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### Guayas College of Optometry Conference – 19-21 October

IACLE member **Professor Carlos Chacon** and IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Professor Guillermo Carrillo** delivered a three-hour lecture and a one-hour workshop on managing contact lens-induced dry eye to mitigate contact lens dropouts at the Guayas College of Optometry Conference.

Following the sessions, IACLE members gathered for a brief meeting to receive information about the upcoming [Fellowship Exam](#) on 22 November. They also discussed involving their students in programs such as the IACLE [Student Trial Exam](#) within their respective institutions.



### IACLE Americas lead contact lens workshop

At the Congress of Optics and Contact Lenses in Paraguay, **Professor Guillermo Carrillo** conducted a soft contact lens workshop focusing on fitting considerations and assessment. The workshop targeted students from the TESĀ institution, with IACLE member **Miguel Garcia** organizing approximately 50 participants. [Johnson & Johnson](#) and [Alcon](#) provided support with trial contact lenses and solutions. TESĀ educators actively participated in the three-hour workshop, and **Dr Antonella Postiglione** from Johnson & Johnson and **Gloria Villalba** from Alcon were also involved.



## Contact Lens Wednesdays

Every week, Americas Regional Coordinator **Professor 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 October, the Latin American webinars attracted 227 participants, including 50 IACLE members and 177 eye care professionals. **Dr Edgar Davila** discussed the management of optical aberrations with scleral lenses, dispelling myths and presenting evidence-based arguments for improved fittings.

**Dr Omar Samano** explored potential changes in the retina

among scleral lens wearers based on data from his clinical practice. **Dr Enzo Elizalde** delved into the influence of motivation on a successful contact lens fit. Lastly, **Pablo Palicio** highlighted the significance of contact lens material and the manufacturing process.

[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.