

IACLE Global Member Newsletter August 2018

WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?



NEW Distance Learning Program nears completion

IACLE's Distance Learning Program (DLP) has been fully revised in line with the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) and will be released in September. Director of Educational Programs Nilesh Thite (pictured) commented: 'The New DLP, a collaborative effort of the Education Team and Fellows of IACLE, aligns well with the New ICLC. It completes the circle of learning and will help our members prepare for the Fellowship examination.'

Click [here](#) for more information on the New DLP

REPORT

IACLE shares its impactful activities of 2017

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) is a one-stop hub for contact lens professionals from across the globe. Today, the association enables contact lens educators to access enriching educational content that they can use to further their knowledge of the optical industry. IACLE supports and brings together professionals to excel in the industry, in order to bring out the best of products and services for the customers.

In a recent press release, IACLE shared its yearly activities of 2017, which were buzzing with new collaborations, thought-provoking sessions, insightful workshops and varied events. IACLE proudly shared that many new IACLE members have since joined the initiative. It has also been noted that IACLE added new educational resources to improve the quality of contact lens teaching.



Hosted by IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo, IACLE in the World is a new weekly broadcast via fringe Visual Radio, a web-based program with an audience of more than 100 eye care practitioners in Latin America.

● The session, 'IACLE Congress on Contact Lens Education' was held in Hyderabad in September.

NEW Indian journal features IACLE and its activities

A recent edition of The Indian Optician has highlighted IACLE's achievements. The May/June issue reported on our [Activity Summary 2017](#) and described IACLE as a 'one-stop hub for contact lens professionals from across the globe'. Vision Plus magazine also featured IACLE's approach to contact lens education, in a blog this month.

Read the article [here](#) and [here](#) and find more coverage under [IACLE Press](#)

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



Fadi Harb is an optometrist at the [Beirut Eye & ENT Specialist Hospital](#) in Lebanon, where his professional interest is vision rehabilitation. Fadi was one of four educators from Lebanon who attended the [2017 IACLE Congress on Contact Lens Education](#) in Hyderabad, India. 'IACLE has provided me with great help and experience considering my job in vision rehab. It has been so helpful to gain new information about optometry in general, and specifically contact lenses,' he says. Outside work Fadi's interests include driving and exploring new places.

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



Multiple bubbles under a scleral lens

FIACLE Prasad Sawant from the [Sawant Optometry Clinic](#) in Dombivli-Mumbai, India, captured this image using a Samsung S9 and slit-lamp biomicroscope. The image shows the formation of multiple air bubbles under a scleral contact lens. Air bubbles are a common challenge in scleral lens fitting and are usually due to improper application (see below) and/or the edge of the lens being loose in one particular meridian, when a spherical haptic scleral lens is fitted on a toric sclera.

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

RESOURCES



NEW Help with handling and caring for scleral contact lenses

The [GP Lens Institute](#) (GPLI) has added a laminated card on scleral lens application and removal, plus tips on caring for sclerals, to its printed materials. GPLI resources can either be ordered online or downloaded free of charge. A patient video on How to Use Scleral Lenses is also available on the Scleral Education Society's

website, [sclerallens.org](#). Thanks to FIACLE Dr Eef van der Worp for highlighting these resources in his [L- Site](#) newsletter.

Find the GPLI printed materials [here](#) and access the video [here](#)

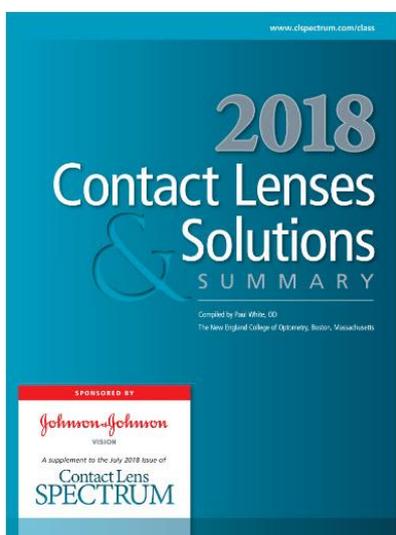


NEW CORE introduces new guide to clinical contact lens management

The [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#) at the [University of Waterloo](#), Canada has released an enhanced version of the

Guide to Clinical Contact Lens Management. The guide is a free, fully-searchable database which includes descriptions, images and videos to help identify and manage contact lens-related issues. New features include updated content, search functionality and practical demonstrations of slit-lamp techniques. This fully independent resource is hosted by CORE and supported by an independent medical education grant from Alcon.

Click [here](#) to access the enhanced CORE guide and [here](#) to learn more



NEW 2018 Contact Lenses & Solutions Summary

The annual CLASS guide listing contact lenses and care products available in the USA was released with the July issue of [Contact Lens Spectrum](#). Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Vision and compiled by Dr Paul White from the [New England College of Optometry](#), CLASS is designed to be a concise, easy-to-use, chairside reference source. The July edition of Contact Lens Spectrum is also the annual Dry Eye Issue, and includes a report on trends in diagnosis and treatment.

Click [here](#) for 2018 CLASS and [here](#) to view digital editions of Contact Lens Spectrum from 2018. And add your email address [here](#) to receive monthly Readers' Choice alerts from the journal

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas



AAO to salute research achievements at Academy 2018

IACLE member Professor Helen Swarbrick (pictured) from the [University of New South Wales](#) (UNSW) in Sydney, Australia is among those to be honoured in this year's [American Academy of Optometry](#) Awards. Helen will receive the Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award from the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies at the [Academy 2018](#) meeting in San Antonio, Texas, USA (7-10 November). Her UNSW colleague Professor Fiona Stapleton will receive the Glenn A Fry Award.

Find the full list of 2018 AAO Award recipients [here](#)



Gina and Jan join speaker line-up at Colombian congress

IACLE will be playing a key role in the [FEDOPTO Congress](#) in Colombia this month and will be offering a Contact Lens Specialist Section as part of the general program of the 29th National Congress of Optometry in Barranquilla (9-11 August). Dr Gina Sorbara (Canada) and Dr Jan Jurkus (USA), representing the IACLE Executive Board, and FIACLEs Nelson Merchan (Colombia), Martin Giraldo (Colombia) and Guillermo Carrillo (Perú) are among those taking part.

Find out more about LA events [here](#) and read a full report on FEDOPTO next month

Asia Pacific



IACLE India to hold regional meetings this autumn

More than 70 IACLE members from across India are expected to attend regional IACLE Educator Meetings at three venues this autumn. The dates and venues are: 3-4 October, New Delhi (North and East regions); 20-21 October, Mumbai (West region); and 27-28 October, Chennai (South). Topics on the agenda will cover important aspects of education and research. These meetings will be interactive and many Fellows and members will be given the

opportunity to present their work and thoughts.

Look out for full details and registration next month



IACLE AP introduces innovation across the region

The Asia Pacific region has had a busy few weeks of activities, with events in Korea (pictured left), Taiwan and Indonesia. Korea National Coordinator Professor Kyounghee Park reports progress with the translation of the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#). And AP Regional Coordinator Dr Cheni Lee has introduced a new teaching methodology using the WebEx platform.

Read Cheni's report on AP activities [here](#)

BCLA releases final program for Singapore meeting



'Surviving practice change' will be the theme for the second BCLA Asia meeting, to be held at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre next month (18-19 September). A maximum of 14 CET points can be achieved by attending the lecture track. The event is a partnership between the [British Contact Lens Association](#) and [Singapore Optometric Association](#).

Register for BCLA Asia [here](#) and download the final program [here](#)

Europe / Africa – Middle East



Students in Morocco take the STE challenge

Fes in Morocco hosted its first Student Trial Exam (STE) last month (14 July). Member Hamid Nafis (pictured second left, standing), at the Nafis Vision Centre, conducted the exam for a small group of eight students. A total of 72 students also took part in the STE at three institutions in France: [Institut Supérieur d'Optique](#) (ISO) Nantes, [Institut des Sciences de la Vision](#) (ISV) Saint Etienne and [Pôle de Formation Pasteur](#), Betheny. A further nine sat the exam at the [Institut d'Optique Raymond Tibaut](#) in Bruxelles, Belgium.

For more information on the Student Trial Exam and to register, click [here](#)



IACLE seeks speakers for 2019 French congress

Following a successful IACLE meeting in Paris in May (pictured), we are planning to support a Contact Lens Session at the next Congrès d'Optométrie and Contactologie. The presenters will all be members of IACLE. The congress will take place on 20 and 21 January 2019 in Montrouge, Ile-de-France. Lectures and/or practical sessions can be presented in English as well as French, so we are seeking members and FIACLEs who would be prepared to join our French members on the speaker program. A number of topics have been suggested so if you are interested in being part of this event please contact s.allen@iacle.org to receive more details.



FIACLE status helps build professional relationships in France

Optometrist Arnaud Massenet, of [Aix-Marseille Université](#) in France, achieved FIACLE status following a successful outcome in the 2017 Fellowship Exam. 'I'm very proud to be part of the FIACLE community and I feel more valued and invested in the world of contactology,' says Arnaud. 'Fellowship allows us to demonstrate our knowledge in this field – especially to ophthalmologists – but also our desire to participate in the mission of IACLE in an active way, trying to standardize the teaching of contact lenses in France and more broadly in the

world. Becoming a FIACLE should make things easier, by reassuring ophthalmologists that they can delegate more easily.'

Find out more about becoming a FIACLE [here](#) and access the latest FIACLE Directory [here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22-25 August – Nordic Congress of Ophthalmology (NOK 2018), Oslo, Norway. Details [here](#).

29-30 August – 20th International Congress on Vision Science and Eye 2018, Zurich, Switzerland. Details [here](#).

2 September – Contact Lenses Contact C.Ls.C. Details [here](#).

2-3 September – BCLA Asia Conference, Singapore. Details [here](#).

21-22 September – 2nd EMCO International Congress of Optometry, Marrakech, Morocco. Details [here](#).

22-26 September – 36th Congress of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS), Vienna, Austria. Details [here](#).

27-30 September – Deutsche Ophthalmologische Gesellschaft (DOG) 2018, Bonn, Germany. 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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