

Global Member Newsletter

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WHAT'S NEW AT IACLE?



NEW Trio win this year's IACLE Travel Awards

IACLE members **Martha Garcia, Ahmed Sherry and Sabrina Lara** (pictured left to right) will receive the 2018 IACLE Travel Awards.

Martha, a FIACLE from [Universidad Santo Tomas](#) in Bogotá, Colombia, will travel to [Academy 2018](#) (7-10 November) in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Ahmed, from the [Modern University for Business and Science](#) in

Beirut, Lebanon, and FIACLE Sabrina from the [Universidad Nacional Villa Maria](#) in Córdoba, Argentina, will represent IACLE at the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators' [Annual Workshop](#) (31 May - 3 June), also in San Antonio. Three **IACLE Contact Lens Educators of the Year** will attend Academy 2018, thanks to support from CooperVision. Recipients will be announced soon.

Look out for full details of all 2018 IACLE Awards winners in a special notice to members



Deadline now closed for IACLE Membership Survey

Thanks to all members who completed our membership survey to determine use of and attitudes to IACLE resources, programs and events, and to test out potential future member benefits. Congratulations to **Niall Farnon** from [The University of the West Indies Optometry Program](#) who wins US\$100 in Amazon vouchers in our prize draw. The results of the survey are now being analysed and will be reported soon.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW TO ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS OF IACLE MEMBERSHIP...

Membership renewal notices for 2018 have been sent out to all members. Access to our **full range** of membership benefits – including the [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#) and our latest resource [Research Update](#) – is only available to IACLE Members. **Membership must be renewed annually and expires when payment is not received.** Please renew your status [here](#) to continue as an IACLE member in 2018 and make your contribution to [Our Mission](#) for worldwide contact lens education.

NOTE: New access codes for 2018 are provided when your membership fee is paid

MEET A MEMBER

We're looking for more members to take part in our monthly feature introducing an IACLE member from around the world. Contact your regional / country coordinator [here](#) for details.



Aditi Deshpande is Associate Professor at [Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University](#), School of Optometry in Pune, India, where her professional interests are orthoptics, contact lenses, low vision and geometrical optics. Aditi was the first female faculty in her school to be awarded Fellowship of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) and added FIACLE after her name in 2017. 'A reflective teacher is always improving,' says Aditi. 'Keep expectations high and redirect students to more appropriate ways to reach their goals. Be caring, creative and courageous.' she says. Outside work, Aditi has an unusual hobby: playing the harmonium!

IMAGE OF THE MONTH



Foreign body tracking in an RGP lens wearer

Guari Kunjeer Patel from [Nagar School of Optometry](#) in India captured this image using an iPhone 6S and slit-lamp biomicroscope. The image shows corneal epithelial erosion caused by the presence of a foreign body under a rigid gas-permeable lens. The track marks are viewed under diffused illumination using fluorescein dye and a cobalt blue filter with medium magnification.

Click [here](#) for more information on Image of the Month. Download a submission form to send an image

RESOURCES



NEW Abstracts and handouts from NCC2018

Resources from the [Nederlands Contactlens Congres \(Dutch Contact Lens Congress\)](#) on the theme 'Making a difference' are now available online. NCC2018 took place at the NH Conference Center Koningshof Veldhoven (11-12 March). More than 1,900 unique visitors from over 30 countries participated.

Access NCC2018 abstracts and handouts [here](#)



NEW CCLR becomes CORE and offers free educational resources

As of January 2018, the Centre for Contact Lens Research at the University of Waterloo's School of Optometry & Vision Science will be known as the [Centre for Ocular Research & Education](#). CORE's mission is to improve global eye health and vision through advanced bioscience, clinical research and education. **CORE offers a range of free resources to download from its website [here](#).**

Follow CORE's new social media streams on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for up-to-date news of its activities

GLOBAL UPDATE

Americas



FEDOPTO honors IACLE Americas President

Family, friends and colleagues of IACLE Americas Regional President **Dr Sergio Garcia** shared a special moment when he was honored by [FEDOPTO](#) during the [1st Interamerican Congress of Optometry and Vision Science](#), held in Orlando, Florida, USA last month (29-31 March). Sergio was awarded a medal as the 1st Optometry Knight for Colombia, having given 40 years of service to education and optometry.

Read a full report on the congress and Sergio's award [here](#)

Asia Pacific



Korea hosts Asia meeting for contact lens specialists

This month marks the 11th [Asia Cornea & Contact Lens Conference](#) (ACCLC), to be held in Korea for the first time (9-10 April).

Professor Desmond Fonn from the [University of Waterloo](#), Canada will speak on 'Presbyopia and contact lens correction' and IACLE Korea National Coordinator **Professor Kyounghee Park** will report on 'A study on qualitative assessment of visual acuity and measuring straylight on wearing soft contact lenses'. Keynote speakers include FIACLE **Professor Helen Swarbrick** of the [University of New South Wales](#). Among ACCLC sponsors are

Johnson & Johnson Vision, Alcon and CooperVision.

Look out for Kyounghee's report in next month's newsletter



SINGAPORE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

BCLA and SOA join forces for Singapore event

The BCLA Asia conference in Singapore will now be jointly staged by the [British Contact Lens Association](#) and the [Singapore Optometric Association](#). BCLA will work with SOA to deliver sessions blending the latest research and clinical guidance on relevant topics. The joint meeting replaces SOA's standalone event and organisers hope the new format will attract more than 700 delegates. Due to the change in format, the two-day event – sponsored by Alcon, CooperVision and Menicon – will now take place on 18-19 September at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre.

Click [here](#) for more details or to submit a paper or poster

Europe / Africa – Middle East



Compliance in the spotlight for IACLE meeting at NCC2018

An instruction manual with information and education on compliance could help to improve awareness of this issue among educators, students and contact lens wearers. This was just one of the ideas put forward at an IACLE meeting held at the [Nederlands Contactlens Congres](#) (NCC) last month. FIACLEs **Wim Borst** and **Henri Eek** led the discussion on patient compliance, and **Byki Huntjens** gave a presentation on IACLE and its aims.

Read Wim's full report on the IACLE meeting [here](#)



IACLE takes the lead in CL education in the Middle East

IACLE members in the Middle East met at the 4th Jordanian Palestinian Optometry Conference (JOPAL), held in Amman, Jordan from March 14-16. Members (pictured) discussed contact lens education in the region and how it could be improved and perhaps unified in the near future. Contact lens awareness campaigns in each country, starting a small society for contact lens fitters in the region, and monthly webinars with updates on contact lens education and research, were among the ideas discussed.

Dr Yazan Gammoh, 2017 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year EAME, has created a WhatsApp group for IACLE members in the Middle East and North Africa. Email gammohyazan@yahoo.com to join.



Program takes shape for Contact Lens SIG in Croatia

FIACLE **Sebastian Marx** (pictured) from [Ernst Abbe University Jena](#) in Germany will co-ordinate the Contact Lens Special Interest Group (SIG) at the [Pula 2018](#) conference in Croatia (11-13 May). Pula 2018 is the 4th Optometry Conference of Central and South-Eastern Europe (OCCSEE, pictured) in association with the [European Academy of Optometry and Optics](#). The SIG is scheduled for Friday 11 May from 14.00-15.00. Sebastian will be joined by Greek optometrist **Costas Katsoulos** from [Athens Eye Hospital](#) to discuss the use of filters in contact lenses. Costas will also review current contact lens solutions and a potential role for electronic rotational devices in contact lens care.

Register your attendance for the Contact Lens SIG [here](#)



BCLA calls for nominations for research awards

Nominations are now open for the British Contact Lens Association Research Awards. The BCLA provides supports for research through its Dallos Award. The Da Vinci Award recognizes a practical contribution to the profession and the BCLA Medal is awarded for outstanding achievement in the field of contact lenses and/or anterior eye. Nominations close on 1 November 2018. FIACLE **Professor James Wolffsohn** presented the 2017 Dallos Award to **Jaya Sowjanya Siddireddy** at the 2017 BCLA Clinical Conference in Liverpool, UK.

Click [here](#) for more information on BCLA Research Awards

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9-10 April – 11th ACCLC (Asia Contact and Conference Contact Lens Conference) 2018, Kyungju, Korea. Details [here](#).
- 13-15 April – Optom'18, 25º Congreso Internacional de Optometría, Contactología y Óptica Oftálmica, Madrid, Spain. Details [here](#).
- 20-21 April - VI Optometry Program Congress. IACLE Latin America Educational Meeting/Institutional Visit, Bucaramanga, Colombia. For more information contact gcarrillo@infonegocio.net.pe
- 20-22 April – Optometria 2018 - Polish Contact Lens Society and Polish Optometry and Optics Association, Ożarów Mazowiecki, Poland. Details [here](#).
- 21 April – IACLE Members' Meeting, ISO Paris, France. For more information contact mbarthe.vision@gmail.com.
- 26-28 April – 45th EFCLIN (European Federation of the Contact Lens IOL Industries). Dubrovnik, Croatia. Details [here](#).
- 29 April – 3 May. ARVO (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) 2018, Honolulu, Hawaii. Details [here](#).

A full schedule of IACLE and other events in 2018 is available at [Meetings & Conferences](#).

Please email dates of 2018 events to s.allen@iacle.org.