

Global Member Newsletter

Welcome to our monthly newsletter bringing you the latest news, resources and regional updates on IACLE activities around the world.

MEMBERSHIP PERKS IN DECEMBER

Happy Holidays from the IACLE Team!



Thank you to all our members and industry sponsors for your continued support throughout 2021. We look forward to your participation in 2022 and seeing what the year brings for contact lens education. IACLE offices are closed from **24 December until 3 January**. Membership renewal payments can still be made during this period, and renewal paperwork will be available when the offices open in the new year.

We wish you all a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from the IACLE Team!

IACLETOP NEWS

Over 160 members worldwide sat the IACLE [Fellowship Exam](#) on **Friday 12 November**. The exam was delivered online through [IACLETOP](#) for the first time, and members will receive their results by mid-January.

Look out for an announcement

CATCH UP ON DECEMBER'S GLOBAL WEBINAR

On **Wednesday 8 December**, IACLE President and Head of Optometry at the [University of Manchester](#) **Professor Philip Morgan** hosted a webinar on 'Educating students about optimizing contact lens comfort'. Professor Morgan shared his thoughts on how educators should address the issues of contact lens discomfort and dropouts with their students. He outlined that for established soft lens users, end of day discomfort for soft lens wearers – was the main reason for dropping out of contact lens wear. Furthermore, lens features such as the nature of the edge and surface wetting, appear to be key factors for wearer comfort.

[Catch up on the webinar here](#)

NEWS IN DECEMBER

IMAGE OF THE MONTH



Lifetime FIACLE **Ajay Shinde** captured the above image of a 48-year-old female patient who had been wearing multifocal contact lenses for 20 years. She complained of blurred vision for two days but had no complaints of watering, irritation, redness or itching. On slit lamp examination, jelly bumps on the right lens were observed, with no visible deposits on the left lens. The ocular structures appeared normal and contact lens discolouration was noticed on removal. The lens was cleaned and rinsed with a multi-purpose solution. The patient was advised to discard the existing lenses and wear new lenses.

[Feature in next month's Image of the Month by submitting your image here](#)

IACLE awards Alison Ewbank for contact lens education excellence

Past IACLE Head of Communications **Alison Ewbank** retired last December. In acknowledgement of her exceptional contribution to the contact lens education sector, she was awarded with the IACLE Award for Outstanding Contribution to Contact Lens Education. Past EAME Regional Director **Judith Morris** presented Alison with the award in London earlier this month. Congratulations Alison!

Applications for IACLE awards opening soon

We are opening the applications for the 2022 [IACLE Educator Awards](#) in **January**. Keep an eye out for an announcement in the new year.

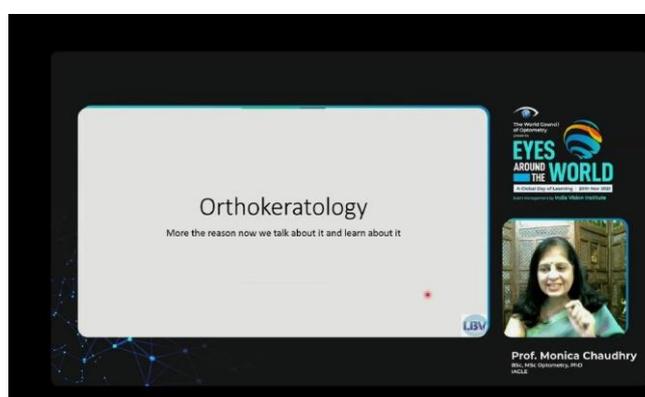
[More info on IACLE Awards](#)

Members elected for the WCO Board of Directors

The [World Council of Optometry](#) (WCO) has recently announced their new leadership group and Board of Directors for 2021-2023. IACLE members **Dr Efrain Castellanos** from [Universidad Xochicalco](#) in Ensenada, Mexico, and FIACLE **Dr Yazan Gammoh** from [Al-Ahliyya Amman University](#) in Amman, Jordan, have been elected for the Executive Committee. In addition, **Ahmed Idris Tairi**, Professional Educational and Development Associate at [Johnson & Johnson](#), was elected as Regional Representative.

[For more information](#)

Active FIACLEs present at WCO education day



Last month, the [World Council of Optometry](#) presented 'Eyes Around the World: A Global Day of Learning', a 24-hour live stream for practising clinicians and optometry educators. IACLE invited four active FIACLEs to present on the day. **Dr Lindsay Sicks**, **Professor Monica Chaudhry**, **Dr Raquel Gil Cazorla** and **Professor James Wolffsohn** delivered lectures supporting the continuing education day.

[For more information on the day](#)

BUCCLE launches soft contact lens survey

The [British & Irish University and College Contact Lens Educators](#) (BUCCLE) recently launched a survey to explore what happens during a 'teaching' appointment where wearers learn how to apply and remove soft contact lenses. BUCCLE welcomes responses from all contact lens practitioners involved in soft contact lens teaching.

[Complete the survey here](#)

Renew your IACLE membership to receive all benefits

Thank you to all our members who have renewed their membership for 2022. We are looking forward to delivering more programs, resources and events your way! We remind our members that access to our full range of membership benefits – including

the resources and programs within [IACLETOP](#) and all resources and events under the [Teach. Learn. Connect. Initiative](#) – is exclusively available for IACLE members. Please note, IACLE membership runs on an annual cycle and expires when payment is not received. Therefore, please renew your membership by **31 December 2021**. If you have any questions about renewing your membership, please get in touch with your [IACLE Representative](#).

Thank you to Honorary Member **Wim Borst** from the Netherlands for his kind donation to IACLE.

MEET A MEMBER

Have you introduced any technologies or innovations to your curriculum recently? Have you received any awards or recognition for your teaching efforts? Do you have any goals or aspirations for contact lens education in the future? Has IACLE helped you in your contact lens teaching? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, we would love to hear from you! Share your achievements with other IACLE colleagues and inspire the future of contact lens education.

[Introduce yourself to other IACLE members by completing this short online form](#)

RESOURCES

Latest update features pandemic-associated eye problems

Lifetime FIACLE and Director of the [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#) (CORE) at the University of Waterloo, **Professor Lyndon Jones**, authors an editorial in the latest [Contact Lens Update](#). ‘Pandemic-associated eye problems: a review of five issues for the ECP’ reviews various ocular complications due to the pandemic.

[Read the editorial.](#) [Sign up to receive Contact Lens Update](#)

New podcast episode on specialty lenses

Dr Melissa Barnett and **Dr Tom Arnold** host a monthly podcast, supported by [CooperVision](#), starring eye care specialists from around the globe. The latest episode features **Dr Sheila Morrison**, Optometrist at [Mission Eye Care](#) in Calgary, Canada, who speaks about her specialty contact lens practice and how it has helped connect optometrists from around the globe.

[Listen to the episode](#)

COVID-19 RESOURCE

Computer Vision Syndrome and the COVID-19 lockdown

The 6-to-8-week lockdown due to COVID-19 in Spain resulted in a significant increase in electronic device use, as 730 survey respondents reported. Computer Vision Syndrome-

related symptoms were reported more often in participants who used electronic devices for more time and spent less time outdoors.

[Read the paper](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR REGIONS?

Americas

Latin America discusses optometry curriculum

On 25 November, The [Latin American Association of Optometry and Optics](#) (ALDOO) invited IACLE Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** to the [7th Meeting of Deans and Directors of the School of Optometry](#), where 35 participants attended virtually to discuss the optometry curriculum in Latin America. ALDOO is committed to establishing a strong relationship with IACLE, and IACLE's contact lens curriculum is included in its proposal for optometric education.

[Read the full Americas meeting report](#)

Asia Pacific

CooperVision host lecture for South Korean students

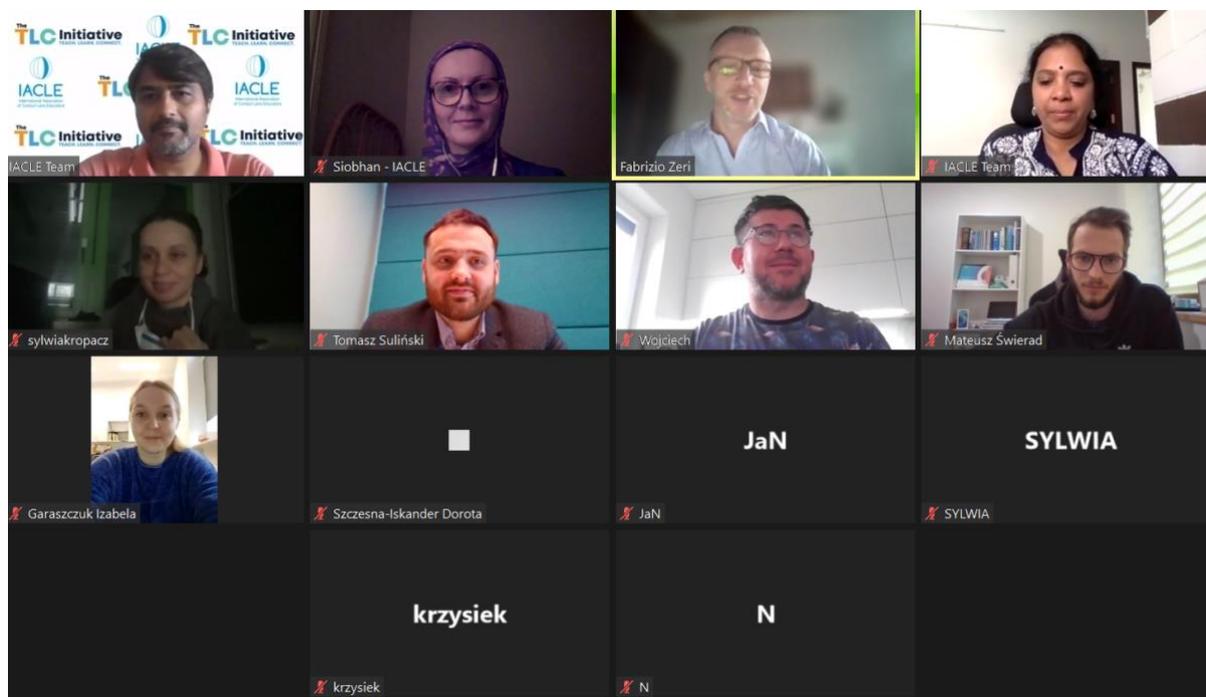


On **8 November**, [CooperVision](#) Education Director **Minji Kang** delivered a lecture on how to fit toric contact lenses for students at [Kookje University](#) in Pyeongtaek, South Korea. Among a range of techniques, Minji demonstrated how to use a slit lamp for toric lens axis evaluation.

[Read the full Asia Pacific meeting report](#)

Europe / Africa – MIDDLE EAST

IACLE Team meet with Educators in Poland



During November, Alcon Senior Professional Affairs Manager **Tomasz Suliński** joined EAME Regional Director **Dr Fabrizio Zeri**, the IACLE Education Team and educators in Poland to discuss IACLE membership, programs and resources.

OPTI postponed to May 2022

Due to the rapidly increasing infection rates of COVID-19, the International Trade Show for Optics & Design (OPTI) in Munich, Germany, will now take place from 13-15 May 2022.

[More info](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key dates for early 2022:

Global Specialty Lens Symposium, Las Vegas, 19-22 January 2022. [Details.](#)

Netherlands Contact Lens Congress (NCC), the Netherlands, 13-14 March 2022. [Details.](#)

International Trade Show for Optics & Design (OPTI), Munich, Germany. 13-15 2022. [Details.](#)

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