

IACLE GLOBAL MEMBER NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?



NEW Apply now for 2018 IACLE Awards

Six IACLE members could be travelling to major meetings in the USA this year, as winners of the 2018 IACLE Awards. There will be three [IACLE Travel Awards](#) for 2018, enabling Educator Members to attend either the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry, [Academy 2018](#) (7-10 November) (one award) or the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' [AOCLE Annual Workshop](#) (two awards) (31 May - 3 June). **Both events take place in San Antonio, Texas.** All members

are invited to enter the [IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards](#), sponsored by CooperVision. A winner from each of IACLE's three global regions will attend Academy 2018. The deadline for entries is **Wednesday 31 January**.

Click [here](#) to enter the IACLE Educator Awards and [here](#) to apply for the IACLE Travel Awards



NEW IACLE presents first Lifetime Fellowships

Fellows of IACLE who have been FIACLEs for 15 years or more are now entitled to Lifetime FIACLE status as long as they continue to be members. IACLE will notify members eligible for this status and provide them with a certificate. Lifetime Fellows will also be acknowledged in our [FIACLE Directory](#). One of the first to receive Lifetime Fellowship, **Yeshwant Saoji** (pictured) of Nagpur, India, said: 'FIACLE status gave me the standing and status that I enjoy today, and got me many invites to speak at prestigious contact lens events in India. I will continue to work towards contact lens education in India for many more years.'

Click [here](#) for details and contact your [IACLE office](#) or email iacle@iacle.org to check your eligibility



IACLE surveys members to set agenda for the future

IACLE is to conduct a major survey to determine members' use of and attitudes to our resources, programs and events, and to test out potential future member benefits. The aim is to listen to members, respond to your needs and bring the benefits of membership to even more contact lens educators worldwide. The results will help set our agenda for the next five years. The survey will be sent out to members in the coming weeks.

Look out for the survey with a Special Notice to members



Apply now for FIACLE status

Members who sat the 2017 Fellowship Examination are receiving their reports from the IACLE Education Team. Those with a successful outcome who have been members for 1 year or more can apply for FIACLE status. Those who successfully completed the exam but have not held membership for 1 year can apply once they have been members for 12 months. All applicants must meet the terms and conditions of the FIACLE program. The next sitting of the exam will be in November 2019.

Click [here](#) for information on IACLE Fellowship Exam and [here](#) for details of the FIACLE Program

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW TO ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS OF IACLE MEMBERSHIP...

Membership renewal notices for 2018 have been sent out to all members. Access to our full range of membership benefits – including the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) and our latest resource [Research Update](#) – is only available to IACLE Members. **Membership must be renewed annually and expires when payment is not received.** Please renew your status [here](#) to continue as an IACLE member in 2018 and make your contribution to [Our Mission](#) for worldwide contact lens education.

NOTE: New access codes for 2018 are provided when your membership fee is paid

MEET A MEMBER

We're looking for more members to take part in our monthly feature introducing an IACLE member from around the world. Contact your regional / country coordinator [here](#) for details.



Russian educator **Dr Nataliya Parfenova** is a lecturer in contact lenses and optometry at [Moscow School of Medical Optics](#) and an enthusiastic member of IACLE. 'I use the IACLE materials for masterclasses and lectures for students and optometrists,' she says. 'Also I invite Russian doctors and contact lens specialists to join IACLE and have the opportunity to meet colleagues from different countries.' Nataliya is a coordinator for IACLE in Russia and presents at international conferences in her country using teaching materials. She has organised online webinars for Russian specialists in contact lenses using IACLE resources.

RESOURCES



NEW 2018 IACLE Image Collection

Image of the Month is our new monthly feature to highlight your photographic skills. Each month our newsletter and website will feature an image added to the new IACLE Image Collection, which will be available online under Image Gallery via Member Login. At the end of the year the IACLE Education Team will award the Image of the Year. The new online resource will be one of several collections available via Member Login under Image Gallery.

Click [here](#) and enter your login details at the top of the page to

access IACLE Online Resources



NEW IMAGE OF THE MONTH

Limbal swelling due to mini-scleral lens edge

Guari Kunjeer Patel from [Nagar School of Optometry](#) in India captured this image using an iPhone 6S and slit-lamp biomicroscope. It shows limbal swelling alongside scleral indentation observed in the inferio-nasal quadrant post mini-scleral lens removal. This could be attributed to a tight fitting edge or lens flexure causing negative pressure under the lens resulting in limbal swelling, says Gauri.

Click [here](#) for more information on Image of the Month and to

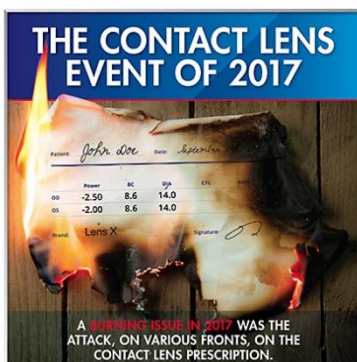
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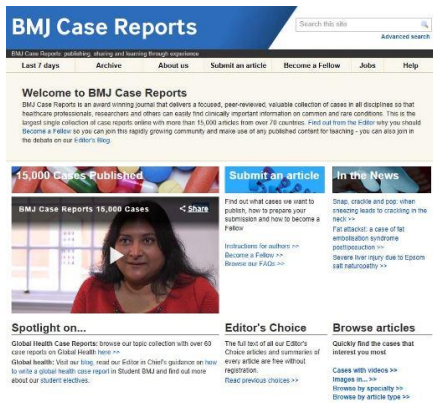


NEW Contact Lens Event of 2017 and latest prescribing trends

2017 was the year of 'the attack on the integrity of the contact lens prescription', according to [Contact Lens Spectrum](#) Editor **Dr Jason J Nichols**. His Contact Lens Event of the Year is based on 'the pervasive belief among the general public that a soft contact lens is a commodity.' The January issue includes an annual report that highlights the continuing upward trend in daily disposable prescribing in the USA. International prescribing data in 30 countries, compiled by IACLE Assistant Treasurer **Professor Philip Morgan** and co-authors, show increased uptake of silicone hydrogel and multifocal contact lenses and reveal differences between markets worldwide.

Click [here](#) for the Editor's Perspective, [here](#) for the annual report and [here](#) for international data





Bizarre cases from the BMJ archives

A patient with glitter from a Christmas card on the cornea is just one unusual case history from [BMJ Case Reports](#), recently reported by the UK publication [Optometry Today](#). Other cases highlighted are a patient who mistakenly used nail glue instead of eye drops, and a woman found to have [27 contact lenses](#) retained in her eye which attracted global media coverage following a report in the [British Medical Journal](#) (5 July 2017).

Read about these unusual case histories [here](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas



AMERICAN ACADEMY
of OPTOMETRY

NEW AAO to co-host 3rd World Congress of Optometry

It's been a busy month for the American Academy of Optometry. In an end of year address, AAO President **Dr Joseph Shovlin** welcomed the [increasing international presence within the Academy](#) and announced that, with the [World Council of Optometry](#), it would co-host the 3rd World Congress of Optometry in conjunction with Academy 2019 in Orlando, Florida, USA. The meeting will feature joint CE tracks and run from 23-28 October 2019. In a separate development, the AAO launched a new program, [The Research Academy](#) to be held in Columbus, Ohio from 17-19 July 2018, and new [funding opportunities](#) for research.

Click [here](#) for the joint WCO/AAO press release and [here](#) for more news from the Academy

West Indies students join virtual CE conference



IACLE member **Niall Farnon** (pictured center) from [The University of the West Indies Optometry Program](#) spotted a new resource in our October newsletter. Sponsored by the [GP Lens Institute](#) (GPLI) and [ODwire.org](#), GPLIwire2017 is a virtual CE conference that focuses on specialty contact lenses. Students in Trinidad and Tobago took part in the conference and benefited from the experience. 'We at UWI Optometry would like to express gratitude to IACLE and GPLIwire2017 for letting us be a part of the online system of lectures,' says Niall.

Read Niall's full report on the conference [here](#)



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IACLE radio program reaches out across LA region

[Franja Visual Radio](#)'s web-based radio program 'IACLE in the World' has now reached IACLE members and contact lens practitioners in 10 Latin American countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Nicaragua and USA. Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** directs the program, which goes out every Wednesday from 9.30 to 10.30 am (UTC-5). Invitees for programs in December were **Martin Giraldo** (Colombia), **Sabrina Lara** (Argentina), **Johana Garzón** (Colombia), **Nelson Merchan** (Colombia) and **Omar Flores** (Mexico).

Click [here](#) to access the recorded programs

Asia Pacific



Malaysian students and educators benefit from STE

Final-year students at [SEGi University](#) in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia recently sat the IACLE Student Trial Exam and achieved a pass rate of 77%. 'A detailed IACLE report and the suggested guidelines helped the educators to improve and adapt their teaching,' says IACLE member and coordinator **Fakhruddin Barodawala**. Those successful were awarded their certificates during the university convocation ceremony in August 2017 (pictured).

Read a full report from **Fakhruddin** [here](#)



Jan joins in chat at IACLE China meeting

IACLE members in China took part in an Educator Meeting in Tianjin last month (4-5 December) via a WeChat link. Guest speaker was IACLE Secretary **Dr Janice Jurkus** (pictured left with China National Coordinator **Wang Haiying**, right), from the Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, USA, who delivered lectures on presbyopia and soft multifocal contact lenses, orthokeratology and options for myopia control.

Read Haiying's report on the China meeting [here](#)



Singapore to host BCLA Asia in September

The British Contact Lens Association is going global in 2018 with a second BCLA Asia conference, this time in Singapore (2-3 September). The inaugural BCLA Asia was held in 2016 in Hong Kong. BCLA President **Keith Tempany** said: 'Growth in the contact lens market is particularly strong in Singapore and across Asia as a whole. The event will aim to continue to build the confidence of eye care practitioners to prescribe contact lenses, with a focus on prescribing to the presbyope, fitting children, speciality lenses and managing dry eye disease.'

Click [here](#) for more information on BCLA Asia

Europe / Africa – Middle East



Call for members to meet in May in Croatia

IACLE members are invited to meet at the Pula 2018 conference in May. The Joint European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) Conference and 4th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe (OCCSEE) is organized by the European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) and University of Velika Gorica / Veleuviliste Velika Gorica and will be held from 11-13 May in Pula, Croatia. An IACLE meeting is planned for Saturday 12 May from 4.30-6.00pm. Please email s.allen@iacle.org if you will be attending the conference and IACLE meeting.

Click [here](#) for more information on Pula 2018



BCLA to hold one-day conferences at two locations

BCLA UK returns in 2018 and, for the first time, will take place across two cities – at The IET in Savoy Place, London and Conference Aston at Aston University, Birmingham. Provisional dates are 4 and 10 June, featuring lectures, workshops and an exhibition. BCLA Chief Executive **Cheryl Donnelly** said: 'We are refreshing the format for 2018 by having two separate one-day events in two locations chosen by our members.'

Click [here](#) for more information on BCLA UK

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 25-28 January – Global Specialty Lens Symposium, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Details [here](#).
- 26 January – Canadian Association of Optometrists. Optometric Leaders Forum 2018, Ottawa, Canada. Details [here](#).
- 28-29 January – Association des Optométristes de France, Montrouge, Paris, France. Details [here](#).
- 8-10 February – 31st SMO national congress (Moroccan Society of Ophthalmologists), Morocco. Details [here](#).
- 8-11 February – 33rd Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress, Hong Kong. Details [here](#).
- 9-11 February – 57th Annual Contact Lens & Primary Care Congress, Kansas City, Missouri. Details [here](#).
- 22-25 February – 76th Annual Conference of All India Ophthalmological Society, Coimbatore, India. Details [here](#).

A full schedule of IACLE and other events in 2018 is available at [Meetings & Conferences](#).

Please email dates of 2018 events to s.allen@iacle.org.

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