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Latin American members at FEDOPTO Conference

After two years, [FEDOPTO's](#) annual conference took place on 26-27 August in Cali, Colombia. Around 1,400 delegates attended the meeting, and IACLE members played a part in several sessions. Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (pictured middle), Lifetime FIACLE **Dr Sergio García** (pictured left), FIACLE **Dr Jorge Vargas** (pictured right) and **Dr Javier Prad** led the myopia section.



Dr María Victoria Baez received her FIACLE certificate and pin during the conference.

Latin American leadership initiative for research

The FEDOPTO Conference gave members in the Latin America region the opportunity to meet and discuss some exciting research projects. One included collecting epidemiological data and involving educators and students from optometric institutions across Colombia. In addition, **Hector Paez** and **Dr Jorge Vargas** made plans to hold brainstorming meetings to consolidate a project to run as an IACLE initiative for the Latin America region.

IACLE on the radio

Every week, Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo** America region on different contact lens topics, thanks to the sponsorship of www.franjavisualradio.com.

Throughout August, the IACLE Latin America region heard from exciting speakers and topics, with 224 IACLE members and eye care practitioners attending. **Martin Giraldo** had the opportunity to talk about contact lens education in the Latin America region and spoke about the differences, advantages and weaknesses. In August, the Latin America team invited two students to share their views on the contact lens education they have received. Students **Susan Bernuy** and **Milagros Diaz**, both from Peru, agreed that the pandemic affected their education due to an absence of practical work in contact lens clinics. Finally, **Alejandra De La Hoya** spoke on 'When RGPs are necessary', and discussed different options of GP contact lenses and the benefits to patients.

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We appreciate our members' active support and participation and invite you to join us every Wednesday throughout 2022 to discuss contact lens-related topics.