



# Global Member Newsletter April 2019

## WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE

### NEW IACLE completes New ICLC with dry eye lecture



The final lecture in the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#), Dry Eye & Contact Lenses (D4), is now available online exclusively to IACLE members. The lecture has been fully revised and updated by **Professor James Wolffsohn** of Aston University, UK and reflects the findings of the [TFOS DEWS II Report](#). All six modules of the New ICLC, comprising 33 lectures in PowerPoint format, are now completed. Translations into various languages are under way.

**Access Member Login [here](#) to download the New ICLC**

### IACLE in the spotlight at APOC meeting in Manila

**SAVE THE DATES!** The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) will mark its 40th year with anniversary events in the various conferences around the world, including the Asia Pacific Optometric Congress in Manila from June 17-20, 2019.

**22nd APOC - IACLE SPEAKERS**

Chun Lee	Lubov Shalk	Lugina Sorokina	Nikhil Thota	Linda Williams

As part of the 22nd APOC, IACLE will hold the following lectures and workshops:

<b>17th</b> Contact Lens Clinics in Practice: Storage & Dispensation and the new LensCare Dealing with Astigmatism: Contact Lens Practice: Managing Complications IACLE Lecture Series Workshop: Bandaged Lenses (For Educators) Ocular Health in Contact Lenses Practice Contact Lens Practice to Improve your Business Health, Profit & Patient Care	<b>19th</b> Contact Lens Clinics in Practice: Contact Lens Clinics in Practice: Contact Lens Practice: Technology in Education Linda Williams <b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> IACLE 40th Anniversary Dinner IACLE Gala Dinner IACLE 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner MEMBERS MEETING IACLE 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner IACLE 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner
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IACLE board and staff will play a central role in the [Asia Pacific Optometric Congress](#) taking place in Manila, the Philippines from 17-20 June. A 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Gala Dinner (18 June), where three

IACLE Travel Awards will be presented. The congress program – on the theme of Optometry Refocused – includes lectures and workshops from **Cheni Lee, Lakshmi Shinde, Luigina Sorbara, Nilesh Thite** and **Lewis Williams**. An IACLE Member Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 June at 5pm.

## 2019 Educators of the Year to head for Manchester



Contact lens educators from Mexico, Australia and Italy will soon be travelling to the [British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference](#) in Manchester, UK (30 May-1 June), as winners of the 2019 [IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards](#). These awards are sponsored by CooperVision and co-sponsored by the BCLA. **Rubén Velázquez, Craig Woods** and **Fabrizio Zeri** are this year's winners. Our first-ever [IACLE Travel Award](#) recipient from Africa – **Joseph Afonne** (pictured) from Malawi – will also travel to Manchester, thanks to support from all IACLE's sponsors and from BCLA.

**Read about the Educators of the Year [here](#) and Travel Award recipients [here](#)**

**Register now for IACLE Educator Meeting in Rome**



Presenters from Israel, Lebanon and Switzerland will join an IACLE Educator Meeting in Rome to salute 40 years of IACLE in the EAME region. The meeting will run on the afternoon of Friday 17 May at [Università Roma Tre](#) to coincide with the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#) (EAOO) Annual Conference (18-20 May). Educators from four Italian universities will speak on the program, which includes a roundtable discussion on the development of contact lens teaching in Europe and the Middle East, chaired by **Marco Barbieri** from Roma Tre and FIACLE **Fabrizio Zeri**.

Find the program [here](#) and email [s.allen@iacle.org](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org) to attend the meeting

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS



Celebrations take place at events in India and Argentina

Our 40th Anniversary video was aired at events in India last month. At the Gravity continuing education program hosted by [Ansal University Gurgaon](#) and organized by FIACLE **Professor Monica Chaudhury** (30-31 March), IACLE

Director of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** and Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** delivered a presentation to mark our 40th year. A session on the program was dedicated to honoring Fellows and members of IACLE from the audience (pictured). The resources were also used at meetings in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh and Anand, Gujrat in India, and at the [1st Latin American Congress of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control](#) in Puerto Iguazú, Argentina (see Americas report).

**Download resources on our 40th Anniversary [here](#)**



## IACLE founders to recall early days

Founding members of IACLE who attended its very first meeting in November 1979 will be saluted at IACLE/BUCCLE Education Day. IACLE's Founding President **Hilmar Bussacker** (left), first BUCCLE Chair **Richard Pearson** (center) and former IACLE Vice President **Des Fonn** (right) will describe their experiences of the early days of IACLE. Education Day runs in Manchester, UK on Wednesday 29 May and precedes the BCLA Conference.

**Find the program for Education Day [here](#) and email [s.allen@iacle.org](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org) to register**

## 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.**

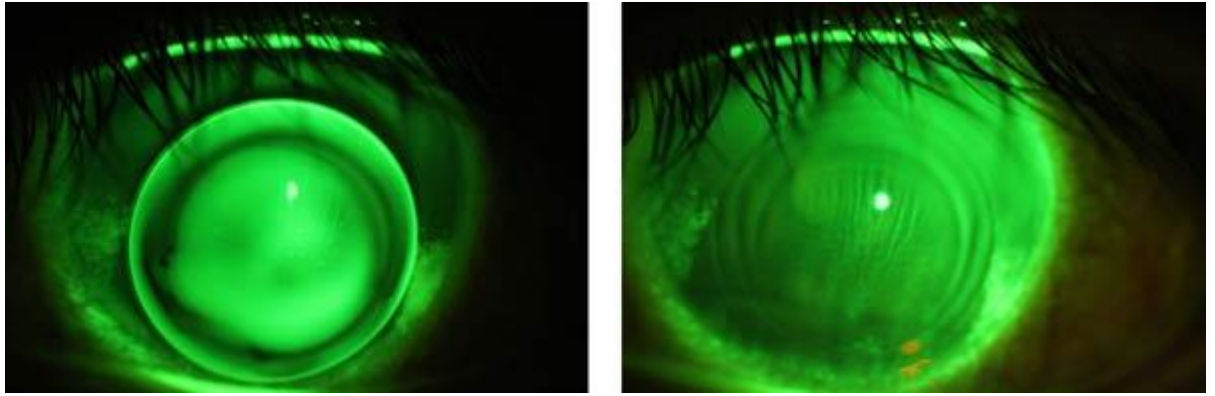
## MEET A MEMBER



'I do wear contact lenses but I'm a very difficult patient!' admits ophthalmologist **Professor Christina Grupcheva**, Vice Rector (Science) at the [Medical University - Varna](#) in Bulgaria. 'I've had an interest in contact lenses throughout my professional life, but now contact lens teaching has increased 10 times. IACLE resources and regular information are always very helpful when it comes to structuring teaching materials,' says Christina. 'All eye specialists must work as a team. I did, all the steps in my life, and believe that now I am at the highest level - teaching others,' she says. Outside work, Christina's interests are horse riding, swimming and the History of Medicine Museum.

**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 us at [iacle@iacle.org](mailto:iacle@iacle.org) for details.**

## IMAGE OF THE MONTH



### 3 and 9 o'clock staining with lens indentation

These images were captured by FIACLE **Professor Monica Chaudhry** of [Ansal University Gurgaon](#) in India using a Huvitz 3000 video slit lamp. A patient with keratoconus using RGP lenses reported to the clinic with poor tolerance and pain on lens removal for the past 2 weeks. The image on the left shows the RGP fluorescein pattern – which indicates a tight edge and that movement was very restricted. On removal of the lens the eye showed 3 and 9 o'clock staining and lens indentation (right).

## RESOURCES

### NEW FDA: 7 tips for using contact lenses safely



The [US Food & Drug Administration](#) (FDA) has released a new video of safety tips for contact lens users. The video provides seven tips on using contact lenses

properly and avoiding infection. The FDA website also has advice for consumers on buying contact lenses and the need for a prescription.

## NEW Love Your Lenses: How to land the message



Nearly half of contact lens wearers cannot recall having any advice on aftercare, says UK regulator the [General Optical Council](#) (GOC). To mark its third Love Your Lenses Week (23-30 March), the GOC posted a video aimed at helping practitioners 'land the message' of good aftercare with their patients.

**Watch the video [here](#) and learn more about Love your Lenses [here](#)**

## NEW Euromcontact 2018 Market Data Report



The market value of soft contact lenses at industry to eye care professional level grew by 4.5% to € 1,831m in Europe last year. That's according to the latest market report from the European industry body, [Euromcontact](#). Silicone hydrogels had an 84% share in the weekly/bi-weekly and monthly segment (across all 33 countries).

**Access the Euromcontact report [here](#)**

**Find the FDA consumer advice [here](#)**

## GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas

## IACLE LA hails another productive month



Events in Argentina, Colombia (pictured) and Perú made March a busy month for the IACLE LA office. FIACLEs and members presented at two major conferences in the region, as well as at industry and educator meetings. During the [1st Latin American Orthokeratology and Myopia Control Congress](#) in Argentina, IACLE Americas Regional President **Sergio García** and Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** introduced IACLE to attendees.

**Read a full report on March activities [here](#)**

Class of 2019: life as a 4th year student





Ever wonder what it feels like to be in the fourth year of optometry school? That's the question posed by Biren Patel, a student from Chicago, Illinois, USA studying at the [New England College of Optometry](#) in Boston. In a blog on the college's website, Biren describes his typical working day and week, and how he prepares for his National Boards exams. **Read Biren's blog [here](#)**

## Asia Pacific

### Mastermind Nilesh to deliver program in Sri Lanka



IACLE's Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** has been invited by the [Sri Lanka Optometric Association](#) to conduct the first two modules of the Mastermind program, supported by Bausch + Lomb. Nilesh will be faculty for this program and will visit Colombo to deliver lectures and hands-on sessions. Topics covered in March were soft lens pre-fitting evaluation and fitting assessment. After the lectures, there was also a wet lab session. The program will conclude in August.

## Latest Industry Day sees J&J visit BVP in Pune



[Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Optometry](#) in Pune is the latest Indian institution to host an IACLE Industry Day for students and staff (8 March). **Amod Gogate** (front row, center), Associate Director, Professional Affairs from Johnson & Johnson Vision India, visited the school to discuss the company's products, and spoke on research and development in contact lenses. A total of 31 third-year students from the BOptom course, 10 students from the Masters course and three faculty attended the session.

## Europe / Africa – Middle East

### Lebanese institution celebrates successful open day



The [Lebanese University](#) in Beirut marked the passing of a new Optometry Law in Lebanon with an open day to increase awareness of the profession. ‘Through teamwork, doctors, educators and students organized the event and succeeded in making it very special,’ says FIACLE **Mohamad Ali Hamadé** (second right). The day started with an exhibition of posters (including keratoconus, orthokeratology and bad habits with contact lenses), free vision screening and intraocular pressure tests for attendees (doctors and students from the faculty of Public Health), and continued with presentations on the blue-light hazard, corneal topography interpretation, and vision after 40). The event ended with a cocktail celebration with directors of the faculty.

## BCLA calls for entries for photography competition



Educators with an eye for an image are invited to submit their entries for the 2019 BCLA Diane Gould Photography Competition. Winners and runners-up will be announced at the BCLA Clinical Conference in Manchester on 1 June. Entrants can opt to have their images included in a new BCLA Image Collection. The closing date for entries is Friday 3 May.

**For full details of the BCLA program and registration click [here](#)**

## NEW ECLSO Invites optometrists to join membership



Optometrists can now become Associate Members of the [European Contact Lens Society of Ophthalmologists](#) (ECLSO) under a new membership category. The ECLSO is a federation of national societies of ophthalmologists – all members of these societies are automatically ECLSO members. Ophthalmologists from countries which are not represented can apply as

individual members. Optometrists may now be accepted as Associate Members and benefit from reduced registration fees for the society's biennial congress, held in non-BCLA years.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18-21 April – 123rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Ophthalmological Society, Tokyo, Japan. Details [here](#).
- 25-27 April – 46th Annual European Federation of Contact Lens and IOL Industries (EFCLIN) Congress and Exhibition, Brussels, Belgium. Details [here](#).
- 28 April – 2 May – Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) 2019, Vancouver, Canada. Details [here](#).
- 11-14 April – 125e Congrès International de la Société Française d'Ophtalmologie, Paris, France. Details [here](#).
- 17 May – IACLE Educator Meeting (prior to EA00). Rome, Italy. Details [here](#). RSVP to [s.allen@iacle.org](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org).
- 18-20 May – European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EA00) Annual Conference, Rome, Italy. 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](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org).**