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IACLE launches membership campaign to mark 40th year

More than nine in 10 IACLE members (92%) would **recommend membership** to other contact lens educators and more than two-thirds (69%) rate membership as either extremely good or very good **value for money**.

Our members say IACLE membership makes the greatest difference to them at a personal level, and recognise benefits to their careers and institutions/organizations too. **Providing the resources to teach contact lenses** is considered the number one benefit of membership.

These are among the findings of our **2018 Membership Survey**, in which 300 IACLE members from 48 countries took part. Key results from the survey are [here](#) and will inform our strategy to develop new resources, programs and events over the next five years.

To mark our **40th Anniversary**, we are introducing a membership campaign to bring the many valuable benefits of IACLE to even more educators worldwide, with a target of **40 new members** by mid-2019.

Our survey identified more than 130 educators in members' institutions/organizations who are not currently IACLE members and are willing to be contacted about joining. IACLE [Regional/Country Coordinators](#) will be leading the drive to approach these and other potential new members. **Please contact your local coordinator to recommend a colleague.**

Current members will be receiving notices this month to renew their annual membership from **1 January 2019**. Note that access to our full range of membership benefits – including the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) – is only available to IACLE members. Membership and access expire when payment is not received.

For 2019, we have reduced the annual fee for Associate Members to be closer to rates for Educator Members. Fees for **Associate Members** (such as those working in industry) now start **from US\$45** and Educator Membership (for those involved either full-time or part-time in contact lens education in any form at a recognised teaching institution) remains **from US\$30**. Individuals' fees are based on country economic demographics. Full details are [here](#).

If you would like to mark our 40th anniversary by making an **additional personal contribution** towards IACLE, please add your donation to the cost of your membership renewal. We will use the additional funds to advance contact lens education globally. Donations are entirely voluntary. All donors will be acknowledged (name only) on our website, unless you advise us you would prefer to remain anonymous. Updates on our 40th anniversary celebrations will be provided in our newsletters and via social media.

For information on the many valuable benefits of IACLE membership click [here](#) and for more on how to renew click [here](#).

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