

IACLE PRESENTS PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS TO CONTACT LENS EDUCATORS



**AMERICA'S IACLE CONTACT LENS
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR -
DR. LINDSAY SICKS, ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OF OPTOMETRY, CHICAGO, USA**



**IACLE ASIA PACIFIC CONTACT LENS
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR -
LAVANYA KALIKIVAYI, AHALIA SCHOOL
OF OPTOMETRY, KERALA, INDIA**

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) has announced the winners of its renowned Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards which are given to recognise and reward achievements in the contact lens education sector. These awards will be presented to contact lens educators from three countries – India, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom. Dr. Lindsay Sicks from the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, USA has bagged the IACLE Americas

Contact Lens Educator of the Year; Lavanya Kalikivayi from the Ahalia School of Optometry, Kerala, India shall be extended the IACLE Asia Pacific Contact Lens Educator of the Year; and Carole Maldonado-Codina from the University of Manchester, UK is the winner of the Middle East Contact Lens Educator of the Year (IACLE Europe/Africa) award.

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IACLE EUROPE/AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST CONTACT LENS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - CAROL MALDONADO-CODINA, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, UK



IACLE TRAVEL AWARD WINNER - ASIF IQBAL, SANKARA NETHRALAYA, CHENNAI

manufacturing was the main sponsor of these awards. The brand has a strong heritage of addressing the toughest vision challenges and continues to produce innovative products to resolve these problems. In recognition of CooperVision's generous sponsorship, the three aforementioned awards will be presented, one for each of its three global regions. To receive their awards, the winners will travel to the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) in San Diego, USA (26-29 October 2022) or the British Contact Lens Association's (BCLA) Clinical Conference & Exhibition in Manchester, UK (9-11 June 2023).

Dr. Sicks shared her response on receiving the award, "I am honoured to be chosen as IACLE's 2022 Contact Lens Educator of the Year for the Americas. During the challenging pandemic times, IACLE has served as a sounding board and a resource for fresh ideas and perspectives on how we can deliver contact lens education to our students, no matter where in the world we teach.

"We are proud of our continuing partnership with IACLE to support these awards. Eye care professionals around the world are indebted to the talent, enthusiasm and experience

of hundreds of contact lens educators. We congratulate the recipients of this year's awards and thank them for their tireless efforts to inspire the next generation of professionals," said Karen Walsh, Director, Global Professional Affairs – 1 Day & FRP Brands for CooperVision.

An IACLE Travel Award, funded by all IACLE's industry sponsors, was also presented to support educators attending major international meetings. It was awarded to Asif Iqbal from Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai, India.

IACLE President, Professor Philip Morgan, aptly summarised it, "Receiving these accolades represents a great achievement for our winners. We are grateful to CooperVision and all IACLE sponsors for sponsoring these important awards once again."

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