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India Member Meeting – PBMA's H.V Desai Eye Hospital in Pune, India

The IACLE India members' meeting took place on **16-17 September 2023** at the [College of Optometry, PBMA's H.V Desai Eye Hospital](#) in Pune, India. The event saw the participation of 40 members representing 23 institutions from across India, including both new and experienced members.



Notable industry representatives such as FIACLE **Mamta Joshi**, **Khemraj Nackwal** and **Nehal Sharma** from [Bausch + Lomb](#), **Saadiya Khan** from [Johnson & Johnson Vision Care](#), and **Isha Dave** from [Menicon](#) were present.



On the first day, the meeting began with introductions and objectives set by IACLE Executive Manager of Global Education **Lakshmi Shinde** and Executive Manager of Educational Programs **Nilesh Thite**. FIACLE **Mumtaz Qazi** delivered a presentation titled 'How to teach presbyopic contact lens fitting'. During the talk, Mumtaz explained strategies for involving students in multifocal trials, including enlisting their parents as patients and persuading college staff to participate.

Ashwini Lokesh discussed 'Application of technology and social media in contact lens teaching', emphasizing using platforms like WhatsApp and Instagram to encourage students to present interesting cases.

Isha Dave shared insights on 'How to teach discomfort and dry eye', underlining the importance of taking a holistic approach that considers systemic illnesses and physiology, highlighting that addressing dry eye extends beyond contact lens-related issues.

FIACLE **Vandana Kamath** and **Lavanya Kalikivayi** explored diverse strategies for student motivation. Lavanya's presentation particularly stood out to the attendees, offering valuable insights into effective methods of inspiring and engaging students.

The presentations sparked insightful discussions and interactions among the educators.

Day two commenced with a recap from the first day. Lakshmi Shinde showcased various [IACLETOP](#) resources available to IACLE members, including [ICLC2020](#), [Case Reports](#), [Flashcards](#), and the videos and images available in the [IACLETOP Library](#). Lakshmi and **Kavitha Jayanna** demonstrated how to set up [Student Areas](#) and [Student Trial Exams](#).



Members who attended [IACLE's 4th World Congress](#) shared their experiences at the meeting. **Madhumathi Subramanian**, **Atanu Samanta** and **Nirav Mehta** presented their learnings from WC4 on topics such as mobile technology, using PowerPoint, and education related to ChatGPT. Preparations for the forthcoming Fellowship Exam were also discussed. [Access WC4 materials](#)

The meeting concluded with a live virtual talk on 'Assessing students' skills' by IACLE Executive Manager of Educational Development **Professor Craig Woods**, followed by a panel discussion on the same topic.



The IACLE Team thanked the College of Optometry at PBMA's H.V Desai Eye Hospital, particularly **Mahadev Shegunashi**, for hosting the meeting. Certificates for attending the meeting were handed out to the speakers, and electronic copies were emailed to the other attendees.

Feedback from attendees:

'Every year definitely, there is a minimum of one take-home message, if not more. It has been always very helpful' – **Lavanya Kalikivayi**, **Ahalia School of Optometry, Kerala**

'Excellent! Weekend time well invested' – **Lifetime FIACLE Prema Chande**, **Lotus College of Optometry, Mumbai**

'Thank you for conducting such an informative and helpful meeting. Gained a lot of information which I can apply in my teaching. Thank you for inviting and looking forward to attending next year' – **Sushant Shah**, **Acharya Institute of Allied Health Science, Bangalore**



'Thank you IACLE Team and our very own Nilesh sir since my BVP days, Lakshmi ma'am and Kavitha ma'am I've learned a lot. I have taken notes on many things that I will implement in college. Meeting up with the elite educators from different institutes was such a pleasure. Thank you, Mahadev sir and team, for all the arrangements' – **Susmita Banerjee, D.Y Patil Institute of Optometry & Visual Sciences, Pune**

'Team IACLE and team H.V. Desai, thanks a lot for arranging such a wonderful meeting. Pleasure meeting you all' – **Amit Shinde, Bharati Vidyapeeth School of Optometry, Pune**

'Thanks to the IACLE Team, Mahadev sir and H.V Desai Team for conducting a wonderful meeting. It was well organized. IACLE India Members' meeting ended with great learnings and meeting with many educators' – **Hari. R, Vittala International Institute of Ophthalmology, Bengaluru**