

First of the 2018 IACLE Travel Award winners joins AOCLE Annual Workshop

Thanks to support from IACLE and the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators (AOCLE), an IACLE member from Lebanon travelled to Texas last month to learn about US-style teaching



IACLE Travel Award winner **Ahmed Sherry** from the optometry department at [Modern University of Business & Science](#), Beirut, Lebanon attended the [AOCLE Annual Workshop](#) in San Antonio, Texas, USA, with support from IACLE and AOCLE. The workshop was hosted by the [Rosenberg School of Optometry](#) (RSO) at the University of the Incarnate Word (31 May – 3 June).

This year's theme was 'Look, Learn, Teach'. Ahmed attended lectures presented by faculty members of RSO, workshops on different topics, and presentations from up to 19 sponsors. The Annual Workshop provided lectures that shined a light on ways to teach, create exams and ensure students' satisfaction, as well as offering hands-on workshops. In addition, attendees went on a tour of the RSO building.



Commenting on his experiences, Ahmed said: 'Thanks to IACLE and AOCLE, I had the opportunity to be part of this three-day workshop and learn from skilled colleagues in the world of teaching and contact lenses. It was a pleasure meeting AOCLE members from the North America region and sharing with them professional expertise and cultural richness. I will definitely use what I have gained from this workshop and try to improve optometry education in Lebanon, especially in the field of contact lenses.'

Dr Luigina Sorbara, IACLE Assistant Secretary, presented the IACLE report during the 2018 AOCLE business meeting, and attendees were encouraged to join IACLE to benefit from the wide range of resources provided.

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