

IACLE members join Franja's 30th anniversary celebrations

[Franja Visual](#) magazine celebrated its 30th anniversary with a major event in Colombia, Franja 2018 (9 and 10 May).

IACLE members (pictured left to right) **Leonardo Orjuela, Norma Cárdenas, Daniel Obando, Pedro Ospina, Rosario Vidal, Guillermo Carrillo, Jaime Ibañez, Eric Grillon (Cantor + Nissel), Karen Abiantum and Garth Barnard (Cantor + Nissel)** had highlighted participation in a Contact Lens Symposium at the event.



Nearly 450 attendees took part and topics were based on particular cases: soft contact lenses and discromatopsia; keratoconus with soft contact lenses; soft contact lenses and astigmatism; management of special esthetic options; oblique astigmatism with RGPs; correction of anisometropias with RGPs; the use of OCT in problem-solving with contact lenses; and elevation maps in contact lens fitting.



Another group of eye care practitioners (pictured left to right) **Javier Prada, José Luis Monroy, Juan Carlos Aragón, Sergio Mario García, Eduardo Arenas and Leonardo Orjuela** took part in a Myopia Control Symposium.

A total 10 IACLE members and five FIACLEs participated in these two events, which reached as many as 800 attendees and offered 4 hours of continuing education.

Colombia hosts first Americas Specialist Symposium



The first CLASS (Contact Lenses of the Americas Specialists Symposium) was held in Bogotá, Colombia (10 and 11 May), under an initiative of Contamac. IACLE members **Patrick Caroline (USA), Patricia Flores (Chile), Edgar Davila (Puerto Rico), Bruce Williams (USA), Héctor Velásquez (Venezuela), Norma Cárdenas (Colombia) and Ruben Velásquez (Mexico)** were 50% of the speakers of this event. The IACLE Americas

office feels very proud of the leadership shown in this contact lens area from IACLE members.

IACLE Americas visits school in Cartagena, Colombia...

Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** paid a visit to the [Universidad del Sinú](#) in Cartagena, Colombia (15 May) and met with Optometry School Director **Dr Carlos Alfonso**. Dr Alfonso is also President of [ASCOFAOP](#) (Association of Schools and College of Optometry), which is involved in all the optometry programs in Colombia.

At USinú, the Health Sciences School includes the following programs: medicine, nursing, psychology, nutrition and optometry. All of these programs have common courses and USinú has invested in an excellent facility at Simulate Hospital where students experience role play and hold discussions and follow-up.



During Guillermo's visit, USinú was developing an educational scenario with Problem Based Learning (PBL) for all students from its Health Sciences School. Pictured are students during the PBL exercise. The students were very enthusiastic about this educational strategy, which is a good way to enhance educational goals.

... and meets with ASCOFAOP President



Guillermo's meeting with the President of the Colombian [Association of Schools and Programs of Optometry](#) (ASCOFAOP), Dr Carlos Alfonso, centered on IACLE's role in strengthening contact lens education. Dr Alfonso was very open and interested in working together in 2019 to hold an IACLE educational session at the annual conference his association is planning in Cartagena.



IACLE plays leading role in Panamerican Congress

During the [II Panamerican Congress of Optometry](#) in Cartagena, Colombia (16-19 May), the organization gave us a space of 2 hours for an IACLE session. IACLE members played a prominent part in the event.

Fifteen presentations were offered by the following members: **Giovanni Rojas** (Colombia), **Diancy Capella** (Colombia), FIACLE **Ricardo Pintor** (Mexico), FIACLE **Victoria Báez** (Colombia), **Iris Hernández** (Mexico), FIACLE **Sergio García** (Colombia), **Ernesto Valdenegro** (Uruguay), FIACLE **Sergey Cusato** (Brazil), **Oscar Blanco** (Colombia), FIACLE **Rosario Vidal** (Colombia), FIACLE **Guillermo Carrillo** (Perú), FIACLE **Ana Agudelo** (Colombia), **José Delgado** (Argentina), **Javier Prada** (Costa Rica) and **Héctor Velásquez** (Venezuela). **Sergey Cusato** (pictured) was awarded by the organization of the conference for introducing innovation in education.

IACLE takes a journey to Areandina Bogotá

AREANDINA

Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina

IACLE member **Carolina Rodriguez** worked with the IACLE Americas office to coordinate an IACLE Journey in [Areandina](#) Bogotá (29 May).

Pictured are IACLE member **Genny Castillo** (left) and FIACLE **Jorge Vargas** (right). Through web conferencing Americas Regional Coordinator **Guillermo Carrillo** took part in this event as well. The program offered 4.5 hours of education and covered diverse topics including patient management, tear film and anterior segment assessment, keratoconus and orthokeratology. Around 120 students, graduates and educators attended.



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Este Miércoles 30 de Mayo, en el Programa de IACLE, tendremos como invitados a la **Dra. Andrea Villegas (Ecuador)** y a la **Dra. Ada Isel Castro (México)**.

Con quienes conversaremos sobre "PARÁMETROS O CRITERIOS PARA LA ADAPTACIÓN DE LENTES DE CONTACTO"

9:30 am (Colombia, Perú, Ecuador y México)
11:30 am (Argentina, Uruguay & Brasil)
8:30 am (Centroamérica)

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Every week a couple of IACLE members take part in an IACLE Radio Program through the support of [Franja Visual Radio](#).

Members from different parts of the region share with colleagues and other members their experiences and comments about their educational markets. This month topics were around the relevance of the

preliminary examination, assessment of the tear film in contact lens fitting, and parameters and criteria for success.

IACLE members who participated in the broadcasts this month were: FIACLE **Andrea Villegas** (Ecuador), **Melania Astúa** (Costa Rica), **Ada Castro** (Mexico), **Javier Villanueva** (Perú), **Oscar Bello** (Colombia) and **María Báez** (Colombia).

IACLE in the World has so far reached 10 countries: Colombia, Perú, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Nicaragua and USA.

[Franja Visual Radio](#) is web-based radio with an audience of more than 100 eye care practitioners. The program goes every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am (UTC-5).

Recorded programs can be accessed via the following link:

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