

## IACLE Americas office collaborate with new regional organization



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This month, the IACLE Americas regional office held a meeting with the Latin American Council for Optometric Research (CLIO) to discuss raising the regional profile of optometry education across the Latin American region. The initial steps focus on gathering regional information on how many optometry schools are in the region, the curriculum, and the professional responsibilities they have in their respective countries.

## Deans encourage new contact lens educators to become members of IACLE



Two Dean of Optometry at institutions in Colombia have recently joined IACLE. The Americas regional office held a meeting with

**Sandra Guerrero** Dean of the Optometry School at [Universidad Santo Tomas](#) in Bogotá, Colombia, and postgraduate contact lens educators. It was proposed that the university would encourage new contact lens educators to become members of IACLE to gain access to the [Student Area](#) within IACLETOP and for their students to sit the [Student Trial Exam](#).



**Dr Carol Pinzon**, Dean of the Optometry School at [Areandina Pereira](#) in Pereira, Colombia, is interested in engaging with IACLE's future plans. They concluded that they plan to have their students sit the [STE](#).

## IACLE 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](http://www.franjavisualradio.com).

Members from different parts of the region participate and share their experiences on the education markets. This month's topics were: 'Challenges to assess GP contact lens fitting', where **Oscar Rodriguez** discussed contact lenses for correcting refractive error. **Alvaro Madrid** spoke on 'Care and maintenance for prosthetics', **Javier Vilanueva** explained the common communication and digital transformations to improve contact lens practice. The last topic of the month was 'Contact lens follow-up' by **Sandra Herrea** who said that education and

accountability for patients, contact lens care and an adequate follow-up are crucial for having happy patients.

## Catch up on all Spanish-speaking webinars via IACLETOP

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