

# Global Member Newsletter

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## WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?



### NEW IACLE extends its reach still further after a successful year in 2017

A major Congress on Contact Lens Education, a new monthly research resource and a weekly radio broadcast in Latin America are just some of the new initiatives in 2017 reported in the annual IACLE Activity Summary. IACLE ended 2017 with 782 active members in 71 countries (Dec 2016: 731). Our members taught at 560 academic institutions worldwide and reached an estimated 19,600 students in total. This year, IACLE has extended its reach still further. As of June 2018, we currently have 839 active members in 76 countries worldwide.

Click [here](#) to access the IACLE Activity Summary and [here](#) for the key points

### NEW French optometry to issue new guidelines for clinical practice

Optometry and contact lens practice in France could soon be taking a step forward, thanks to support from IACLE. **Yannick Dyant** (pictured), President of the [Association des Optométristes de France](#), reports that the AOF is working on new guidelines for general optometric practice, based mainly on those developed in the UK by the [College Of Optometrists](#) and recently revised. 'The section relating to contact lenses will probably need to be stronger to match our specific work environment,' says Yannick. IACLE will review a draft of the AOF's contact lens guidelines. AOF will also strongly advise any educator to join IACLE, and suggests the head of the contact lens department at each institution in France should be a FIACLE. Yannick thanked FIACLE **Marina Barthe** for organizing the recent IACLE meeting in Paris (21 April).

Read Marina's full report on the Paris meeting [here](#)

### Teaching teachers: a global approach

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators' approach to raising standards of education worldwide has potential benefits for all those involved in contact lenses, as **Shehzad Narve** and **Alison Eshbank** report

It is 10.30am on a Wednesday morning in the Port of Spain capital, Lima, Colombia. Camilla is beginning her weekly radio broadcast - IACLE in the World - to more than 1000 radio and print subscribers. The programme is broadcast across 10 countries in Latin America, and in the UK. This week's topic for discussion by her optician leaders in the region is opportunities for bringing together with contact lenses. Meanwhile in the UK, Dr Robert Gil Carrillo is delivering an interactive seminar on which has been designed to reach students at Aston University, using the



TABLE 1 IACLE Activities and Programmes

- New IACLE Contact Lens Course
- Fellowship of IACLE (FICLE)
- IACLE Contact Lens Learning Programme
- IACLE Student Panel Case
- International Case Reports and Image Collection
- Web Lectures and Discussion Forums
- Research Update
- IACLE News Alerts and IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards
- Education Meetings, State-of-the-Art Programmes and Congresses on Contact Lens Education

#### FLASHPR RESOURCE

IACLE has developed a range of interactive and progressive tools to help educators improve and maintain the quality of their contact lens teaching (table 1). Most are delivered via a website, [www.iacle.org](#). Regular local, regional and global events are also held.

IACLE's flagship resource is the New IACLE Contact Lens Course (New IACLE), a series of 11 lectures in six modules, recently revised and updated by the world's leading authorities in contact lenses to

### NEW Highlighting the benefits of IACLE to global education

The IACLE approach to raising standards of education worldwide has potential benefits for all those involved in contact lenses, according to an article appearing in the UK magazine, *Optician*, this month. The article highlights how IACLE's contact lens educators for a global network to share resources and experiences, interact and learn from each other. IACLE's structured approach to education also has implications for optometric education in general, it says.

Click [here](#) to read the full article and [here](#) to see more press coverage of IACLE

### 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.

## MEET A MEMBER

FIACLE **Mutahir Shah**, a senior lecturer in optometry at the [Pakistan Institute of Ophthalmology \(PIO\) Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital](#) in Rawalpindi, has good reason to be thankful for IACLE's support. 'When I was searching for contact lens teaching support for my MPhil course from the international community I spent more than a week in search of tutors. I never lost hope and at last succeeded when IACLE Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** helped me and arranged for educators to deliver online [Web Lectures](#) for the first time in Pakistan.' Mutahir's top tip for colleagues is useful too: 'Ask for feedback regarding your teaching skills from your students so that you improve your skills for next time,' he says.

**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.

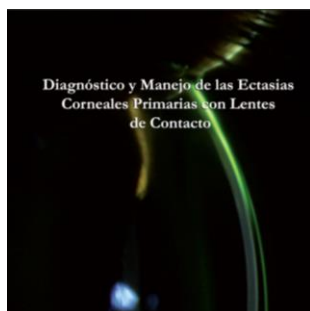
## IMAGE OF THE MONTH

### Migration of intrastromal ring

**Dr Oscar Blanco** of Blanco Grupo de Salud Óptica in Colombia captured this image using a Topcon SL D7 slit lamp with low, diffuse illumination (45°) and 10X magnification. Intrastromal ring surgery failed in this keratoconus case. The patient has been left with poor vision and now with hypersensitivity due to the superficial ring. Now, the best option for visual recovery is scleral lens fitting. The patient will require exhaustive follow-up due the vascularization towards the inferior ring and presence of deposits or infiltrates.

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

## RESOURCES



### NEW IACLE adds E-Book to free online resources for members

FIACLE **Edgar Dávila** from Puerto Rico and **Augusto Rossé** from Chile have contributed a new resource in Spanish for IACLE members to download. Published in 2012, *Diagnostic and Management of Primary Corneal Ectasias with Contact Lenses* is a comprehensive guide to the topic with around 100 clinical images, diagrams and corneal topography maps.

Access Member Login [here](#) and find the E-book under Contributed Resources



### Submit your contributed resources to maintain FIACLE status

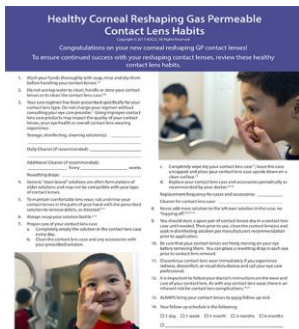
FIACLEs are reminded that one of the conditions of Fellowship renewal is to develop and donate educational resources to IACLE to share with colleagues. FIACLE status is maintained by continuing to meet the [terms and conditions](#) of the FIACLE program. One of these terms is renewing your status by declaring your continued participation/contribution to contact lens education. Renewal is requested every 3 years.

Find out more about the FIACLE renewal process [here](#)

### NEW AAO continues education through Academy Online

Academy Online is a new online CE and resource platform from the [American Academy of Optometry](#) (AAO). This resource offers a collection of recordings from past annual meetings. Users can also browse posters and interact with presenters via discussion threads. Academy members have free access to Academy Online and non-members can access content for a fee. Tests are also available for purchase online for selected courses, allowing individuals to claim COPE-approved distance learning credits.

Click [here](#) to access Academy Online and for more information



## NEW AOCLE unveils a new Healthy CL Habits Guide

The [Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators](#) (AOCLE) has developed another Healthy Habits tool to educate contact lens patients. The new guide focuses on corneal reshaping lenses and can be used by educators, practitioners, residents and students to educate novice contact lens users and patients who are non-compliant with instructions. The guides are completely available in three languages: English, French and Spanish.

Download the Healthy Corneal Reshaping Lens Habits Guide [here](#)



## OVS offers free access to popular articles and feature issues

*Optometry & Vision Science* (OVS), the peer-reviewed journal of the [American Academy of Optometry](#), provides access to a range of its most popular published articles, free of charge. Past feature issues – each dedicated to a single focus (eg myopia) – are also free to access.

Click [here](#) for the most popular OVS articles and [here](#) for feature issues

# GLOBAL UPDATE

## Americas

### IACLE joins Franja 2018 celebrations in Colombia

Almost 800 delegates attended events to celebrate 30 years of [Franja Visual](#) magazine last month (9 and 10 May). IACLE members and FIACLEs played a prominent role in the Contact Lens and Myopia Symposia that marked the anniversary. May also saw the first CLASS (Contact Lens of Americas Specialists Symposium) event take place in Bogotá.

Read a full report on activities in the region [here](#)

### Academy releases preview of San Antonio program

A symposium on 'Contact lens discomfort: more than (where the lens) meets the eye' will be one of the special events at [Academy 2018 San Antonio](#), to be held at the Henry B González Convention Center (pictured) from 7-10 November. Ezell Fellows Present is a symposium where three investigators at different career stages – supported by AAO Foundation Ezell Fellowships – present their research. Speakers will be **Drs Maria Markoulli, Lakshman Subbaraman and Pete Kollbaum**.

Click [here](#) for the Academy 2018 Program Preview. Registration is now open

## Asia Pacific

### FIACLE status adds new dimension to contact lens teaching

'It was always a dream for me to become a Fellow of IACLE,' says **Rakesh Kaushal** from the [ITM College of Optometry](#) in Raigad, India, one of 84 members who successfully completed the November 2017 Fellowship Exam. 'Becoming a FIACLE has improved my confidence and self-esteem. It's given a new dimension to my teaching of contact lenses. I believe I can serve and pass on my best knowledge to the optometrists of the future by using the IACLE resources. Holding FIACLE status also means adding to my recognition in the field of contact lenses,' he says. Rakesh has recently been promoted from Assistant Professor to Head of Optometry at his institution.

Find out more about becoming a FIACLE [here](#)

### **Indian student specially commended at FORCE final**

**Jude Menezes**, a student at the [Elite School of Optometry](#) in Chennai, received a special commendation for his stage presence at the [CooperVision FORCE Student of the Year 2018](#) final. This year was the first time India had taken part in the competition. Jude presented a review of methods for predicting dryness and discomfort in soft contact lens wearers. His project was supervised by IACLE Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator **Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan** and **Rinu Thomas**. The sixth FORCE (Future Ocular Research Creativity Event) final took place in Budapest, Hungary on 12 May. Students from Israel and Bulgaria also competed for the first time.

**Look out for a full report on the FORCE final in next month's newsletter**

### **Indonesia moves towards a standard curriculum**

The contact lens curriculum in Indonesian schools of optometry is to be standardized, thanks to support from IACLE. Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator **Cheni Lee** attended a meeting in April organized by the Association of Indonesia Optometry Schools. Ten directors of optometry schools and 10 faculty members took part (pictured). Cheni was asked to present an IACLE Update and sharing of the current contact lens curriculum.

### **BCLA Asia: 'an opportunity not to be missed'**

Registration is open for BCLA Asia, to be held on 18 and 19 September at Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre. The event is a partnership between the [British Contact Lens Association](#) and [Singapore Optometric Association](#). SOA President **Dr Liang Hwee Koh** said: 'SOA is pleased to partner with a respected professional body such as BCLA in our continuing efforts to bring to the forefront optometric education not just to Singapore but also to the wider Asian community. It is an opportunity not to be missed.'

**Find out more about BCLA Asia and register [here](#)**

## **Europe / Africa – Middle East**

### **IACLE hosts Contact Lenses SIG at Pula 2018**

Educators and eye care practitioners from 10 countries joined the Contact Lenses Special Interest Group (SIG) organized by IACLE at the recent Pula 2018 meeting. The 4th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe, in association with the European Academy of Optometry and Optics, was held in Pula, Croatia last month (11-13 May).

**Read a report on the SIG from FIACLE David Berkow [here](#)**

### **Contact lens world to unite in Manchester next year**

The BCLA Clinical Conference is returning to Manchester, UK next year (30 May-1 June). The event will have a change in format, with the Awards dinner on the Saturday night. BCLA chief executive **Cheryl Donnelly** (pictured) said: 'We are thrilled to be heading back to Manchester Central for the 2019 Clinical Conference and Exhibition. It promises to be a weekend to remember, featuring a host of passionate speakers who can inspire eye care professionals to make a real difference to patients' lives.'

**Read our report on IACLE involvement in BCLA 2017 [here](#)**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 16-19 June – 36th World Ophthalmology Congress (WOC) of the International Council of Ophthalmology. Barcelona, Spain. Details [here](#).
- 20-24 June – Optometry's Meeting 2018, Denver, Colorado, USA. Details [here](#).

- 30 June-1 July – 4th Vanguard Optometry Congress, Panajachel, Guatemala. For details contact [aldoortiz1@yahoo.com](mailto:aldoortiz1@yahoo.com).

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

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