

Morelos Chapter

IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region

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- Short tutorials from local communications industry
 - ◆ Recent advances in sealing and protection of communications cables
 - ◆ Recent advances in optical fiber

 - Lectures
 - ◆ Smart Grid: Wireless Sensor Networks for Distributed Energy Resources
 - ◆ Driving factors for the development of a regulatory framework for smart grids in Mexico
 - ◆ Situational awareness applied in the development of complementary tools for the operation of Mexico's national interconnected system

 - Conferences and symposiums
 - ◆ 13th edition of the “Congreso Internacional sobre Innovación y Desarrollo Tecnológico” (CIINDET 2016) held on Sept 2016 in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.
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2016 Accomplishments

- This year representatives of 4 of the 5 ComSoc Chapters in Mexico got in touch to organize a DLT (Mexico, Morelos, Puebla & Guadalajara); the DL cancelled due to his work agenda, but we are planning to organize a DLT earlier next year.
 - For the first time, we got some of the local communications industry representatives involved in our Chapter's activities: We got short tutorials from Phoenix Contact and Roxtec México for the benefit of our Chapter's members.
 - We obtained the 2016 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment and Retention Performance Award for meeting both our recruitment and retention goals for the 2016 membership year.
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Problems Encountered

- Low participation and involvement of current members, specially at certain times of the year.
 - “Too much work and commitment” impression.
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- Sending letters to past, and inactive members inviting them to get involved in Chapter activities.
 - Organizing more technical and social events locally, and promoting IEEE ComSoc membership at the end of each event.
 - Organizing events in conjunction with other IEEE Chapters in Morelos such as Computer Chapter to create local affinity and inter-disciplinary groups.
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Next Year Work

- DLT organization in conjunction with Mexico, Puebla, and Guadalajara Chapters, and trying to involve Monterrey Chapter.
 - Increase student branches involvement in our Chapter's activities.
 - Attracting more industry & international attendees to our flagship annual event CIINDET 2017.
 - Continue meeting both our recruitment and retention goals for the 2017 membership year.
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