



Global Member Newsletter

May 2019

WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?

NEW Make Your Mark at BCLA 2019



IACLE will celebrate 40 years of 'Exceptional Education. Exponential Impact' with special events at the [British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference](#) in Manchester, UK this month (30 May-1 June). Over the three days, you are invited to 'Make Your Mark' at the IACLE exhibition booth (Stand 6) on a time wall of milestones in the Association's history. All members are welcome to attend a 40th Anniversary celebration and cake-cutting on **Thursday 30 May at 5 pm** at the booth. President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** will open an International Perspectives session on **Thursday at 12 noon** by marking 40 years of IACLE. The IACLE booth will next move to Manila, Philippines for the [Asia Pacific Optometric Congress](#) (17-20 June).

Click [here](#) for the latest BCLA program and [here](#) for details of all our 40th Anniversary Events

IACLE Travel Award winner takes the Oregon trail

FIACLE **Maheswari Srinivasan** (pictured) from [Dr Agarwals Eye Hospitals](#) in Chennai, India will be travelling to the USA this month, courtesy of her 2019 IACLE Travel Award. Maheswari is one of five Travel Award recipients this year and will attend the [Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators](#) (AOCLE) Annual Workshop at [Pacific University](#), Oregon (30 May-June 2). Three of this year's recipients will attend the [Asia Pacific Optometric Congress](#) next month and one will travel to BCLA. Our thanks to AOCLC and BCLA for supporting these awards.

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



NEW Your IACLE member's logo for personal use

IACLE has introduced a new logo for use exclusively by our members for personal presentations and e-signatures. Note that the IACLE brand, including our name and logo, is the sole property of IACLE. Unauthorized use – such as by commercial organizations or events – is prohibited. If you wish to request permission to use

the IACLE name or logo other than for personal use, please contact Executive Director **Bonnie Boshart** at b.boshart@iacle.org.

Read our policy on use of the IACLE name and logo [here](#)



Renew your membership to maintain FIACLE status

Members are reminded that if your IACLE membership is not renewed, your FIACLE status may be at risk. Annual membership renewal is required. Membership expires after two years of non-payment. FIACLEs are required to renew FIACLE status annually at the same time as membership renewal. After membership has lapsed for five years, FIACLEs will normally have to retake and successfully complete the Fellowship Exam in order to retain FIACLE status.

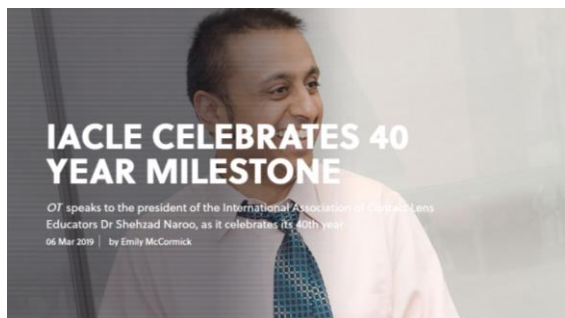
Find details of how to renew your membership and Fellowship [here](#)

40TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

40th celebrations take place at events in India

Our 40th Anniversary video has featured at meetings across India over the past few weeks, including at events to mark World Optometry Day (23 March). The Annual Optometry Symposium (AOS) at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in Kolkata and CL Gupta Eye Institute in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh were among those marking IACLE's anniversary.

Click [here](#) to watch the 40th anniversary video



IACLE: Yesterday, today and tomorrow

An editorial in the current issue of [Contact Lens & Anterior Eye](#) (42:2) and a Q&A with IACLE President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** in the UK journal [Optometry Today](#) are the latest publications to mark our 40th Anniversary. Each details milestones in our history and how IACLE can help educators meet the challenges of the future.

Read the Q&A [here](#)

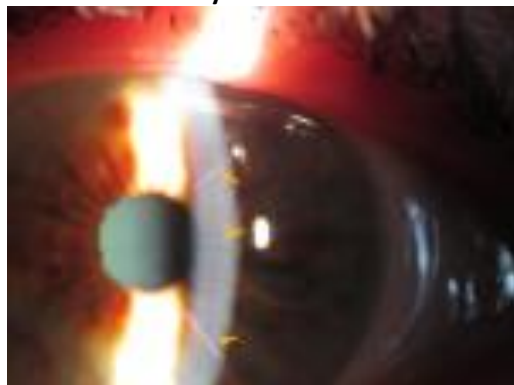
MEET A MEMBER

Meet **Dr Mustafa Abdu**, head of the Department of Contact Lenses, Faculty of Optometry and Visual Sciences at [Al-Neelain University](#) in Khartoum, Sudan. He comments: 'IACLE has helped me acquire knowledge via its website and also gave me the chance to get to know effective people in my region.' Mustafa likes to motivate people to give them the right path to success, and to help others in the profession and those outside of the profession too. 'I want to work hard to improve contact lens practice in our region,' he says.

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

Radial keratotomy scars



This image was captured by IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) using 16X slit-lamp magnification with a Canon Powershot ELPH 180 adapter and medium illumination. Slit lamp direct parallelepiped illumination reveals three incisional scars on the cornea from a radial keratotomy procedure performed more than 35 years ago.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 2019 IACLE IMAGE COLLECTION AND ENTER OUR IMAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A YEAR'S IACLE MEMBERSHIP AND A US\$100 AMAZON VOUCHER!

Find out more about Image of the Month and download a submission form [here](#).

RESOURCES



NEW IMI White Paper session at Academy 2018

Key findings from the [International Myopia Institute](#) White Papers – as summarized in the latest issue of our [Research Update](#) – were previewed in a special session at the Academy 2018 meeting. Now you can view the 1.5 hour IMI session, including the panel discussion that followed, on YouTube. Speakers include FIACLE **Professor James Wolffsohn**.

Watch the IMI session on myopia management [here](#)



NEW WCO and BHVI join forces for Myopia Awareness Week

The [World Council of Optometry](#) (WCO) and <https://www.brienholdenvision.org/> (BHVI) are collaborating on The Myopia Movement Awareness Week (13-19 May). The aim is to get people talking about myopia: 'It is critical we engage with those at the frontline – parents, guardians and eye care practitioners – to ensure they have the understanding and tools to protect our children's futures,' said **Yvette Waddell**, CEO of BHVI.

Follow the campaign on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

NEW Study reveals global cost of uncorrected myopia

Vision impairment caused by uncorrected myopia cost the global economy an estimated US\$244bn in lost productivity in 2015, according to a new study published in [Ophthalmology](#) (126:3). The research estimated that 538m people had vision impairment resulting from uncorrected myopia, with the East Asia region, which included China, bearing the greatest burden of productivity loss of around US\$150bn.

Read the full analysis by Naidoo et al [here](#)

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas

Two days, three FIACLEs and events in three countries

Last month FIACLEs were involved in educational meetings in three countries around the region in the space of just two days! Among them was IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** from Perú, who gave a talk during Sports Vision Training Course in Lima (14 April). He spoke about the opportunity for contact lens fitting and orthokeratology in sports eye care practice.

Read a report on the month's activities [here](#)

Scleral specialists to meet in Florida

Miami-based IACLE member **Dr Elise Kramer** is on the organizing committee for the 2019 International Congress of Scleral Contacts (ICSC) taking place on 25-26 July at the W Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. Congress topics will include upcoming scleral technologies, novel scleral lens uses, crosslinking and more. COPE credits are available and the meeting is timed to precede the [Advanced Refractive Congress](#) which runs on 27-28 July at the same venue.

Find more details on 2019 ICSC [here](#)



Call for papers and posters for Academy 2019 and 3rd WCO

Abstracts are invited for the [Academy 2019 Orlando](#) and [3rd World Congress of Optometry](#), to be held from 23-27 October in Florida, USA. Among the features on the program is a Global Summit on Optometric Education, co-sponsored by the [World Council of Optometry](#), [American Academy of Optometry](#), and [Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry](#), to provide educators from optometric educational programs worldwide the opportunity to share education philosophies/teaching methods and to discuss challenges facing institutions.

Submit your abstract [here](#) for Academy 2019 and [here](#) for WCO, by the deadline of 31 May

Asia Pacific

IACLE China highlights resources at Xian institution

China National Coordinator **Professor Wang Haiying** (pictured centre) visited [Xi'an Medical University](#), Shaanxi Province last month (10 April). Haiying met with the Dean, **Professor Sun Jing**, and team at the Department of Medical Technology, and spoke to students and faculty. The department has recently set up an IACLE Resource Centre. Haiying emphasized the advantages of joining IACLE and showed how to use its resources to prepare lectures.

Find out more about IACLE Resource Centres [here](#)

Europe / Africa – Middle East



Final call for IACLE Educator Meeting in Rome...

There's just time to register for the IACLE Educator Meeting at [Università Roma Tre](#) in Rome on the afternoon of **Friday 17 May**. The meeting coincides with the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#) Annual Conference (18-20 May). Educators from four EAME countries will discuss the development of contact lens teaching in the region.

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

...and for IACLE /BUCCLE Education Day in Manchester

Members of IACLE and the British & Irish University & College Contact Lens Educators (BUCCLE) will be heading for our joint Educator Day at the Chancellors Conference Centre in Manchester, UK on **Wednesday 29 May**. An international panel of educators will discuss 'Research and evidence base related to our publications and presentations'. All IACLE members are invited to our AGM at 5 pm. Please RSVP to b.boshart@iacle.org if you plan to attend the AGM.

Find full details of Education Day [here](#) and email s.allen@iacle.org to register

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17 May – IACLE Educator Meeting (prior to EAOO). Rome, Italy. Details [here](#). RSVP to s.allen@iacle.org.
- 18-20 May – European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO) Annual Conference, Rome, Italy. Details [here](#).
- 23-24 May – Franja 2019 Contact Lens Symposium, Bogotá, Colombia. Details [here](#).
- 25 May – 17th Congresso Internazionale Società Oftalmologica Italiana (SOI), Rome, Italy. Details [here](#).
- 29 May – IACLE / BUCCLE Education Day, Chancellors Conference Centre, Manchester, UK. Details [here](#). Email s.allen@iacle.org to register.
- 30 May-1 June – British Contact Lens Association Clinical Conference & Exhibition, Manchester Central, Manchester, UK. Details [here](#).
- 30 May-2 June. Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators Annual Workshop, Portland, Oregon, USA. Details [here](#).
- 17-20 June – 22nd Asia Pacific Optometry Congress, Manila, Philippines. 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.