Report on IEEE Communications Society
Distinguished Lecture Program (DLP) Tour to
Peru (Lima), Brazil (Florianopolis and Salvador), and Uruguay (Montevideo)
during August 6-14, 2002

This tour was initiated by the IEEE Peru Section and Federal University of Santa Catarina, in Florianopolis, Brazil. I was invited by the Organizing Committee of IX Congreso Internacional de Ingenieria Electronica, Electrica y de Sistemas (INTERCON 2002), to be held at National University of Callao, Peru, in August 2000, to give a speech on Network and Service Management. Also, I had a standing invitation from Prof. Carlos Becker Westphall of Federal University of Santa Catarina to visit the university and give a presentation on Network Management. Mr. Jorge Hedderwick, IEEE Communications Society Director for Latin America Region, informed me that the IEEE Bahia Section (Brazil) and the IEEE Uruguay Section were also interested in inviting me. Mr. Hedderwick was very supportive in communicating with the sections and helping in arranging this tour which involved 12 flight segments (including connections), visiting 4 locations, and presenting 6 talks.

It was a great trip and I enjoyed it. Following are the highlights:

- In Peru, I was welcomed on my arrival on August 6 by Mr. José Peña, the Technical Committee Chair of INTERCON 2002, and three other delegates from the Conference. The next morning I had a nice visit of the historic city of Lima hosted by Mr. Carlos Bisso, the former president of IEEE Peru Section. I presented my talk on “Network and Service Management” in the afternoon to an audience of about 80 students, faculty members and industry representatives. Mr. James Arellano, a graduate of National University of Callao, did a nice job of translation where necessary. He also hosted me for the rest of the day and showed me around Lima.

- My next stop was in Florianopolis, Brazil. I presented a talk entitled “Network Management – Opportunities and Challenges” to an audience of 105 in the morning of August 9, and a talk on “E-business Security and Information Assurance” to an audience of 90 in the afternoon at Federal University of Santa Catarina. The audience was mainly students and faculty members, IEEE members and non-members. Prof. Westphall was very gracious and gave me several tours of the beautiful city of Florianopolis.

- The next stop was in Salvador, Brazil, where my host was Mr. Edson Leal, the IEEE joint Computer/Communications Chapter Chair. My talks there were similar to those in Florianopolis. In the morning of August 12, I presented a talk on “E-business Security and Information Assurance” in a seminar session on security, arranged by the Computer/Communications joint Chapter, which involved two other speakers. The audience of about 80 included IEEE members, managers, engineers and communications/computers professionals. In a similar
seminar in the afternoon of August 12, I presented a talk on "Network Management - Opportunities and challenges." The audience of about 80 included students and faculty members (IEEE members and non-members) at the University “Area 1.”

I also met Mr. Marcelo Carvalho, the IEEE Bahia Section Chair. Both Mr. Carvalho and Mr. Leal were very gracious and gave me a nice tour of the great city of Salvador.

- My host in Montevideo was Mr. Gustavo Giannattasio, Chair of the IEEE Communications Chapter in Uruguay. On August 14, I presented a talk entitled "Network Management - Opportunities and challenges" in a seminar session arranged by the Communications Chapter, which involved another speaker from Hewlet Packard who had traveled from Argentina. Here, the audience of about 80 included IEEE members, managers, engineers and communications/computers professionals.

I also met Mr. Eduardo Lagos, the IEEE Uruguay Section Chair. Both Mr. Lagos and Mr. Giannattasio were very gracious and gave me a nice tour of the exotic city of Montevideo.

I had sent the files of my presentations to my respective hosts ahead of time, which were made available to members of the audience in each location. The audiences were very interactive and we had nice Q&A sessions. Some expressed interest in further references related to network management and security as well as in security education, which I either provided there or followed up after my return via email.

I’d like to thank IEEE Communications Society for sponsoring my trip, and the respective Section/Chapter Chairs for hosting me. I appreciate the hospitality of all my hosts, and thank them for a memorable trip. Also, I'd like to especially thank Mr. Jorge Hedderwick for his help and support in organizing this tour.

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