



## Special Notice – Tribute to Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan

IACLE regrets to announce the passing of Asia Pacific Regional President Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan



Raji's lecture at IACLE's 2017 Regional Congress  
Hyderabad, India

**Dr Rajeswari Mahadevan** graduated in 1998 from Elite School of Optometry, India, and completed her MPhil in the field of contact lenses in 2002. She took charge of the Department of Contact Lenses at Sankara Nethralaya, from where she also gained a PhD in optometry in 2011. Her PhD thesis was entitled 'A study of rigid gas permeable contact lens wearers for keratoconus and contact lens fitting methods in irregular corneas'. She published in several international journals.

Dr Rajeswari was only the second Indian to complete a PhD in optometry from an Indian university and the first to do so in the subject of contact lenses. She contributed substantially to IACLE as an enthusiastic educator, taking part in many IACLE programs, such as the Distance Learning Program, Student Trial Exam, Fellowship Exam and Fellowship of IACLE.

In 2014 she was the first recipient of the IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year for the Asia Pacific region. Most recently she became the Asia Pacific Regional President of IACLE in 2016.

IACLE President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** said: 'Raji was a very special educator, she was well loved by her students for her enthusiasm and well respected by her colleagues for her vast knowledge. She was passionate about the growth of optometry in India and this gained her a lot of support and admiration from colleagues all over the world. Her radiant smile will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Her loss at such a young age is a shock and all at IACLE offer their prayers and love to her family.'





Read [Raji's report](#) on her experience being awarded the 2014 IACLE Asia Pacific Educator of the Year award

Raji & Monica Chaudhry at the 3rd IACLE World Congress, UK

Raji with IACLE Board Members, at IACLE's 2017 Regional Congress, India

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