

September 2023

IACLE members participate in the Argentina Contact Lens Conference

The Cordoba Opticianry College hosted the [Argentinean Congress of Optics and Contact Lenses](#) in Cordoba City (4-5 August). Approximately 400 attendees participated in the event, which primarily revolved around the latest trends in contact lenses.



Current and past members made a significant contribution to the congress, notably **Professor Guillermo Carrillo, Dr Edgar Davila, Professor Doris Rivadeneira, Enzo Ghiliasa, Patricia Flores** and **Yeni Ferraris** were actively involved in the meeting.

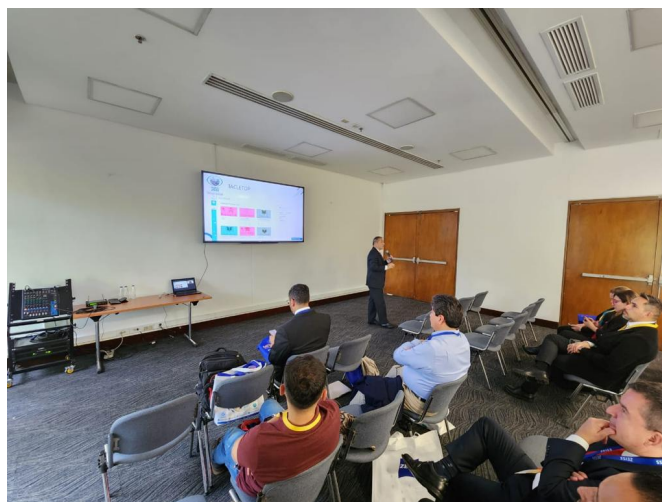


IACLE Regional Coordinator Professor **Guillermo Carrillo** initiated a discussion with the Optometrist Association, which is actively engaged in strengthening the contact lens market and increasing the participation of Argentinean contact lens educators and practitioners within the IACLE community.

FEDOPTO Conference 2023 and IACLE member meeting in Medellin

In collaboration with FEDOPTO, IACLE Americas organized a members' meeting during the latest FEDOPTO conference in Medellín (24-26 August). During the session, Americas Regional Director Professor **Martin Giraldo** addressed the current requirements in contact lens education and IACLE's role.

Professor Carrillo provided a detailed overview of IACLE's resources and the benefits of IACLETOP. He encouraged educators to engage their students with the Student Area and encouraged them to utilize the Student Trial Exam (STE).



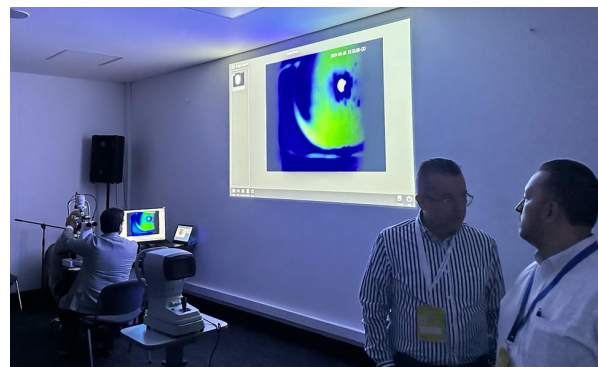
During the meeting, IACLE members **Professor Johanna Garzon** and **Dr Juan Camilo Cuesta** shared their experiences using IACLE resources and implementing them in new strategies to attain academic goals, particularly in myopia control, involving contact lens students and

patients. A total of 10 IACLE members were in attendance of the two hours of educational session.

In addition, **Professor Garzon**, **Dr Cuesta**, **Professor Giraldo** and **Dr Jorge Vargas** conducted a two-hour session based on the Contact Lend Evidence-based Academic Report (CLEAR) with approximately 150 contact lens practitioners in attendance. The session covered various topics such as the medical use of contact lenses, design and materials in contact lens practice, evidence-based orthokeratology, and the future of contact lens technology (pictured below).



Furthermore, Lifetime FIACLE **Dr Ruben Velazquez**, along with **Dr Vargas** and **Hector Paez** conducted a workshop focusing on fitting contact lenses for keratoconus patients. The workshop featured a hands-on approach with two patients, demonstrating a real-life fitting. Local laboratories contributed to the workshop by providing slit lamps and trial contact lenses. Approximately 60 participants, including final-year students and eye care practitioners, attended this event.



Contact Lens Wednesdays

Every week, Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** hosts a webinar series called 'Miércoles de Lentes de Contacto' (Contact Lens Wednesdays), where speakers and IACLE members from across the Latin America region discuss different contact lens-related topics.

In August, the Latin American webinars attracted 197 attendees, including 48 IACLE members and 149 eye care practitioners. **Professor Melania Astua** shared insights and experiences regarding myopia control with orthokeratology and discussed practical implementation within contact lens practices. **Professor Alejandra Martinez** emphasized the significance of follow-up and control as factors to prevent patient dropouts. **Patricia Duran** highlighted the importance of contact lens care to ensure the satisfaction and success of patients. **Professor Alicia Alcazar** provided a review of visual discomfort and contact lens

wear. Finally, **Professor Doris Rivadeneira** spoke about the benefits of daily disposable contact lens wear.

[Catch up on all Spanish-speaking webinars via IACLETOP](#)

We appreciate our members' active support and participation and invite you to join us every Wednesday throughout 2023 to discuss contact lens-related topics.