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IACLE launches Journal Club in Spanish



As a result of the success of IACLE's Journal Club in India, IACLE Americas Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo has launched Journal Club in Latin America in Spanish. Journal club is a space for members to review some of the most interesting and recently published articles. At the end of every month, two IACLE members will present and discuss two papers. Guillermo invites all members to participate in the new initiative. For more information, please contact Guillermo Carrillo.

IACLE Americas office and CLIO



Optometrists from across Latin America have come together to create a group of visual health researchers in the region. A recent virtual meeting had enthusiastic participation from colleagues representing Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Cuba, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay,

and Venezuela, and formalized the constitution for the 'Latin American Council of Research in Optometry' (CLIO) (22 September).

The Council consists of 33 institutions represented by 28 universities, 5 associations and several private institutions, and seeks to increase optometric research in Latin America. The Council aims to:

- Encourage the integration of academics, associations and international organizations that contribute to the development of scientific research in the Latin American region and with this, promote the validation and standardization of optometric research instruments applied to the Latin American population.
- Promote the development of scientific research in the optometry field in Latin America.
- Include Latin America within global statistics and thus enhance its visibility worldwide. Also, include Latin America in rankings and publications that are developed annually on different topics about visual health in the world.

CLIO and IACLE Americas Office expect to collaborate and approach countries without IACLE members.

IACLE 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.

Members from different parts of the region participate and share their experiences on the education markets. This month's topics were: 'How to manage residual astigmatism with large diameter RGPs', where **Hector Velasquez** discussed strategies for correcting residual astigmatism with RGP scleral and semi-scleral contact lenses. **Hector Paez** spoke on 'The essence of basics in contact lens practice'. **Sergey Cusato** spoke on his experiences managing residual astigmatism with corneal contact lenses. **Eduardo Elvira** gave an explanation on how the pandemic has changed strategies for managing contact lens 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.