



# ***Communications Society Region 9***

## ***Regional Chapter Chairs Congress, RCCC 2007 Lima, Peru***

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# Machu Picchu, the wonderful Inca City





# Introduction

- ◆ This report presents the results of the activities of our meeting and the main Action Plans for the period 2007- 2008.

# Attendants: 18 of 23 Chapters

<b>Gabriel Venturino</b>	<b>Argentina</b>
<b>Marcelo M. Martins</b>	<b>Bahia, Brazil</b>
<b>Pedro Aguilera</b>	<b>Chile</b>
<b>Carlos A. Lozano Garzón</b>	<b>Colombia</b>
<b>Fernando Masis</b>	<b>Costa Rica</b>
<b>Servio Lima</b>	<b>Ecuador</b>
<b>Oscar F. Fernández</b>	<b>Guadalajara, Mexico</b>
<b>Armando A. Rivera</b>	<b>Guatemala</b>
<b>Fernando Tavera</b>	<b>Mexico City</b>
<b>Iván Armuelles Voinov</b>	<b>Panama</b>
<b>Jorge Reyna</b>	<b>Peru</b>
<b>Jose Luis Vázquez (instead of Luis Guerrero)</b>	<b>Puebla, Mexico</b>
<b>Victor Simmons</b>	<b>Puerto Rico &amp; Caribbean</b>
<b>Waldo Russo</b>	<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b>
<b>Silvio Barbin</b>	<b>South Brazil, Brazil</b>
<b>Ruel Ellis (instead of Nigel Cassimire)</b>	<b>Trinidad y Tobago</b>
<b>Gustavo Gianattasio (instead of Juan Pechiar)</b>	<b>Uruguay</b>
<b>Carlos Jose Peña</b>	<b>Venezuela</b>

# Attendants. Special Guests, Board and Staff.

<b>Celia Desmond</b>	<b>2007 IEEE Board of Directors Member</b>
<b>Beyong Gi Lee</b>	<b>Membership Development</b>
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<b>Bob Shapiro</b>	<b>Marketing</b>
<b>John Pape</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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<b>Araceli Garcia</b>	<b>LA Region Director</b>
<b>José Luis Vázquez</b>	<b>LA DLT Coordinator</b>
<b>William Bonaparte</b>	<b>LA STG Coordinator</b>
<b>Ricardo Trujillo</b>	<b>LA MDP Coordinator</b>
<b>Ricardo Veiga</b>	<b>LA GOLD Coordinator</b>
<b>Yigang Cai</b>	<b>Chicago Chapter Chair</b>
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# Activities during the RCCC 2007

## Presentation of the ComSoc Programs:

- Membership Development Program
- Distinguished Lecturers DLP
- Student Travel Grants STG
- GOLD
- Activities and Plans of the each Chapter

## NEW activities:

- The formation of LA Workgroups
- Presentation of results to the IEEE R9 authorities during the Annual Regional Meeting R9 on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

# ComSoc R9



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## 23 Chapters

Trinidad & Tobago  
2006

- Morelos, Mexico  
Feb 2007



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**16 Student  
Branches**

# STG

- ◆ Problem: the STG is almost unknown in the Region.
- ◆ During the period 2006 we received only two applications (both from Brazil).
- ◆ Both were awarded.

# Workgroup STG

Puerto Rico & Caribe, Ecuador, Guadalajara, Argentina, Colombia

- To create a compendium of the information related to the STG. (Procedure of request and process to grant the prize, listing of conferences, Web links, etc.)
- That compendium will include the document wrote like a technical paper (the document of the IEEE that includes the instructions regarding the fonts, the process, the creation of abstract, etc.)
- To include information on Adittional Travel Grant (ATG). This is another option, which can be asked by any educational or directive professional member of the Comsoc.



# Workgroup STG

Puerto Rico & Caribe, Ecuador, Guadalajara, Argentina, Colombia

- ◆ The chapter chairs will contact the students representative of the R9, they will be the main contacts with the student branches and the shipment of the information to the same ones.
- ◆ This have a double intention: to inform about the existence of the STG program and the possible creation of the new student branches (Comsoc).
- ◆ Redistribution of the compendium of the information to the educational professional members or members in research period.
- ◆ To see the STG like a process of motivation, so that the student can writes and presents a paper in a technical conference.
- ◆ To request to the ComSoc Board that in the proposed “LatinCom” can be applied to a STG.

# DLTs 2006

- ◆ Javan Erfanian (Sept 29 – Oct 8) was in touch with people of Guadalajara, Puebla and Costa Rica Chapters.
- ◆ Celia Desmond (Nov. 2 – Nov. 11) visited: Ecuador, Puerto Rico East and West Chapters.
- ◆ Manu Malek (Nov 4 – Nov 11) shared his experience with Sao Paolo, Lima and San Salvador chapters. for people from that countries to be in contact with this areas.
- ◆ Stefano Bregni (Nov 5 – Nov 15) visited LA people from Colombia, Ecuador and Panama chapters.



# Workgroup DLT

Puebla, Colombia, Panama, Rio, Uruguay, Ecuador

- ◆ To continue with the visit of DLs to our chapters.
- ◆ To turn to the local events in periodical regional events where the chapter chairs will be support to this regional event.
- ◆ Maybe only one big event: **Latincom**
- ◆ To ask for support of ComSoc Board to attend to the ICCC or the GLOBECOM and to explore the possibility that LA could be the host of some of these events (2010?).
- ◆ To make virtual DLT (videoconferences) to benefit to our chapters.
- ◆ To create the list of the LA Distinguished Lecturers.



# Retention of our membership (ROM)

- ◆ Many of our student members will graduate during the period 2006-2007.
- ◆ We can take advantage of the **GOLD Program** to encourage the transition of students to members and to retain (or to increase) our ComSoc members.
- ◆ Ricardo Veiga (Argentina) participated in the Student Branches Regional Meeting R9 encouraging them to continue as member as IEEE member.
- ◆ To encourage to the IEEE members to register. ***During 2006 we promoted free registration among IEEE latinamerican members trough the web site R9 or by e-mail.***

# Workgroup ROM

Argentina, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Puerto Rico & Caribe, Staff

- ◆ To encourage and to promote the affiliation to ComSoc with a reduced price.
- ◆ To spread the use of RSS (Real Simple Syndication).
- ◆ To change the system of distribution of the ComSoc magazines (like the system used for the distribution of Spectrum Magazine)
- ◆ To define a pilot plan for Pto Rico & the Caribbean Chapters that incorporates the presidents of student branches to the affinity group GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade).

# Workgroup Webpage ComSoc R9

Chile, Trinidad y Tobago

- ◆ Hosting and domain is needed (ex. comsoc.la.org)
- ◆ Use of a “Content Manager” instead a “plain” web site. Any chapter that wants to participate must designate a responsible person to upload the articles to be published.
- ◆ Content of main page should be managed by the region.
- ◆ Each chapter will have their own “TAB” to organize their own info as Articles, Meetings, Lecturers, Special Announcements.
- ◆ The Content Manager software will standardize the look of all pages fonts, colors, layout, etc.)
- ◆ Conferences and other stuff can be showed in special zone of the main site (as newsflash).



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- ◆ Problems to solved: languages (actually 3 languages are used in the Region).
- ◆ Possible solutions: automatic translation, supply articles in multi languages, others to be investigated.

# The Commitment

- ◆ All the exposed here has been the results from the formed Workgroups during the RCCC and they are understood like COMMITMENTS to be accomplished during 2007 and 2008.



# The team





# Thank you !

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