

About the 2020 IACLE Travel Awards Winners



Elizabeth Chetty

Elizabeth has a Bachelor of Optometry (cum laude), MPhil Optometry (cum laude) and DPhil Optometry from the [University of Johannesburg \(UJ\)](#), South Africa. She has been working at UJ since she completed her undergraduate studies and has been a proud FIAACLE since the early years in her career as a contact lens lecturer. Elizabeth also teaches ocular pharmacology and ocular diagnostic procedures, and manages the UJ's specialty contact lens community clinic. Over the past 10 years, she has been honing her skills and knowledge in contact lenses and keratoconus. South Africa has a large keratoconus population; however, due to limited resources, proper epidemiological studies have not been done. Her passion and future career goals are centered around investigating

keratoconus within the South African perspective, thus enabling practitioners to provide the best patient care possible to her community.



Martín Guzmán

Martín graduated from the [Instituto Universitario de Optometria \(IUO\)](#), Caracas, Venezuela in 1993 and in 1996 joined the [Pennsylvania College of Optometry](#), USA. In 1999 he completed a Masters in Health Services Management at the [Universidad Catolica Andres Bello](#) in Caracas. Martín was a member of the first cohort of Venezuelan optometrists to graduate from the [Universidad Nacional Experimental Romulo Gallegos \(UNERG\)](#) in Zaraza. He is a former Head of the Department of Optometry at IUO and was Founder Professor of the UNESCO Vision and Development Seminar at that institution. Martín is currently Professor in Anterior Segment Diseases at UNERG.



Nirav Mehta

Nirav completed his optometry degree and postgraduate studies at [Bharati Vidyapeeth University](#), Pune, India in 2007 and 2009 respectively. During his postgraduate course he received a Gold Medal from the university. He joined [Hari Jyot College of Optometry](#) in Navsari as an educator in 2009 and became Principal of the college in 2010. During the 10 years of his academic career, Nirav has attended and presented papers at various national and international conferences. He achieved FIAACLE status in 2011. He also received an Australian Award Fellowship in 2013. Currently, Nirav is a postgraduate teacher and Associate Professor at his institution.