

Global Member Newsletter

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WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?



Complete our survey this month for the chance to win a US\$100 voucher

Members should now have received our survey to determine use of and attitudes to IACLE resources, programs and events, and to test out potential future member benefits. The survey is in two parts: Section A and Section B. **Please complete both sections online by 31 March 2018 and supply your name in Section B of the survey** in order to enter a competition to win US\$100 in Amazon vouchers. Contact your regional / country coordinator [here](#) if you need help with the survey.

Click [here](#) to complete Section A of the membership survey and [here](#) for Section B

COMING SOON Winners of this year's IACLE Awards

Recipients of this year's 2018 IACLE Awards will be notified in the next few weeks. This year there will be six awards allowing winners to travel to events in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Three members will receive [IACLE Travel Awards](#) to attend either [Academy 2018](#) (7-10 November) or the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' [AOCLE Annual Workshop](#) (31 May - 3 June). And three [IACLE Contact Lens Educators of the Year](#), one for each of our three global regions, will attend Academy 2018 to receive their awards, thanks to sponsorship from CooperVision.

Click [here](#) to read more about the IACLE Educator Awards and [here](#) for the IACLE Travel Awards

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.

This month we meet **Germaine Chua**, lecturer at the [Ngee Ann Polytechnic](#) (NP) in Singapore, where she specializes in contact lens fitting and troubleshooting. Germaine spent 6 years in practice before joining NP. Established in 1963, the higher education institution has a total of 1,800 staff with more than 14,800 full-time and 3,000 part-time students. 'IACLE provides good case studies for discussion with students. It promotes students' critical thinking skills,' says Germaine. Her top tip to share with colleagues? 'Two-way feedback helps us to teach better and students to learn better. Different students respond differently to the same teaching method,' she says. Outside work, Germaine enjoys reading and travelling. 'And I'm adventurous when it comes to food!'

IMAGE OF THE MONTH

Soft prosthetic lens with clear pupil for cosmesis

Apoorv Paranjpe from Pune, India submitted this image, taken with a Samsung Galaxy J7 Max under slit-lamp illumination. Silicone oil used in vitreoretinal surgery had shifted to the anterior chamber with which patient was not satisfied cosmetically (left). Secondary surgery to remove silicone oil was not recommended by the ophthalmologist. Although the patient had no functional vision in this eye, instead of giving a dark pupil lens a clear pupil lens was dispensed (right), since PLPR (perception of light and projection of rays) was present.

Click [here](#) for more information on Image of the Month. Download a submission form to send an image

RESOURCES



NEW French and Italian lectures from New ICLC

Lectures from the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) (ICLC) in non-core languages are now online, thanks to IACLE members. **Philippe Seira** of the University of Applied Sciences FHMN in Switzerland has translated five lectures (A2, B8, E1, E2, E3) into French and FIACLE **Pietro Ghellar** of the Istituto Superiore di Ottica e Optometria has translated lecture D2 into Italian. Full versions of the New ICLC in Spanish and other key languages are also underway. If you can help with translations, please email s.allen@iacle.org.

Access Member Login [here](#) to download the lectures and find all module editors for the New ICLC [here](#)

When is a line not a line? When it's a Fleischer ring...

A small error has been identified in a sub-title of a slide in our Salazar Image Collection. Slide 109 in the Keratoconus sub-set identified a Fleischer ring as a Hudson-Stähli line. A correction has been made accordingly. The Salazar collection – the work of the late Ralph Salazar, a Venezuelan optometrist – is one of five image collections available via Image Gallery under Member Login.



NEW Online resources from GSLS 2018

More than 100 posters and 50 hand-outs from the 2018 [Global Specialty Lens Symposium](#) (GSLS) are now available online. The annual symposium, hosted by [Contact Lens Spectrum](#), took place in Las

Vegas, Nevada, USA from 25-28 January with nearly 1,000 participants from 35 countries. In other news, **Dr Jason Nichols** has been appointed GSLS education chair. Dr Nichols will replace outgoing chair and GSLS founder, **Dr Craig Norman**. Education committee members include FIACLE **Dr Eef van der Worp**.

Access GSLS posters [here](#) and hand-outs [here](#). Learn more about the GSLS changes [here](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas

IACLE uses technology to offer education across LA

Members and FIACLEs from six Latin American countries have provided contact lens education across the region in the past month. The LA office hosted a Web Lecture for 28 Colombian students and educators (pictured) and FIACLE **Rosario Vidal** led an educational program offered by [FEDOPTO](#) focusing on new instrumentation. IACLE member **Melania Astúa** from Costa Rica held a contact lens fitting workshop in

Nicaragua. And eight members from Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Perú took part in IACLE in the World broadcasts in February.

Click [here](#) for more news from the LA region

Asia Pacific

FIACLEs prominent at Masterclass in Goa...

'More contact lenses to more eyes' was the theme for the latest Masterclass Optometry event, held in Goa, India from 23-25 February. Following a similar theme to the [IACLE Congress on Contact Lens Education](#) in September 2017, the program looked at proactive recommendation of contact lenses. IACLE Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** and FIACLE **Yeshwant Saoji** organized the conference, along with [BIPOK](#) (British Indo Pacific Orthokeratology Myopia Control Academy). IACLE Global Education Manager **Lakshmi Shinde** and FIACLEs **Rajesh Wadhwa** and **Prasad Sawant** joined the speaker line-up (pictured).

Read a full report on the conference from Nilesh [here](#)

...and contribute to success of Kolkata event

FIACLEs also played a central role in the Kolkata Optometry Conference organised by the [West Bengal Optometry Association](#) for 27-28 January. Topics ranged from optometry regulation and practice, to occupational optometry and low vision. FIACLEs invited as speakers were **Rajesh Wadhwa**, **Professor Monica Chaudhry**, **Lakshmi Shinde** and **Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan**. IACLE member **Nagaraju Konda** spoke on contact lens-related complications. Industry also participated through **Amod Gogate** from Johnson & Johnson Vision and **Rupam Sinha** from CooperVision. Attended by 400 practitioners, educators and students, the meeting was a 'great success', says Lakshmi.

Chennai institution is 'getting ready with sclerals'

'While many manufacturers are now producing scleral contact lenses, the number of practitioners with expertise in this area is not sufficient to meet demand,' says IACLE's Asia Pacific Regional President **Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan** (pictured center). The contact lens department at [Sankara Nethralaya](#) in Chennai, India recently held a two-day workshop, 'Getting ready with sclerals', to help meet this demand (16-17 February). The program addressed refractive and therapeutic indications for scleral lenses and offered training in fitting and troubleshooting.

Read Raji's report on the scleral lens fitting workshop [here](#)

Europe / Africa – Middle East

Paris and Pula to host spring meetings for members in Europe

Educator meetings are planned for the EAME region at the [Institute Supérieur d'Optique Paris](#), France on 21 April, organized by FIACLE **Marina Barthe**, and at the [Pula 2018](#) conference in Croatia (11-13 May), where FIACLE **Sebastian Marx** will help to co-ordinate the Contact Lens Special Interest Group. Pula 2018 is the 4th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe (OCCSEE, pictured) in association with the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#).

NEW Online registration opens for two-venue BCLA UK

Registration is now open for BCLA UK, a series of hands-on workshops, lectures and discussions to support eye care professionals deliver the best possible care for their patients in contact lenses and anterior eye. This year, for the first time, the event will be split over two cities, with the first session on Monday 4 June at Conference Aston in Birmingham and the second scheduled for Sunday 10 June at IET

Savoy in London. Speakers will include IACLE Vice President **Professor Phillip Morgan** and FIACLE **Professor James Wolffsohn**. Both events will include an all-day session dedicated to optical assistants, to be run by **Sarah Morgan**.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18-19 March – Optometry Tomorrow (College of Optometrists), Birmingham UK. Details [here](#).
- 23-25 March – Forum for Opticians, Ophthalmologists and Optometrists, St Petersburg, Russia. Details [here](#).
- 9-10 April – 11th ACCLC (Asia Contact and Conference Contact Lens Conference) 2018, Kyungju, Korea. Details [here](#).
- 21 April – IACLE Members' Meeting, ISO Paris, France. For more information contact mbarthe.vision@gmail.com.

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.