



## Global Member Newsletter February 2020

### WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE

Deadline approaches for 2020 IACLE Award entries



It was an amazing trip with lots of learning and inspiration,' says FIACLE Maheswari Srinivasan (pictured top center) who attended the 2019 [AOCLE Annual Workshop](#) in the USA thanks to an IACLE Travel Award.

FIACLE **Fakhruddin Barodawala**, **Ma Yuying** and FIACLE **Connie Tsung** (above far left to right) travelled to the 2019 [APOC meeting](#) in the Philippines. The deadline for entries for the 2020 IACLE Travel Awards – and the IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards, sponsored by CooperVision – is 28 February.

[Full details and enter here](#)

NEW IACLE releases Fellowship Exam results



Candidates in the 2019 Fellowship Exam are receiving their results and individual reports. A total of 150 members sat the exam in November: 17 in Americas, 19 in Europe / Africa – Middle East, and 114 in Asia Pacific. The average mark was 52% and the pass rate was 19%. Successful candidates who have been IACLE members for a year or more can apply for Fellowship and use the affix FIACLE.

Renew your membership now to receive all IACLE benefits in 2020



Members will recently have received notices to renew their annual membership. Access to our **full range** of membership benefits –including the new version of the [IACLE Contact Lens Course](#), ICLC2020, now nearing completion – is only available to IACLE members. **Note that membership expires when payment is not received**

...and renew your Fellowship to continue using your FIACLE status



FIACLE status must be renewed every three years in order to continue using the affix. Renewal is free and can be processed when membership fees are paid up to date, and terms and conditions are met. Fellows can then request the new FIACLE logo (above) for their exclusive use in presentations, by emailing Director of Administration, Siobhan Allen.

[Check when your renewal is due.](#) [Renew your FIACLE status.](#) [Request the new logo](#)

## MEET A MEMBER



'I immigrated to Texas from Beijing at age 14, and I enjoy playing Candy Crush!' says **Dr Bridgitte Shen Lee**, CEO of Vision Optique in Houston. Bridgitte's

professional interests range from specialty contact lenses and dry eye disease, to computer vision and health care social media. 'IACLE has helped me realize the need to elevate and standardize contact lens and eye care education, especially at the primary eye care level in many parts of the world,' says Bridgitte. And her top tip for IACLE members? 'Learn about new technology and the science behind the optic designs, become a top prescriber through clinical fitting experience, and then share with others what you have learned.'

**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 for details](#)

## IMAGE OF THE MONTH

Heart-shaped deposit



Romance is in the air this month as FIACLE **Fakhruddin Barodawala** from [SEGi University](#) in Malaysia shares this image of a soft lens deposit. The patient walked in for an aftercare visit wearing a two-year-old conventional soft lens. Fitting assessment was optimum but on lens examination a heart-shaped deposit was observed. The patient had Grade 2 vascularization with Grade 2 limbal injection. Vision was not affected. The patient was advised to cease contact lens wear immediately and follow up for ocular assessment after a week (image courtesy of **Nurlizawati Bt Din, Hon Sui Pei** and **Nellie Koh Swee Lin**).

**COULD NEXT MONTH'S IMAGE BE YOURS? SHARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE 2020 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!**

[Submit your Image of the Month](#)

## RESOURCES

NEW Share your success story on proactive recommendation



Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** (above) has devised a flashcard on standard procedure for proactive contact lens recommendation to accompany his recent article in [Contact Lens Spectrum](#). 'This quick-reference tool is designed to help clinicians open a conversation on contact lenses, while performing a routine eye examination, says Nilesh.

**CAN YOU USE THESE RESOURCES TO CONVERT A SPECTACLE WEARER TO A CONTACT LENS TRIAL? SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY OF USING THIS PROACTIVE APPROACH AND WE'LL PUBLISH IT IN OUR NEWSLETTER**

[Read the article.](#) [Access flashcard via member login.](#) [Send Niles your success story](#)

Prescribing data reveal dominance of daily disposable fits



For the first time, daily disposables represent the most widely prescribed lens replacement interval at 45% of soft lens fits worldwide. That's according to the latest report on [International Contact Lens Prescribing](#) from IACLE Vice President **Professor Philip Morgan** and co-authors, published in the January issue of [Contact Lens Spectrum](#). Myopia control lenses account for 1% of soft lens fits, rising to 6% for patients aged 17 years or under.

[Read the full report](#)

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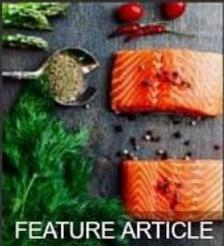
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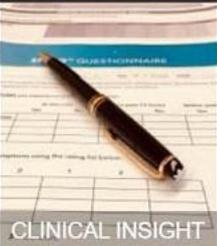
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Practical tips and insights from the [2019 Dry Eye Summit](#) in Toronto, Canada in November are featured in the latest issue of *Contact Lens Update* from the [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#) (CORE). Last month celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> issue with special features on Getting Started in Orthokeratology from FIACLE **Paul Gifford** and a useful ortho-K [infographic](#). [Access the dry eye issue](#). [Access the orthokeratology issue](#)

### NEW EyeTools videos aim to improve optometry skills



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EyeTools is a new educational venture from **Professor Frank Eperjesi**, formerly Academic Dean at the [University of Aston](#) in Birmingham, UK. The subscription

service offers help with ‘Optometry skills for a successful career’, through videos and recorded webinars. Content will be added monthly and currently includes a video on investigations in Contact Lenses.

[Find out more](#)

## GLOBAL UPDATE

### Americas

#### NEW Wishes come true at largest-ever GSLS



‘Everything a specialty lens care practitioner could wish for’ and more was delivered at the [Global Specialty Lens Symposium](#) (GSLS) in Las Vegas, USA (20-23 January), says FIACLE **Dr Eef van der Worp**, a member of the organizing education committee. GSLS had a record attendance, with 800 delegates (and more than 1,200 total attendees) representing 33 countries and Puerto Rico. ‘The very latest on myopia control was covered, and the role that orthokeratology and specialty soft lenses can offer. And of course, scleral lenses were very high on the agenda,’ says Eef. A ‘dropout panel’ to tackle the issue of high contact lens dropout rates in practice featured FIACLEs **Professors Lyndon Jones** (left) and **James Wolffsohn** with Eef (right), and focused on lens fit considerations to avoid dropouts.

[Read Eef’s report in I-site newsletter](#)

IACLE to support Dominican Republic’s first optometry program



With a population of nearly 11 million, the Dominican Republic (DR) is ‘in dire need of professional optometric services’, says **Professor Hector Santiago** of [the Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry](#). The university is working with the [Santiago University of Technology](#) (UTESA) to establish the first optometry program in DR and IACLE has offered support for its contact lens curriculum. Dr Santiago is pictured (center) with UTESA staff.

[Find out more](#)

**Asia Pacific**

NEW Education Team joins FIACLEs for Kolkata conference



FIACLEs **Runa Talukdar**, **Yeshwant Saoji** and **Prasad Sawant** were among the presenters joining Director of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** and Director of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite** before an audience of 300, at the Kolkata Optometry Conference organized by the [West Bengal Association for Optometrists](#) (19 January). Lakshmi (left) and Yeshwant (right) are pictured with **Dr Rizwana Hussaindeen** from [Elite School of Optometry](#). **Khemraj**

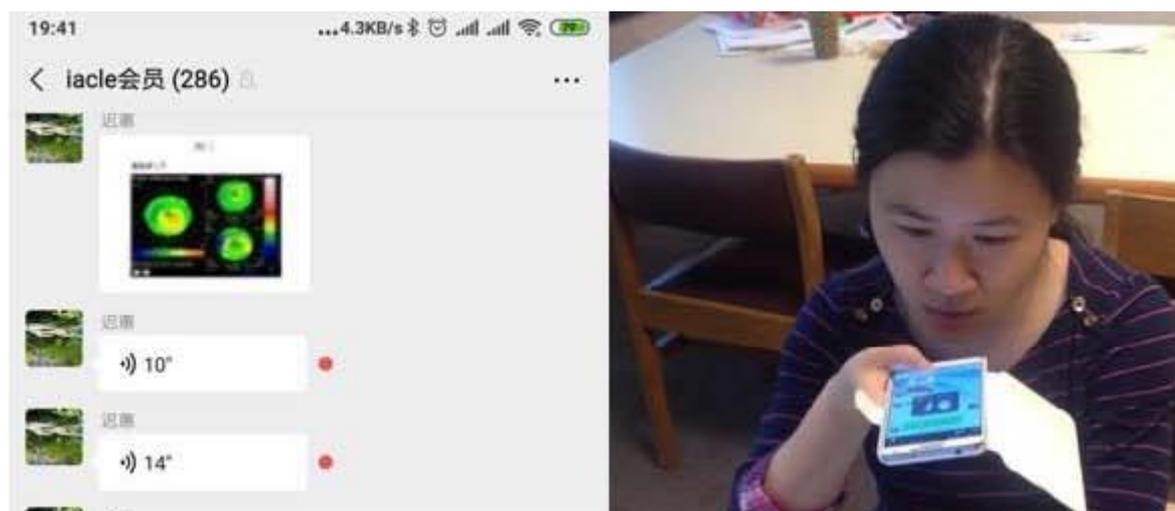
**Nackwal** from Bausch + Lomb and CooperVision's **Rupam Sinha** gave industry talks.

...and collaborates on new survey into challenges in contact lenses



With UK-based FIAACLE **Professor James Wolffsohn** and IACLE Global Manager of Educational Development **Professor Craig Woods, Lakshmi** and **Nilesh** are leading a new project to survey eye care practitioners around the world on the opportunities and threats ahead for contact lens practice. The core team already has collaborators in 30 countries, including IACLE staff **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), **Dr Cheni Lee** (Indonesia) and **Professor Kyounghee Park** (Korea). Look out for the results of the survey later this year.

Success for IACLE WeChat platform in China



IACLE's WeChat group now has as many as 286 active members. The platform is used to deliver online lectures to contact lens educators in China, similar to our

program of live [Web Lectures & Discussion Forums](#) in other countries. Toric soft contact lens fitting (left) was the subject of a recent WeChat lecture.

## Europe / Africa – Middle East

Register now for IACLE meetings in Holland, Croatia and Finland



All educators are welcome to attend our meetings at three major conferences in Europe. The [Nederlands Contactlens Congres](#) (15-16 March) in Verhoeven will host a lunchtime IACLE meeting. On the main program, Vice President **Professor Philip Morgan** will present ‘IACLE: a successful global education model’. The [5th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe](#) (OCCSEE) in Split (24-26 April) – where President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** will be a keynote speaker – and the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#) conference in Helsinki (15-17 May) will also include IACLE meetings. [Email Siobhan Allen to register.](#)

[Full details of NCC meeting.](#) [Program for OCCSEE 2020.](#) [Read about Helsinki 2020.](#)

Eef next in line to be live streamed worldwide

A promotional graphic for a BCLA webinar. It features a central photo of Dr Eef van der Worp, a man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. The background is a mix of blue and purple geometric shapes. Text on the left says 'BCLA WEBINAR' and 'Register here'. Text on the right asks 'When was the last time you FITTED a soft lens?' and gives the date '26 February 2020'. The BCLA logo and '@YOURS' are at the bottom right. The name 'Eef van der Worp' is written in small text at the bottom left of the photo.

The latest webinar for [British Contact Lens Association](#) members will discuss soft lenses, examining drop-out rates and putting forward suggestions for how practitioners can ‘get control’ over their fitting. FIACLE **Dr Eef van der Worp** will

present the online session, on 26 February. Eef is adjunct assistant Professor at [Pacific University Oregon College of Optometry](#), USA and the [University of Montreal School of Optometry](#), Canada.

[Find out more and register](#)

NEW Optrafair offers an audience with Lyndon and Phil

## OPTRAFAIR 20/20

4 - 6 APRIL 2020 | BIRMINGHAM NEC



‘An Audience with... Lyndon Jones and Phil Morgan’ is among the special events taking place at Optrafair 20/20 in Birmingham, UK (4-6 April). FICLÉ **Professor Lyndon Jones** and IACLE Vice President **Professor Philip Morgan** will lead a clinical-based discussion on the major issues in modern contact lens practice (5 April). Other features at the annual trade fair include ‘Profs’ Corner’ and a University Village.

[Full details](#)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21-23 February – 24th European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons Winter Meeting 2020 (ESCRS 2020), Marrakesh, Morocco. [Details](#).

15-16 March – Nederlands Contactlens Congres (NCC 2020), Verhoven, the Netherlands. [Details](#).

22-26 April – 34th Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress 2020 (APAO), Xiamen, China. [Details](#).

24-26 April – 5th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe (OCCSEE), Split, Croatia. [Details](#).

15-17 May – European Academy of Optometry and Optics Annual Conference (Helsinki 2020), Helsinki, Finland. [Details](#).

28-31 May – Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators (AOCLE) Annual Workshop, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. [Details](#).

**A full list of IACLE and other events in 2020 is available at our [Annual Meeting Schedule](#). Please email dates of events to [s.allen@iacle.org](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org).**

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