

Annual meeting reaches out to members in China

The IACLE China Annual Members' Meeting held at the Tianjin Vocational Institute (15-16 November) attracted delegates from institutions across China. IACLE's China National Administrator Cuiying Wang sent this report on another very successful meeting for the AP region



Effective solutions for educators on presbyopic contact lens fitting, blended learning and student competency and assessment were among the topics for the 2019 IACLE China meeting, which took place at the [Tianjin Vocational Institute](#) (TVI) from 15-16 November.

A total of 46 delegates attended (37 educator members, seven industry members and two industry representatives). Institutions in China represented included:

[Qujing Medical College](#), [Shijiazhuang Medical College](#), [Changsha Health Vocational College](#), [Cangzhou Medical College](#), Huaxi Ophthalmology of [Sichuan University](#), [Beijing Tongren Optometry Center](#) and [Tianjin Vocational Institute](#). Industry representatives and members attended from Alcon, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision and Bausch + Lomb.



Guest speaker was **Rob Terry**, most recently Education Development Officer at the Brien Holden Vision Institute, who has taught extensively in China. IACLE China National Coordinator **Professor Wang Haiying** provided her 'Top 10 tips for proactive contact lens education'.

The meeting began with Haiying's introduction to the meeting goals and a Welcome Address from the President of TVI, **Professor Liu Bing**. IACLE's National China Coordinator (Tianjin) **Wang Haiying** gave an update on IACLE activities.



Australian educator Rob Terry (pictured above, right), formerly of the [University of New South Wales](#), Sydney, was involved in the development and delivery of the Asia Pacific Contact Lens Education Program (APCLEP) from 1991-2006. At this meeting, Rob delivered lectures on presbyopic contact lenses fitting, blended learning and how to conduct a practical exam.

IACLE China National Coordinator (Shanghai) **Qu Xiaomei** gave a lecture on 'Applications of corneal topography'. **Ma Wei** from [Sichuan University](#) presented on presbyopia and contact lenses. During the meeting, IACLE China organized a Web Lecture on 'Myopia control and contact lenses' by **Dr Fiona Cruikshank** of the [University of Manchester](#), UK.

A special part of the annual meeting is sharing experiences in contact lens teaching and what members want from IACLE. Many teachers had good suggestions, such as the transfer of IACLE resources from web format to phone Apps. There was support for IACLE and industry to work towards teaching standard procedures for contact lens fitting, especially using video format.

Industry representatives from each company also shared the latest information about their products and marketing. The attendees were engaged, asking questions and sharing experiences. Everyone agreed it was a great learning experience, which enhanced their teaching of contact lenses. IACLE wishes to thank the organizers, speakers and attendees for making this meeting a great success. A special thanks to Tianjin Vocational Institute for the use of its facilities.

