

FEDOPTO honors IACLE Americas President

IACLE Americas Regional President **Dr Sergio Garcia** was honored by [FEDOPTO](#) during the [1st Interamerican Congress of Optometry and Vision Science](#), held in Orlando, Florida, USA last month (29-31 March).

FEDOPTO's President **Dr Johana Garzon** (pictured left) gave Sergio a medal as the 1st Optometry Knight for Colombia. It was a very emotional moment for Sergio.



Pictured below (left to right) are Sergio's sons, **Dr Susan Cooper** from the World Council of Optometry, **Jose Luis Delgado** (Argentina), **Martha Bravo** (Sergio's wife), Sergio Garcia, **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú) and **Sabrina Lara** (Argentina) who took part in this special moment.

Sergio has given 40 years of service to education and optometry. He received congratulations via video from colleagues and friends during the event.

IACLE President **Dr Shehzad Naroo** was among those who sent video congratulations to Sergio.

New FIACLEs awarded in Colombia



New FIACLEs **Norma Cardenas** (left) and **Adriana Navarrete** (center) were awarded their Fellowship of IACLE (FIACLE) certificates by IACLE Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** (right) during the FEDOPTO Congress in Orlando. **Rosario Vidal** was presented with her certificate at the end of her lecture during the same event.

IACLE meeting and lectures at FEDOPTO

IACLE Americas had a strong presence at the FEDOPTO Congress. Members offered 5 hours of education to more than 250 attendees. Lecturers were **Sergio Garcia** (Colombia), **Myriam Mayorga** (Colombia), **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), **Marisa Montenero** (Argentina), **Edgar Dávila** (Puerto Rico), **Edward Carmona** (Venezuela), **Orlando Neira** (Colombia) and **Rosario Vidal** (Colombia). Topics for the IACLE meeting were focused on proactivity and the effectivity on contact lenses to prevent dropouts, and how to use grading scales for clinical assessments and research.



Members **Edgar Davila** (Puerto Rico), **Edward Carmona** (Venezuela), **Sergio García** (Colombia) and **Guillermo Carrillo** (Peru) were invited to take part in the final session of the congress, with a discussion forum on diverse topics: ocular surface, myopia control and irregular corneas.

IACLE LA office on radio – IACLE in the World

The graphic features the IACLE logo (International Association of Contact Lens Educators) and the 'Franja Visual Radio' logo. It includes a photo of a woman and a circular inset photo of another woman. Text in Spanish promotes a radio program on Wednesday, 04/04, discussing 'Effectiveness in the Adaptation of LC to Reduce Lens Disruptions'. It lists the time slots: 9:30 am (Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Mexico) and 11:30 am (Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil), and 8:30 am (Central America). The text ends with 'LOS ESPERAMOS!!!' and a website link: www.franjavisualradio.com.

The IACLE weekly radio program, **IACLE in the World**, goes out every Wednesday. Members from LA countries are taking part and every week discuss a specific topic that they feel is of interest. Members feel part of IACLE and that their voices are heard. This is an easy way to keep in close contact and announce activities in which they could be involved.

Recorded programs can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.franjavisualradio.com/index.php/programas-especiales/iacle>