



Global Member Newsletter

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WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?

NEW Register now for IACLE / BUCCLE Education Day

'Research and evidence base related to our publications and presentations' is the theme for this year's IACLE / BUCCLE Education Day to be held in Manchester, UK on **Wednesday 29 May**. Organized jointly by IACLE Europe / Africa – Middle East Regional President **Judith Morris** and the [British & Irish University & College Contact Lens Educators](#), this one-day event at Chancellors Conference Centre will precede the [British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference & Exhibition](#) (30 May – 1 June). A full program and registration are now available.

Click [here](#) to see the program for Education Day and [here](#) to register

NEW Lyndon receives his IACLE Award at GSLS

Congratulations to 2018 IACLE Americas Contact Lens Educator of the Year **Professor Lyndon Jones** of the [University of Waterloo](#) and [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#) in Canada who received his award at the Global Speciality Lens Symposium in Las Vegas, USA (24 January). **Michele Andrews**, Senior Director of North America Professional & Academic Affairs at CooperVision, sponsor of the Educator Awards, handed over the certificate at a North American Educators' event organized by CooperVision.

Read Lyndon's comments on his award [here](#). Judging for the 2019 IACLE Awards is now underway

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

NEW IACLE adds anniversary resources for members

More resources are now available via our website for members to celebrate our 40th year, including a new slide template and 40th Anniversary presentation. Email IACLE Executive Director **Bonnie Boshart** at b.boshart@iacle.org for PowerPoint versions. Four videos, testimonials from our industry partners and links to press coverage are also on our anniversary web page. 40th year events will take place at regional and national meetings worldwide during 2019, and at four major international meetings.

Visit our 40th Anniversary page [here](#) for more resources and anniversary news

NEW Media worldwide report on IACLE's 40th year

A full-page advertisement in the January issue of [Contact Lens Spectrum](#) celebrating our 40th Anniversary, recognising IACLE's impact and thanking our industry partners for their support was among media coverage to mark the start of our 40th year. A feature in the UK publication [Optician](#) (11 January) described IACLE's early history and achievements. Journals and websites around the world reported on the 40th celebrations.

Read a selection of our press coverage [here](#)

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

All members should now have received notices 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. If you have not received your renewal notice, please contact your [local IACLE office](#). **Membership expires when payment is not received.**

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.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Do you have colleagues in your institution, or other institutions, who would benefit from IACLE membership?

If so, **with their permission**, please supply their names and email addresses to Director of Administration **Siobhan Allen** at s.allen@iacle.org. We will contact them to explain [what IACLE can do for them personally](#) and [what IACLE can do for their institutions](#), and suggest that they become members.

Leaflets and posters promoting IACLE membership can be downloaded from our website [here](#)

MEET A MEMBER

Bulgarian member **Anton Farladzhov** first worked in an optical practice in 2010 when he was just 17 years old. Today he is sales manager and product specialist at UVI United Vision – distributor for CooperVision in Bulgaria – based in the capital Sofia. 'Since the very beginning of my career, contact lenses have been a passion for me,' says Anton. 'My position requires me to keep up with the latest innovations in contact lenses. IACLE is a great opportunity to access valuable information. My IACLE membership helps me to upgrade my knowledge.' Outside work, Anton's interests are travelling and nature.

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

Corneal intrastromal rings decentred superiorly

This image was captured by IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** using slit lamp 16X magnification/10X (lateral view) with a Canon Powershot ELPH 180 adaptor and medium illumination. Slit lamp diffuse illumination shows the front two intrastromal ring segments decentred superiorly (left). The second view is reverse tangential (light focused directly on the cornea and telescope system on lateral view).

SUBMIT YOUR IMAGES NOW FOR THE 2019 IACLE IMAGE COLLECTION. Download a submission form [here](#).

RESOURCES



NEW Love Your Lenses tools on wearer safety

Tools to help eye care practitioners communicate safety messages more effectively to contact lens wearers are among the resources for this year's [Love Your Lenses Week](#) (23-30 March). Now in its third year, the awareness week is run by the UK regulator the

[General Optical Council](#) (GOC) in collaboration with industry partners and patient groups. A visual aid, pre-appointment questionnaire and lifestyle-based questions are the result of a GOC pilot project called Land The Message, which explored how contact lens practitioners could use behavioural science to increase the effectiveness of aftercare advice.

Find out more about Land The Message and Love Your Lenses Week [here](#)

2018 IACLE Image Collection now online

Members now have exclusive access to the full collection of 39 clinical images in the 2018 IACLE Image Collection via our website. Photographs and descriptions include 27 cases donated by members but not featured in our Image of the Month, including this case of corneal granular dystrophy from Ms Gauri Kunjeer, from Nagar School of Optometry in India. Our Image Gallery now comprises five collections and libraries for teaching purposes.

Access the collection under Image Gallery via Member Login [here](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas

IACLE supports new contact lens course in Mexico

Established two years ago, the optometry program at [La Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores Unidad](#) (ENES UNAM) in León, Mexico is to introduce a contact lens curriculum with support from IACLE. **Lizbeth Uribe** is the Dean of the program and IACLE member **Juan Pimentel** will be the contact lens educator in charge. They are committed to closer communication with IACLE and to establishing a new [IACLE Resource Centre](#) for educators and students.

Read a full report from Guillermo Carrillo [here](#)

Asia Pacific

NEW IACLE to play prominent role in APOC 2019

A team of IACLE presenters will be heading for Manila, Philippines in June to take part in the 22nd Asia Pacific Optometry Congress (17-20 June). Assistant Treasurer **Dr Gina Sorbara**, and Education Team **Lakshmi Shinde**, **Nilesh Thite** and **Dr Lewis Williams**, will join IACLE AP Regional Coordinator **Dr Cheni Lee** on the program. IACLE will hold 40th Anniversary events in Manila, including a presentation at the Gala Dinner (18 June). The theme for the congress, which is jointly organized by the [Asia Pacific Council of Optometry](#) and [Optometric Association of the Philippines](#), is 'Optometry refocused: adapting to disruptive technologies and heightened consumerism'.

Find more information on APOC 2019 and register [here](#)

Cheni takes the lead at CE seminar in Indonesia

IACLE members and FIACLEs took part in a Continuing Education Seminar at [Cicendo Eye Hospital](#) in Bandung, Indonesia last month (20 January). A total of 286 optometrists attended this event. IACLE speakers and topics at the seminar were IACLE AP Regional Coordinator **Dr Cheni Lee** (pictured) – Contact lens update, **Susanti Sirait** – Contact lens-related complications, and **Arief Wicaksono** and **Diki Prayudi** – Soft toric lens fitting workshop.

Nilesh visits institute in Pune...

It's been a busy month for IACLE Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite**, who recently visited [D Y Patil Institute of Optometry & Vision Science](#) in Pune (18 January). Nilesh met with the head of optometry and briefed faculty and students on IACLE's resources and programs. The institute administered the [Student Trial Exam](#) in 2018 and will also implement it in 2019. Nilesh distributed certificates to last year's successful candidates.

...and joins IACLE speakers at student event in Delhi

AllIMS Explorer 2019, organized by the Optometry Students' Association (OSA) of [All India Institute of Medical Sciences](#) in Delhi, attracted more than 650 optometry students and practitioners (19-20 January). Nilesh gave two talks, on 'Cutting edge contact lenses' and 'Do educators need educating?' FIACLEs and members joining Nilesh on the speaker program were **Professor Monica Chaudhry, Rajesh Wadhwa, Gauri Kunjeer Patel, Anurag Vaish and Sneha Aggarwal.**

Europe / Africa – Middle East

NEW BCLA to broadcast first webinar for members

IACLE Vice President **Professor Philip Morgan** and communications specialist **Sarah Morgan** will host the [British Contact Lens Association's](#) first Evening Scientific Meeting to be presented as an online webinar. The session, entitled 'It's in their hands! How to optimize contact lens compliance and ensure our patients love their lenses' will run from 6.30pm to 7.30pm GMT on **Tuesday 12 March**. The webinar will explore evidence-based steps contact lens wearers should adopt to minimize their risk of contact lens-associated inflammatory events and infections.

For full details of the BCLA webinar and to register click [here](#)



Register now for IACLE meeting at Rome 2019

Registration is now open for our Educator Meeting in Rome, Italy to coincide with the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#) (EAOO) Annual Conference (18-20 May). The IACLE meeting will be on **Friday 17 May** at [Università Roma Tre](#). The EAOO and Italian organization [Federottica](#) will be co-hosting the Rome

2019 conference alongside the [European Council of Optometry and Optics](#) Spring Meeting (16-18 May).

Register for the IACLE meeting [here](#) and find further information on Rome 2019 [here](#)

Ghanaian students win travel awards for BCLA 2019

Two students from Ghana will be travelling to Manchester, UK for the 2019 British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) Clinical Conference & Exhibition after winning travel grants. The BCLA will provide complimentary full delegate packages for **Nutifafa Esther Senanu** (pictured) from [Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology](#), Kumasi, and **Ebenezer Zaabaar** from the [University of Cape Coast](#) to attend the conference, while the travel grant was awarded by not-for-profit organization [The Optical Foundation](#).

Find out more [here](#) and for full details of BCLA 2019 click [here](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20-24 February – SECO 2019 (South Eastern Congress of Optometry International), New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Details [here](#).
- 22-23 February – 5th Asia-Australia World Congress on Controversies in Ophthalmology, Shanghai, China. Details [here](#).

- 24-27 February – The American-European Congress of Ophthalmic Surgery (AECOS) Winter Symposium, Aspen, Colorado, USA. Details [here](#).
- 24-25 February – Optometry Tomorrow 2019, Birmingham, UK. Details [here](#).
- 2 March – 10th Shree Naval P Baliwalla Scientific Session, Mumbai, India. Details [here](#).
- 6-9 March – 34th Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress, Bangkok, Thailand. Details [here](#).
- 9-10 March – 18th Dr E Vaithilingam Memorial Scientific Session, Chennai, India. Details [here](#).

A full schedule of IACLE and other events in 2019 is now available at [Meetings & Conferences](#).
Please email dates of 2019 events to s.allen@iacle.org.

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