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Sharing experiences at the annual IACLE China meeting

Educators from institutes across China were represented at the 2017 IACLE Educator Meeting in Tianjin. And a WeChat link for all members allowed many more to take part, as Wang Haiying reports



IACLE China conducted its annual Educator Meeting at [Tianjin Vocational Institute](#) (TVI) on 4 and 5 December. A total of 44 delegates attended (32 educator members, eight industry members and four industry representatives).

Institutes in China represented included: Heze Medical College, Shijiazhuang Medical College, Shandong Medical College, Cangzhou Medical College, Sichuang Provincial People's Hospital, Beijing Tongren Optometry Center, and Tianjin Vocational Institute.

Industry representatives and members attended from Alcon, CooperVision, Johnson & Johnson Vision, Bausch + Lomb and Euclid. The meeting began with IACLE China National Coordinator **Wang Haiying** (Tianjin) providing an introduction to the IACLE meeting goals and a welcome address from President of TVI, **Professor Liu Bing**.

Haiying presented an update on IACLE activities and also shared 'Top 10 tips for proactive contact lens education', a lecture first given at the IACLE Congress held in Hyderabad, India in September.



Guest speaker for the meeting was IACLE Secretary **Dr Janice Jurkus** (pictured above left), from the [Illinois College of Optometry](#), Chicago, USA, who delivered lectures on presbyopia and soft multifocal contact lenses, orthokeratology and options for myopia control. A workshop session provided all attendees with hands-on experience of soft multifocals.

IACLE China National Coordinator (Shanghai) **Qu Xiaomei** (pictured above right) gave a lecture on 'Applications of corneal topography'. During the meeting, IACLE provided a WeChat link to all members, so those who did not attend the meeting could share the lectures at the same time. Especially successful was a discussion session on 'Establishing contact lens growth'.



Industry representatives from each company also shared their latest information about products and marketing. The attendees were engaged, asking questions and sharing experiences. Everyone agreed it was a great learning experience, which enhanced their teaching of contact lenses.

IACLE wishes to thank the organizers, speakers and attendees for making this meeting a great success. A special thanks to Tianjin Vocational Institute for the use of its facilities.