

IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region Regional Chapter Chairs Congress

Issues and Proposals – LA RCCC 2016

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- 17 Chapter Chairs
- 5 LA ComSoc Board members
- 3 ComSoc Volunteers
 - ◆ VP MGA
 - ◆ Director Member Services
 - ◆ NA Director
- ComSoc Executive Director
- President, IEEE Vehicular Technology Society

**NH Collection Medellín Royal,
Medellín, Colombia
14-15 November 2016**

LA Chapters

- **Argentina Chapter**
 - **Bahía Chapter**
 - **Bolivia Chapter**
 - Brasilia Joint Chapter
 - Centro Occidente Chapter
 - **Centro – Norte Brasil Chapter**
 - **Chile Chapter**
 - **Colombia Chapter**
 - **Costa Rica Chapter**
 - **Ecuador Chapter**
 - **El Salvador Chapter**
 - **Guadalajara Chapter**
 - **Guatemala Chapter**
 - Mexico Chapter
 - Monterrey Chapter
 - **Morelos Chapter**
 - **Panama Chapter**
 - **Peru Chapter**
 - **Puebla Chapter**
 - **Puerto Rico & Caribbean Chapter**
 - Rio de Janeiro Chapter
 - South Brazil Chapter
 - **Trinidad & Tobago Chapter**
 - **Uruguay Chapter**
 - Venezuela Chapter
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Problems Encountered

- About DLT
 - ◆ There is only one Distinguished Lecturer in the region
 - ◆ Synchronizing different chapters for a tour.
 - ◆ Finding an available DL for the dates proposed.
 - ◆ 1 DLT approved but not working at the end. DL had unexpected problems.
 - ◆ Budget issues with 1 DLT from Sweden.

 - Weak advertisements of awards

 - Lack of interest from the community on ComSoc awards
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Problems Encountered

- Perception of a poor support to the Student Chapters from the Professional Chapters.

 - Membership reduction due to dollar appreciation in a number of countries

 - Lack of volunteers

 - Funding
 - ◆ Time
 - ◆ Rebates
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Problems Encountered

- Relative lack of interest (in some countries) from industry in IEEE activities

 - Lack of interest of industry professionals into participate in ComSoc activities.
 - ◆ They said:
 - don't see too much value being members of ComSoc
 - the information that ComSoc can provide is not mature enough. Providers and makers can give more practical info, including free training, etc.
 - ComSoc and IEEE in general are too much “academy” oriented

 - This opinion is based mainly on conversations with the chilean telecom industry. Further investigation must be done in other LA chapters
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- Set up an Industry Committee LA Board
 - ◆ Make a survey in LA ComSoc chapters to identify potential industry relations field.

 - LA Awards policies and procedures

 - LA ComSoc calendar

 - Student Activities
 - ◆ Student Chapters meeting (virtual)
 - ◆ Promote new Student Chapters
 - ◆ Create a ComSoc Student Congress co-located with Latincom
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Problems Solutions Plans

- Establish contact with other organizations in the region as IETF, LACNIC, IANA, among others
 - Promote the development of a communication projects with a higher social impact (EPICs)
 - Start a cycle of talks for non-engineers - Demystify technology
 - Create a regional consultant DB
 - Promote WCET
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Problems Solutions Plans

- Promote the member elevation
 - ◆ 50 Senior Members
 - ◆ 1 Fellow Member (Nelson Fonseca)

 - Support the creation of two more Chapters
 - ◆ Honduras – 34 members
 - ◆ Minas Gerais - 22 members

 - Establish a joint work plan with other Societies in LA Region
 - ◆ Computer
 - ◆ VTS
 - ◆ Signal Processing
 - ◆ ...
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