



November 2021

IACLE launches Journal Club in Latin America



topics', says IACLE member Ana Mercado.

The IACLE Americas Regional Office introduced a Spanish-speaking Journal Club that launched on 27 October. IACLE Americas Regional Director **Professor Martín Giraldo** and **Dr Maria Baez** were the first to present two topics: 'Pseudomyopia in Chinese children' and 'Patient behaviour, care system compliance and complications'. Almost 60 IACLE members and eye care practitioners tune in live. 'A very good and initiative session with good topics. It's great to discuss the current research around these

IACLE Americas Office collaborates with Nicaragua's School of Optometry and La Salle University



Between 13-15 October, the <u>Universidad Autonoma de Nicaragua</u> held an academic journey meeting. The event's main focus was to share educational updates on different areas of optometry and allowed optometry students to hear about interesting topics relating to their optometry programs to build interest in research areas. The day was in celebration of the 2021 World Sight Day and attracted more than 130 attendees.

Universidad Técnica de Manabí invites IACLE Regional Coordinator to deliver lectures

The <u>Universidad Técnica de Manabí</u> in Portoviejo, Ecuador has invited IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to host lectures for their master's students this month. The universities' master's program focuses on primary care and contact lenses. In addition, Guillermo will offer 24 hours of contact lens lectures on specialty lenses and host several contact lens workshops.



J&J invites IACLE to 7th Regional Central America Webinar

Johnson & Johnson Mexico invited IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to deliver a webinar on 'Contact lens fitting in the pandemic: the new normal', focusing on updated evidence in contact lens management and safe contact lens practice (21 October). The event was sponsored by J&J in collaboration with the <u>Optometric Program UTESA</u> in the Dominican Republic. IACLE member and J&J Professional Affairs Manager **Nelson Merchan** took part in the question-and-answer session. Over 200 participants tuned in live.







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, thanks to the sponsorship of www.franjavisualradio.com.

Members from different parts of the region participate and share their experiences on the education markets. This month's topics were: 'Climate changes and its harmful effects on the eyeball', where **Sara Amgulo** discussed strategies to protect the eyeball from climate conditions and how this affects contact lens fitting. **Carlos Alfonso (Colombia)** spoke on 'The new and most useful in Pentacam Tomography'. He gave an excellent review on how to take advantage of Pentacam maps and lectures to better understand cornea status and improve contact lens fittings. Finally, **Sandra Ramirez (Colombia)** spoke on 'How to write a case report'. She explained that the most 'easy' way to perform observational research is to write a case report and invite educators to assist.

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.