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EAME and Americas join forces

EAME Regional Director **Dr Fabrizio Zeri**, Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo**, **Lakshmi Shinde** and **Siobhan Allen** met virtually with FIACLE **Dr Raquel Gil-Cazorla** to discuss IACLE's support for Spanish-speaking members in Spain. The team decided that Guillermo, based in Peru, would connect with Spanish-speaking members in Spain to provide information on the Spanish Area within IACLETOP, along with details on IACLE resources, programs, and webinar recordings available in Spanish. Raquel continues to assist IACLE with increasing membership in Spain. She plans to host an IACLE meeting for members and potential members at the [Congress of the Spanish Association of Contactology and Ocular Surface](#), taking place on 7-9 October in Alicante, Spain. IACLE will provide details closer to the date of the meeting.

Zone française à IACLETOP – new French Area launches on IACLETOP

The IACLE Education Team has developed a French Area within IACLETOP for our French-speaking members. The area includes how-to guides, access to IACLE resources and information on the new French Student Area. Upon registration, members are granted access to a Student Area where educators can use the Student Trial Exam (STE) to assess their students' contact lens knowledge. We offer a new entry-level STE, as well as the original exam for third and fourth-year students. The STE data is secured and can be exported for your use only. If you have any questions or inquiries, please get in touch with Siobhan Allen at s.allen@iacle.org

[Register here to access a Student Area](#)

IACLE member meeting at NCC 2022



The 2022 meeting of the [Netherlands Contactlens Congress](#) (NCC) took place on **26-27 June** in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. During the congress, FIACLEs **Henri Eek** and **Wim Borst** organized a session on 'The future of contact lens fitting', opened by IACLE President **Professor Philip Morgan**, who provided an update on IACLE

activity, future plans, and gave a special thanks to IACLE sponsors for their continued support. In addition, Henri and Wim discussed the history of measuring the cornea in relation to contact lens fitting, including central keratometry using trial lenses, corneal

topography using trial lenses, corneal topography (sagittal height and tangent) and fitting software without using trial lenses.

The challenge educators face with modern techniques is how to teach students the assessment of a (soft) contact lens fit and the fluorescein pattern of a rigid lens without using trial lenses. The pair raised the question 'How can educators and examiners assess the abilities of the student to differentiate between a correct and an incorrect lens fit (without using trial lenses)?'.

The participants engaged in a good discussion about the possibilities for teaching lens fitting and the general future of contact lens education. The group concluded that fitting lenses using only software would be a poor method. Instead, students should see trial lenses, especially fluorescein patterns, to gain high quality understanding of good contact lens fitting.

Attenzione Membri in Italia – calling all Italian members

Did you know we offer an Italian version of the IACLE Contact Lens Course (ICLC)?

[Access the Italian ICLC here](#)

We have two IACLE sessions planned in Italy in October:

- 'The future of contact lenses' – taking place on 3 October at [Assottica Conference](#) in Milan, Italy
- An IACLE update – taking place on 14-16 October at [The Summit of Specialty Contacts](#) in Sorrento, Italy