



The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) recently announced their **2017 Contact Lens Educator of the Year Award** and the recipient was the University of Houston College of Optometry's own, Dr. Jan Bergmanson. This award recognizes and honors achievements in contact lens education worldwide.

Sponsored by CooperVision, three prestigious awards are presented each year to one individual from each of IACLE's global regions: Asia Pacific, Europe / Africa - Middle-East, and the Americas. Award recipients demonstrate a high level of commitment to IACLE and to helping fulfill its mission to raise the standard of contact lens education worldwide. This honor is aimed at individuals who are involved in teaching in the field of contact lenses and have demonstrated an innovative educational approach in their institution, country or region. Innovations in educational research related to contact lenses or provision of invaluable resources to students will also be considered.

Dr. Jan PG Bergmanson is the Brien A. Holden Professor of Optometry at University of Houston College of Optometry, founding Director of the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center, is licensed in Texas as a Therapeutic Optometrist and an Optometric Glaucoma Specialist. He is a Foundation Fellow of College of Optometry in United Kingdom, Fellow of American Academy of Optometry, where he is a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies Section and a Fellow of the Scleral Lens Education Society. He is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Swedish and Dutch Optometric Associations, Life Fellow of the College of Optometry, United Kingdom. Awards received include the British Contact Lens Association's Gold Medal (1998), the 2002 Texas Optometric Association's Educator of the Year Award, the AAO Max Schapero Lecture Award (2006) and the 2014 American Optometric Association Legend Award. Scholarship encompasses 150 clinical and scientific publications, 8 chapters in texts and one book, now in its 24th edition.

Congratulations, Dr. Jan Bergmanson on your tremendous honor.