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## **ALDOO supports 20 new members in Latin America**

It was announced last month that the <u>Latin American</u> <u>Association of Optometrists and Opticians</u> (ALDOO) had agreed to sponsor 20 members in the Latin America region. The available sponsorship spaces have now been taken with candidates from Bolivia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Costa Rico, Colombia and Mexico.



## Colombian university shares condolences for Dr Gina Sorbara





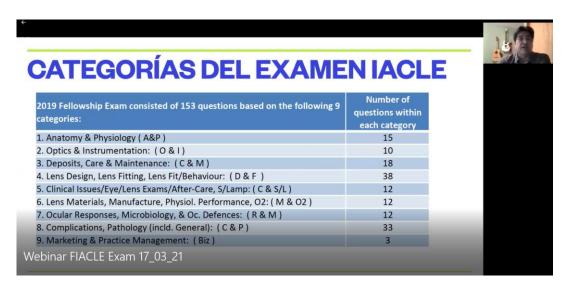
**CONGRESO** 

On International Women's Day, the University of Nariño in Colombia paid their tributes to Dr Luigina (Gina) Sorbara on behalf of IACLE's Americas Regional office (8 March). A large number of IACLE's members from Latin America were recognized due to their career path and leadership.



## This month's themed webinar

'How to achieve a successful Fellowship Examination' was the title for this month's themed webinar series. Lifetime FIACLE **Dr Ruben Vealzquez** has sat the Fellowship Exam a number of times with successful outcomes. The webinar aims focused on how to achieve a successful result whilst using IACLE's programs, such as the Distance Learning Program and the IACLE Contact Lens Course. A total of 32 attendees tuned into the webinar across Zoom and Facebook live. Catch up on the webinar here.



## IACLE LA Office on the radio - IACLE in the world

Every week, Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo interviews IACLE members from across the Latin America region on different contact lens topics, thanks to the sponsorship of www.franjavisualradio.com.

Members from different parts of the region take part and share their experiences on the educational markets. This month's topics were: 'Contact lens practice in 2020 with a focus on 2021', led by FIACLE **Dr Maria Baez**, who said 2021 could be positive for contact lens practice. **Milagro Baptista** hosted a webinar on 'Criteria for the appropriate selection in contact lens fitting', where she discussed how to teach contact lenses to students. **Dr Adriana Navarrete** hosted a webinar titled 'Vital stains: fluorescein and lissamine green', where she discussed the relevance of vital stains in contact lens practice. Another webinar, led by **Professor Diancy Capella** delivered the talk 'Assertive communication with



patients: Educate to prevent', and the final webinar of the month was held by **Professor Alicia Alcazar** on the topic of 'Key points to ensure success for new wearers for frequent replacement contact lenses'.

Members can catch-up on all Spanish-speaking webinars through IACLETOP.

We appreciate the active support and participation of our members and invite you to join us every Wednesday throughout 2021 to discuss contact lens-related topics. A special thanks to <u>Grupo Franja</u> for sponsoring the program.