

Global Member Newsletter

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WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?

NEW IACLE salutes Award winners at Academy 2018

The 2018 IACLE Contact Lens Educators of the Year received their awards at an International Reception at [Academy 2018](#) in San Antonio, Texas, USA (9 November). **Runa Mazumder**, **Wim Borst** and **Henri Eek** stepped up to the stage. **Professor Lyndon Jones** will receive his award in a separate ceremony. The Educator Awards and the reception are kindly sponsored by CooperVision. **Marcella McParland**, the company's Director of Professional Services EMEA, presented the certificates. **Martha García** received her 2018 IACLE Travel Award from President **Dr Shehzad Naroo**.

Read about this year's IACLE Award winners [here](#) and look out for a Special Notice on the ceremony

IACLE Board and staff set goals for the future

New IACLE resources, programs and events are in prospect for members worldwide, following a Strategic Planning Meeting held to coincide with Academy 2018 (6 November). Findings from the 2018 Membership Survey will help inform IACLE's future direction. President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** commented: 'This was a great opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the previous strategic review meeting and plan ahead for the next set of IACLE initiatives. It was warming to see that we have achieved the targets set at the last meeting. Looking ahead, some great goals and projects were outlined and now we will see how we can implement these.' Our Annual General Meeting took place during Academy 2018 (8 November) and included a review of activities in each region over the past year.

A full report on IACLE involvement in Academy 2018 will feature in next month's newsletter

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

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 and make your contribution to [Our Mission](#) for worldwide contact lens education.

MEET A MEMBER

Meet IACLE member **Dr Ekaterina Perfilyeva**, Medical Advisor at Bausch + Lomb Vision Care Russia in Moscow, whose professional interests include ocular prosthetics, cataract and refractive surgery, and contact lenses. Ekaterina has a career history spanning several disciplines: 'I've already been on all sides of ophthalmology and optometry: student, resident, teacher, clinical doctor, chief of an optical business and medical advisor,' she says. So how does IACLE help her in her career? 'My status as a teacher and lecturer is increased, because my knowledge is based on international standards.' And Katerina's top tip to share with colleagues: 'Never stop striving to gain new skills and knowledge.'

WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO IACLE MEMBERS WORLDWIDE? We're looking for more members to take part in Meet a Member. Contact your regional / country coordinator [here](#) for details.

IMAGE OF THE MONTH

FIACLE **Nooruz Zaman** of [Sankara Eye Hospital](#) in India captured this image with an iPhone 6s under low magnification and diffuse illumination using a Topcon slit lamp. This patient visited the clinic to collect her contact lenses. On slit-lamp examination two soft lenses were found in each eye. History revealed that she was confused about the previous night's removal of contact lenses due to a hectic schedule. The next morning she wore another pair thinking she might have misplaced her lenses. The patient had low refractive error: -0.75 DS in each eye. Hence she did not have vision-related complaints despite being overcorrected in each eye.

Click [here](#) for more information on Image of the Month. Download a submission form to add your image to our collection. Look out for our Image of the Year in next month's newsletter.

RESOURCES



NEW Good Habits, Healthy Eyes handouts from CORE

Patient handouts on healthy contact lens habits for children and for all wearers are the latest resources from the [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#) (CORE) at the [University of Waterloo](#), Canada. A recent issue of CORE's *Contact Lens Update* newsletter also featured a series of reviews around 'Contact Lenses & Kids'.

Find the Contact Lenses & Kids resources and handout [here](#) and a handout for all wearers [here](#). Sign up to receive Contact Lens Update [here](#)



NEW BHVI launches Global Myopia Centre

[Brien Holden Vision Institute](#) has announced a new online Global Myopia Centre, bringing resources all onto one platform to educate eye care professionals and equip them to manage the impending escalation in myopia. The platform will host the Myopia Education Program, online tools for myopia management, global prevalence data, the latest peer-reviewed references, and information and resources for advocacy initiatives.

Access the Global Myopia Centre [here](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas

IACLE collaborates across five LA countries

Around 40 students took part in an LA event where IACLE members **Augusto Rosse** (Chile), FIACLE **Jorge Vargas** (Colombia), FIACLE **Andrea Villegas** (pictured) (Ecuador) and **Héctor Velasquez** (Venezuela) joined Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Peru) to lecture at the [Universidad Técnica de Manabí](#) in Ecuador (18 October).

Read Willy's report on all October activities in the region [here](#)

Asia Pacific

NEW Malaysian university holds annual awareness week

'Healthy Habits Mean Healthy Eyes' was the theme for the 2018 Contact Lens Awareness Week at [SEGi University](#) in Malaysia (19-21 September). The message for this year's initiative was that contact lenses should be handled with proper care and hygiene. The event was open to everyone at SEGi University – students and staff – to take part.

Read a full report on the week [here](#)

IACLE reaches out across China with annual meeting

Members throughout China were able to take part in the annual Members' Meeting and Train-the-Trainer program in Shanghai last month (11-12 October) using the WeChat platform. The meeting was chaired by China National Coordinator **Qu Xiaomei** and guest speaker was Director of Educational Development **Dr Lewis Williams**.

Read Xiaomei's report from Shanghai [here](#)

Working with industry benefits school in Indonesia

Johnson & Johnson Vision has committed to supplying trial contact lenses to support an Indonesian school following an Industry Seminar last month (25 October). The seminar at the Academy of Refractionist Optician (ARO) Kartika welcomed 25 students. Industry representatives **Latifah Hamid** and **Pena Lukis** introduced the company's range to final-year graduates so that they are better prepared and familiar with the products.

IACLE India hails success of 2018 Members' Meetings

New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai played host to the annual series of meetings organized by IACLE India. Over the two days of each meeting delegates discussed a range of topics, from the use of technology in the classroom to how to evaluate clinical research published in the literature. Members' feedback on the meetings was very positive.

Read a full report on the India meetings [here](#)

B+Lieve delivers practitioner education in the City of Joy

IACLE board, staff and FIACLEs played prominent roles in the latest event on the B+Lieve program, held at [Sankara Nethralaya](#) in Kolkata, India (30 September). Nearly 100 eye care professionals attended the event, organized by Bausch + Lomb India. IACLE's AP Regional President **Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan** and Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** were among the speakers.

Read Raji's report from Kolkata [here](#)

Europe / Africa – Middle East

Obituary: Bernard Barthelemy

Bernard Barthélemy, a graduate of the Paris School of Optometry and [Université Paris-Sud](#), had been teaching contact lenses for more than 35 years when he lost his fight with cancer on 21 October. Bernard was a former Associate Professor at Paris-Sud, on the board of management of the [European Council of Optics and Optometry](#), and IACLE Vice President for Europe. He authored many books – such as *Contactologie* – and other publications. His contribution to the teaching of contact lenses in France and his many years of support for IACLE will be sorely missed, writes EAME Regional President **Judith Morris**.

IACLE members from the Middle East active at EMCO Congress...

The second [Eastern Mediterranean Council of Optometry](#) (EMCO) International Congress took place in Marrakesh, Morocco (21-22 September). Around 250 delegates from EMCO and other World Council of Optometry regions attended. The theme of the congress was Optometry Saves Sight: Educate, Advocate, Legislate. IACLE members from the region, including **Dr Yazan Gammoh** (pictured) of [Al Ahliyya Amman University](#) in Jordan, IACLE EAME Contact Lens Educator of the Year 2017, joined the panel of international speakers.

Read Yazan's report on the EMCO meeting [here](#)

...and at Iranian national congress in Tehran

IACLE was also active in the 8th National Congress of the Iranian Optometric Association in Tehran (11-12 October). Members **Ali Reza Jafari** (pictured) and **Dr Mohammad Reza Mohamad Aliha** were congress scientific programs manager and executive secretary, and **Dr Ali Akbar Shafiee** and **Dr Afshin Mohammadi** executive board members. Ali Reza led a panel of speakers on new lens design and fitting, and spoke on problem solving. He was also interviewed by local media about the role of optometrists in prescribing contact lenses.

Moroccan student celebrates first success in STE

Fadwa Salhi is the first student in Morocco to successfully take part in the IACLE Student Trial Exam (STE). Fadwa sat the exam this summer and recently received her certificate from **Hamid Nafis** (pictured right) at a presentation at the Nafis Vision Centre in Fes. During 2017, 45 STEs were administered to 1,570 students at 44 institutions in 10 countries worldwide.

Find out more about the Student Trial Exam and register for this program [here](#)

BCLA and MCLOSA join forces for Visionaries event

The [British Contact Lens Association](#) and [Medical Contact Lens and Ocular Surface Association](#) will present a joint program in London on 30 November at the BCLA Visionaries event. Highlights include a session chaired by BCLA President **Professor Sunil Shah** on 'Contact lenses – the side that ophthalmologists don't see' with IACLE Vice President **Professor Phillip Morgan** (pictured) and **Dr Nicola Logan**. **Dr Jennifer Craig** will present the BCLA Pioneers Lecture and **Professor Christopher Liu** the MCLOSA Kersley Medal Lecture.

Find more information on BCLA Visionaries and register [here](#)

NEW SAVE THE DATE for IACLE/BUCCLE Education Day 2019

IACLE will again collaborate with the [British and Irish Universities Committee of Contact Lens Educators](#) (BUCCLE) to hold an Education Day prior to the [British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference & Exhibition](#) (30 May – 1 June). The one-day program will run at the University of Manchester, UK on **Wednesday 29 May**. The theme for the meeting will be 'Research-based contact lens teaching.'

Look out for more details in future newsletters

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13-15 November – Dubai Optical Show, Vision-X, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Details [here](#).
- 28 November - 1 December – Societa Oftalmologica Italiana (SOI), Rome, Italy. Details [here](#).
- 29 November - 1 December – Congreso Latino Americano de Control de Miopia y Orto-K, Cataratas del Iguazu. Details [here](#).

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

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