Report on IEEE Communications Society
Distinguished Lecture Program (DLP) Tour to
Brazil (Sao Paulo), Peru (Lima), and El Salvador (San Salvador)
November 5 through 11, 2006

The tour was organized by Dr. José Luis Vázquez González, Coordinador de Maestría, from Universidad de las Américas-Puebla, México. Invitations were from Profesor Silvio Barbin (IEEE ComSoc Chapter Chair, South Brazil Section), Mr. Jorge Reyna (Chair of IEEE ComSoc Peru), and Mr. Arné Guerra (TPC Chair of the CONCAPAN XXVI conference in El Salvador).

Dr. González was very supportive in communicating with the sections and helping in arranging this tour which involved visits to three locations to present about 14 hours of talks on three security-related topics.

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

- My first stop was in Sao Paulo. I was greeted at the airport by Prof. Barbin on Sunday morning, November 5. After checking into the hotel, we went to a famous Brazilian Churaskaria for lunch – a treat not to be missed. The next day I presented two 90-minute talks at Universidade de São Paulo. The talk in the morning was on “WLAN Security” and in the afternoon was on “Security Forensics.” Both talks were received well, with a lot of interaction from the audiences of about 30 persons per session from academia and industry.

- That evening, I flew to Lima and arrived about midnight. My host in Peru was Mr. Jorge Reyna. The Peru Section had organized a whole day on security on November 7 which included some local speakers as well. My presentations were on “Security and Information Assurance” in the morning, and on “WLAN Security” in the afternoon. They were each about 2.5 hours and had audiences of more than 30 persons per session from academia and industry. Simultaneous translation into Spanish was provided. Mr. Reyna presented me with an IEEE Peru Section Certificate of Acknowledgement. That evening, we had a memorable dinner with some representatives of IEEE Section Peru.

- My last stop was San Salvador. I was greeted at the airport by Mr. Arné Guerra in the afternoon on November 8. After checking into the hotel, which was also the location of the CONCAPAN conference, I was introduced to Mr. Armando Torres Már mol, Chair of IEEE ComSoc Chapter in El Salvador. Mr. Torres graciously accompanied me during most of my stay in San Salvador. That evening, we attended the CONCAPAN XXVI Conference inauguration, presided by El Salvador’s Vice-President, followed by the Inauguration Dinner. On November 9 I presented a 6-hour tutorial including three lectures entitled “Information Security,” “An Overview of the IT Security Forensics,” and “Wireless LAN Security.” The conference provided simultaneous translation into Spanish. The audience of about 75 persons was very interested and engaging. Mr. Torres presented me with a CONCAPAN XXVI Certificate of Acknowledgement.

In the evening of November 9, I attended an ethnic dinner at Casa de Piedra – Planes de Renderos, which was a pleasant and joyful Central American party. The next day I did some guided sight-seeing, arranged by Mr. Guerra, and in the evening I attended the CONCAPAN XXVI Closing Dinner.
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 making the trip so enjoyable and memorable. I’d like to also thank Dr. González for his help and support in organizing this tour.

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