophthalmologists and optometrists. Topics covered corneal abnormalities including ocular surface disease, the irregular cornea and myopia management.

Excellence awards were presented to Dr Sorbara, **Professor Jan Bergmanson**, **Greg Gemoules** and **Carina Koppén** for their expertise and outstanding professional service within the field of specialty contact lenses. Pioneer awards were presented to **Ken Pullum** and **Donald Ezekiel** as recognition for their contribution as early pioneers of specialty contact lenses.

IACLE is grateful for the opportunity that was provided by the lead organizers. New connections and memberships to IACLE were developed.