



## Global Member Newsletter December 2018

### WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?

**Happy holidays to all our members worldwide!**



2018 has been another very successful year for IACLE with a host of events across all three of our global regions. This year we've introduced new programs and resources – such as the New Distance Learning Program and IACLE Image Collection. And we surveyed our whole membership to help set IACLE's agenda for the next five years. Thank you to all members and to our industry sponsors for your continued support. We look forward to your participation again during 2019, our 40th Anniversary year. Look out for more details of our 40th celebrations from January.

Please note the IACLE office will be closed from 25 December and will re-open on 2 January 2019

**NEW Apply now for 2019 IACLE Awards**



Seven IACLE members will travel to major meetings worldwide next year, as winners of the 2019 IACLE Awards. All members are invited to enter the IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards, sponsored by CooperVision. There will again be three Educator Awards, one for each of IACLE's global regions. To mark four decades of IACLE, we will be offering four Travel Awards – more than ever before – enabling Educator Members to attend either an international event (three awards) or the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' Annual Workshop (one award). The deadline for applications is 31 January.

Download an application form for these awards from our website

### **NEW IACLE makes its mark at Academy 2018 meeting**



IACLE members and Fellows were involved throughout the program at Academy 2018 in San Antonio, Texas (7-10 November). IACLE President Dr Shehzad Naroo met FIACLE Mera Haddad to discuss her poster with May Bakkar on research at the Jordan University of Science and Technology. Shehzad was joined by Khawlah Alfaiti of Pacific University Oregon, USA, and Mashaer Baashen of Aston University, UK at the poster session.

Read our full report on Academy 2018 [here](#)

### **NEW Registration opens for the 2019 Fellowship Exam**



A date for your new 2019 Diary! The next IACLE Fellowship Exam will be held on Saturday 16 November 2019. The exam will be the first administration for which members can use the New Distance Learning Program to prepare. Registration is now open and all existing and new IACLE members are eligible to sit the exam. A successful outcome means members can apply for Fellowship and, if eligible, use the affix FIACLE after their names. Register by 30 June to take part.

Find full details on the Fellowship Exam and registration [here](#)

### **2019 Membership renewal due on 1 January**

Members will be receiving notices this month to renew their annual membership. Access to our full range of membership benefits including the New IACLE Contact Lens Course – is only available to IACLE members. Membership expires when payment is not received.

NEW This year you can also make an additional voluntary donation to mark IACLE's 40th year and be acknowledged on our website. Look out for more details in your membership renewal notice.

### **MEET A MEMBER**



For me, optometry is similar to playing music, says Dr Aliakbar Shafiee an optometrist at the Basir Research Eye Center in Tehran, Iran. At work, his interests are scleral lenses and contact lenses for sports but at home he likes to play Iranian classical percussion (Zarb) and to socialize with friends. Aliakbar says IACLE PowerPoints and website have helped him in his teaching. Here's his top tip to help with contact lens teaching: 'Sometimes very simple subjects are very hard for students. Please be patient as an educator and remember yourself when you were a student.'

WOULD YOU LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO IACLE MEMBERS WORLDWIDE? We're looking for more members to take part in Meet a Member. Contact us at [iacle@iacle.org](mailto:iacle@iacle.org) for details.

**IMAGE OF THE MONTH**



### **Tick burrowed on the upper eyelid margin**

FIACLE Ajay Shinde of Sankara College of Optometry, Bangalore, India captured this image using a photo slit lamp with Canon camera mounted. This 46-year-old female patient visited the clinic complaining of pain in the left upper eyelid for the past three days. On examination a tick was found on the upper lid margin with one of its tiny legs moving. A gentle touch on the upper lid was very painful. A thorough history revealed the patient had interacted with pets (cats) about a week previously at a relative's house.

WE'RE NOW STARTING OUR 2019 IMAGE COLLECTION. Download a submission form to add your image to our collection here. Look out for the winner of our 2018 Image of the Year in the January newsletter.

### **RESOURCES**

**NEW OptiExpert now available in north America**





CooperVision has launched its OptiExpert app in the US and Canada. The app is free for iOS and Android devices and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google.

OptiExpert features the Efron Grading Scales, multifocal and toric calculators, and oxygen profiles. It is now available in 15 languages and in 76 countries.

Find out more about OptiExpert [here](#)

## GLOBAL UPDATE

### Americas



Educators from across the region meet up in Mexico

Members from eight institutions in Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and Perú attended an IACLE Educators' Meeting (30 November) to coincide with the ALDOO Congress in León Guanajuato, Mexico. In other news, IACLE Secretary Dr Janice Jurkus travelled to Argentina last month to take part in the Contactología Sin Fronteras meeting and IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator Guillermo Carrillo visited the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica.

Read Willy's report on the IACLE meeting and other activities in the region [here](#)

### Asia Pacific

## NEW Bali congress examines the role of optometry in Asia



'The emerging role of the optometry profession in Asia' was on the agenda as IACLE members and FIACLEs presented their research at the 2nd Asia Optometric Congress. The conference was held at the Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center in Bali, Indonesia last month (16-17 November). AP Regional Coordinator Dr Cheni Lee (top left) and China National Coordinator Professor Haiying Wang (top right) were among those taking to the stage. Associate members Tim Grant and Jeanette Romuladez from Alcon were keynote speakers.

Read Cheni's report on the congress [here](#)

**IACLE AP reaches out to institutions across Korea...**



November was a busy month for IACLE Korea National Coordinator Professor Kyounghee Park, with events reaching 70 students and staff across Korea. Visiting Far East University in Gangok-myeon, Kyounghee lectured on toric lens fitting. At the Johnson & Johnson Institute in Seoul, joined by FIACLE Hyungyoung Byun (pictured), she spoke on soft contact lens materials to students from Kookje University. Kyounghee also visited Yeonju University where corneal pathology and soft contact lens fitting were her topics.

**...and holds industry events in India**





FIACLEs and industry representatives in India had a busy month too. IACLE arranged a Bausch + Lomb's Industry Seminar at the Lotus Bausch + Lomb Institute of Optometry in Coimbatore, and Alcon visited the Lotus College of Optometry, Mumbai to present their products to students. Associate Member Rupam Sinha from CooperVision visited Hari Jyot College of Optometry in Navsari, and Shree Bharatimaiya College of Optometry, Surat. Rupam lectured to students and encouraged them to enter the 2019 FORCE (Future Ocular Research Creativity Event) competition.

**Europe / Africa – Middle East**

**US educator seeks help with projects in Ghana and Kenya**



Could you help support contact lens education in Africa? Dr Dan Twelker, from the University of Arizona, Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science, is seeking assistance with a project he is working on in Ghana. Dr Twelker (pictured right, on a visit to Ghana) is seeking funding and other support to provide education, training, equipment and sources for importing lens materials and solutions into Ghana, and eventually Kenya. Please contact Dr Twelker directly on [dtwelker@eyes.arizona.edu](mailto:dtwelker@eyes.arizona.edu) if you can assist in any way.

#### **Call for workshops for 2019 BCLA Clinical Conference**



The British Contact Lens Association is inviting proposals for workshops to be held at its 2019 Clinical Conference & Exhibition in Manchester, UK (30 May – 1 June). The deadline for submissions is 11 January. The BCLA recently held its first joint program with the Medical Contact Lens and Ocular Surface Association, at the Visionaries event in London (30 November). President Professor Sunil Shah is pictured with Dr Jennifer Craig who presented the BCLA Pioneers Lecture.

Submit a proposal for BCLA workshops [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE for the IACLE/BUCCLE Education Day 2019 in Manchester, UK: Wednesday  
29 May 2019

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 27-28 December – IACLE Educators' Meeting and Train-the-Trainer, Korea. Contact IACLE Korea Coordinator Kyounghee Park: [rgp0104@hanmail.net](mailto:rgp0104@hanmail.net).
- 11 January – 2019 AZOA Bronstein Contact Lens & Cornea Seminar, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA. Details [here](#).
- 20-21 January 2019 – Congrès d'Optométrie and Contactologie, Le Beffroi de Montrouge, near Paris, France. Details [here](#).
- 24-27 January – 2019 Global Specialty Lens Symposium, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Details [here](#).
- 31 January – 1 February – 5th World Congress on Ophthalmology and Optometry, Singapore. Details [here](#).

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