

About the 2020 IACLE Contact Lens Educators of the Year



IACLE Americas Contact Lens Educator of the Year Professor Renée Reeder

Renée currently serves the [University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry](#) as the Department Chair for Clinical Affairs and holds the rank of Professor. She graduated from the [University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry](#) and completed a residency in advanced cornea and contact lens management at [Indiana University](#). Renée taught at the [Illinois College of Optometry](#) for 21 years serving in many roles, including contact lens residency coordinator, chief of the Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence, and coordinator of the ocular disease curriculum. She continues to teach in topics related to dry eye, infectious microbiology, anterior segment disease and specialty contact lenses. Renée is a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact Lens Section of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) and holds Fellowships of the AAO, British Contact Lens Association, Scleral Lens Education Society and IACLE. She is currently a council member of the American Optometric Association (AOA) Contact Lens and Cornea Section. In 2018, she was named the GPLI Practitioner of the Year and received the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section's Achievement Award.



IACLE Asia Pacific Contact Lens Educator of the Year Professor Bariah Mohd Ali

Bariah is a Professor at the Optometry and Vision Science Program and Centre for Community Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, [Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia](#) in Kuala Lumpur. She has been involved in contact lens education for more than 20 years and was fundamental in the development of a specialty contact lens clinic in the faculty. Bariah is also actively involved in planning and delivering contact lens education for practitioners in Malaysia and Indonesia as part of their professional development. She is a Fellow of the British Contact Lens Association (2012) and American Academy of Optometry (2019).



IACLE Europe/Africa – Middle East Contact Lens Educator of the Year Jo Underwood

Jo is currently Principal of [Association of British Dispensing Opticians \(ABDO\) College](#) at Godmersham in the UK, a role which she has loved since she set up the College in 2000. She is also Programme Director for [Canterbury Christ Church University](#). Jo teaches contact lenses, ophthalmic lenses and dispensing, optics, refractive management and low vision. She was previously Head of Contact Lenses & Senior Lecturer in Ophthalmic Lenses at [City & Islington College](#) in London and has been teaching for over 40 years. She is principal examiner in both Contact Lens Visual Optics and Ophthalmic Lenses and a practical examiner, practice visitor and assessor in

Contact Lenses and Dispensing for ABDO. Jo lectures and examines both nationally and internationally. She has served on many committees, including the General Optical Council education committee, and is a member of the British & Irish University & College Contact Lens Educators (BUCCLE) and the European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO). Jo was made a life member of ABDO in 2011 for her work and achievements in the field of education and gained Fellowship of EAOO in 2015.