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ALDOO'S Education Committee Meeting



During February, the Asociación Latinoamericana de Optometría y Óptica (ALDOO) invited IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to their Education Committee. IACLE has always had a positive relationship with ALDOO, and IACLE is now inviting their contact lens educators and their students to join IACLETOP to benefit their contact lens teaching and education.

Director of the Education Committee **Dr Carol Pinzon** was pleased with this outcome and discussions will continue to explore other ways to reach more optometric intitutions in Latin America in the future.

UAN in Colombia take leadership in research project



IACLE members from Mexico and Colombia are currently involved with a research project taking place at the <u>Universidad Antonio Nariño</u> (UAN) in Colombia and the <u>Universidad Autonoma de Aguascalientes</u> in Mexico. Previous IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year

Johanna Garzon is leading the project titled 'Effect of two tear substitutes and blood derivatives on the ocular surface and dry eye' and is very excited to involve other IACLE members.

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 participate and share their experiences on the education markets. The first month of 2022 saw two interesting topics. **Jeannine Hernandez** discussed strategies for managing dry eye patients in her 'Dry eye in contact lens wearers' webinar. We heard from **Arturo Aguirre** who spoke on 'High Dk/t soft contacts in high myopia'. He gave a review on how Dk/t is relevant and believes silicone hydrogel contact lenses are the best option for high myopia and high refraction to



adequately manage these patients without affecting the corneal physiology and avoiding effects of corneal hypoxia.