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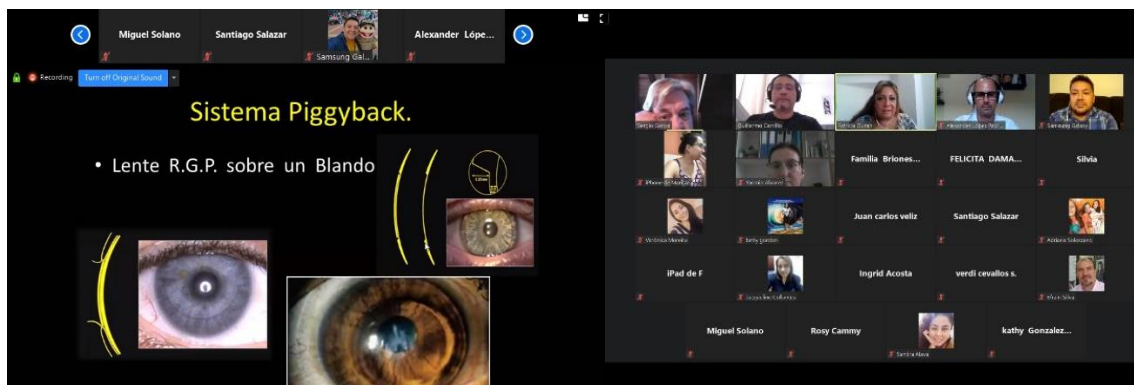
IACLE Americas collaborates with Master's Program in Ecuador

IACLE Regional President **Sergio García** and Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** have delivered a 45-hour course on Post-Surgery and Specialty Contact Lenses for 33 students as part of the Master's Program of Universidad Técnica de Manabí in Ecuador.



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Due to social distancing, the course was completely online in April via the Zoom platform. Topics included post-surgical and post-refractive surgery fittings, surgical treatment for keratoconus and contact lens fitting options. Pictured (left) is Dr García's lecture and (right) Zoom interaction with students. Postgraduate Institute Director **Santiago Quiroz** and Academic Coordinator for the postgraduate course **Alexander Lopez** participated in the final session.



Americas Regional Coordinator provides online support during COVID-19



During April, the IACLE Americas Office was invited to collaborate in a series of online lectures to maintain confidence in contact lens wear. Different institutions, organizations, companies and distributors have been very actively promoting contact lenses around the region, reinforcing the message of safe lens wear, to counter negative information about contact lens wear released through social networks in LA.

Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** was invited to be part of this group of practitioners and delivered lectures to a total of 1,130 participants over three sessions.



On 2 April Guillermo offered a lecture on 'How effective are contact lens solutions in the COVID-19 scenario?', supported by CooperVision's distributor in Ecuador, Restrepo Comercial, and reaching 250 attendees.

On 9 April once again Restrepo Comercial invited him to speak about 'SiHys after 20 years and daily disposables', reaching around 300 attendees.

And on 13 April, [FEDOPTO](#) in Colombia invited Guillermo to speak about 'Biosecurity strategies in contact lens practice against COVID-19', reaching more than 580 attendees.

IACLE LA Office on Radio – IACLE in the World – reaches 100 programs

This program offers every week a space on different contact lens topics discussed by IACLE members across the LA region. Members are interviewed by IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** and the program comes thanks to the sponsorship of www.franjavisualradio.com.

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 marked the 100th broadcast of IACLE in the World and topics were around: 'Options for continuing education in contact lenses and optometry', 'Opportunities and competencies of online channels', 'Orthokeratology', 'Care and maintenance of contact lenses' and 'Contact lens practice and COVID-19'.

IACLE members who took part this month were **Ricardo Pintor** (Mexico), **Nelson Merchan** (Colombia), **Cesar Rodriguez** (Colombia), **Gonzalo Carracedo** (Spain) and **Leticia Orozco** (Mexico).

IACLE in the World has to date reached 13 LA countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras and Brazil.

[Franja Visual Radio](http://www.franjavisualradio.com) is web-based radio with an audience over 100 eye care practitioners. The program goes out every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 am (UTC-5).

Recorded programs can be recovered from the following link:

<http://www.franjavisualradio.com/index.php/programas-especiales/iacle> or through [ivoox](https://ivoox.com).