

# **IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region Regional Chapter Chairs Congress RCCC 2019**

**Salvador - Brazil, 14 - 15 Nov. 2019**

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# IEEE ComSoc LA Region Chapters

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- Argentina
  - **Bahia**
  - Bolivia
  - Centro-Norte Brasil
  - **Chile**
  - **Colombia**
  - Costa Rica
  - Ecuador
  - **El Salvador**
  - **Guadalajara**
  - **Guatemala**
  - **Honduras**
  - Mexico
  - Monterrey
  - **Morelos**
  - **Nicaragua**
  - **Panama**
  - **Peru**
  - **Puebla**
  - Puerto Rico & Caribbean
  - **Rio de Janeiro**
  - South Brazil
  - Trinidad & Tobago
  - Uruguay
  - Venezuela
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# IEEE ComSoc LA Region Board

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- Lisandro Zambenedetti Granville, Director
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  - Gidy Carolina Florez Navarro, Young Professional Coordinator
  - Araceli García Gómez, Student Activities
  - Pedro Aguilera, DLT and DSP Coordinator
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# RCCC 2019 – Schedule (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)

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- 09:00 – 09:30 – Welcome & Introductions
  - 09:30 – 10:00 – LA Region Report (Lisandro)
  - 10:00 – 10:30 – Awards and Best Practices for Chapters chairs (Jose David)
  - *10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break*
  - 11:00 – 11:30 – Young Professional: Global Overview (Nury and Gidy)
  - 11:30 – 12:00 – Technical Activities: engagement, feedback and next steps (Joel)
  - *12:00 – 14:00 – Lunch*
  - 14:00 – 14:30 – DLT Updates (Pedro Aguilera)
  - 14:30 – 15:00 – Membership Development (Juan David)
  - 15:00 – 15:30 – Global Communications Newsletter (Carlos Martínez)
  - *15:30 – 16:00 – Coffee Break*
  - 16:00 – 16:30 – Social Networks Challenges and Progress (Esmeralda)
  - 16:30 – 17:00 – Communications Society Awards (Carlos Lozano)
  - *19:00 – 21:30 – Dinner*
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# RCCC 2019 – Schedule (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>)

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- 09:00 – 10:30 – Chapter Chair Reports (5 presentations) - 15min for each chair
  - 10:30 – 11:00 – *Coffee Break*
  - 11:00 – 12:00 – Chapter Chair Reports (3 presentations) - 15min for each chair
  - 12:00 – 14:00 – *Lunch*
  - 14:00 – 15:30 – Chapter Chair Reports (4 presentations) - 15min for each chair
  - 15:30 – 16:00 – *Coffee Break*
  - 16:00 – 17:00 – Closing Remarks + Group Photo
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# Chapter Achievement (CAA) Award

## Chapter of the Year (CoY) Award

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- 2018
    - ◆ 3 applications
    - ◆ Winner: Bolivia
  - 2019
    - ◆ 1 application
    - ◆ Winner: Puebla
  - It is important to increase our engagement. Don't forget to apply
  - <https://www.comsoc.org/membership/chapters/chapter-resources>
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- Terms are of two years
- The candidates for the next term (2020-2021) were:
  - ◆ Andres Navarro (Colombia)
  - ◆ Carlos Martínez (El Salvador)
  - ◆ Ignacio Enrique Zaldívar Huerta (Puebla)
  - ◆ Nury Gabriela Ramirez Cely (Guadalajara)



# Preparing for the next term

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- Nov. 14th
    - ◆ Present our current status globally
    - ◆ Identify challenges
    - ◆ Discuss possible solutions
  - Nov. 15th
    - ◆ Present status of each present chapter
    - ◆ Identify challenges
    - ◆ Discuss possible solutions
  - After RCCC 2019
    - ◆ Compile a summary of our meeting
    - ◆ Share with the attendees for corrections
    - ◆ Share with all other chapter chairs
    - ◆ Forward it to the next board
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**Complementary information  
for the meeting report**

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- 22 people attended
    - ◆ 10 board members
    - ◆ 1 board advisor
    - ◆ 11 chapter chairs
  
  - 21 presentations
    - ◆ 8 from board members
    - ◆ 1 from board advisor
    - ◆ 12 reporting chapter activities
  
  - 1 social dinner
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# Pictures – Attendees

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# Pictures – Board members

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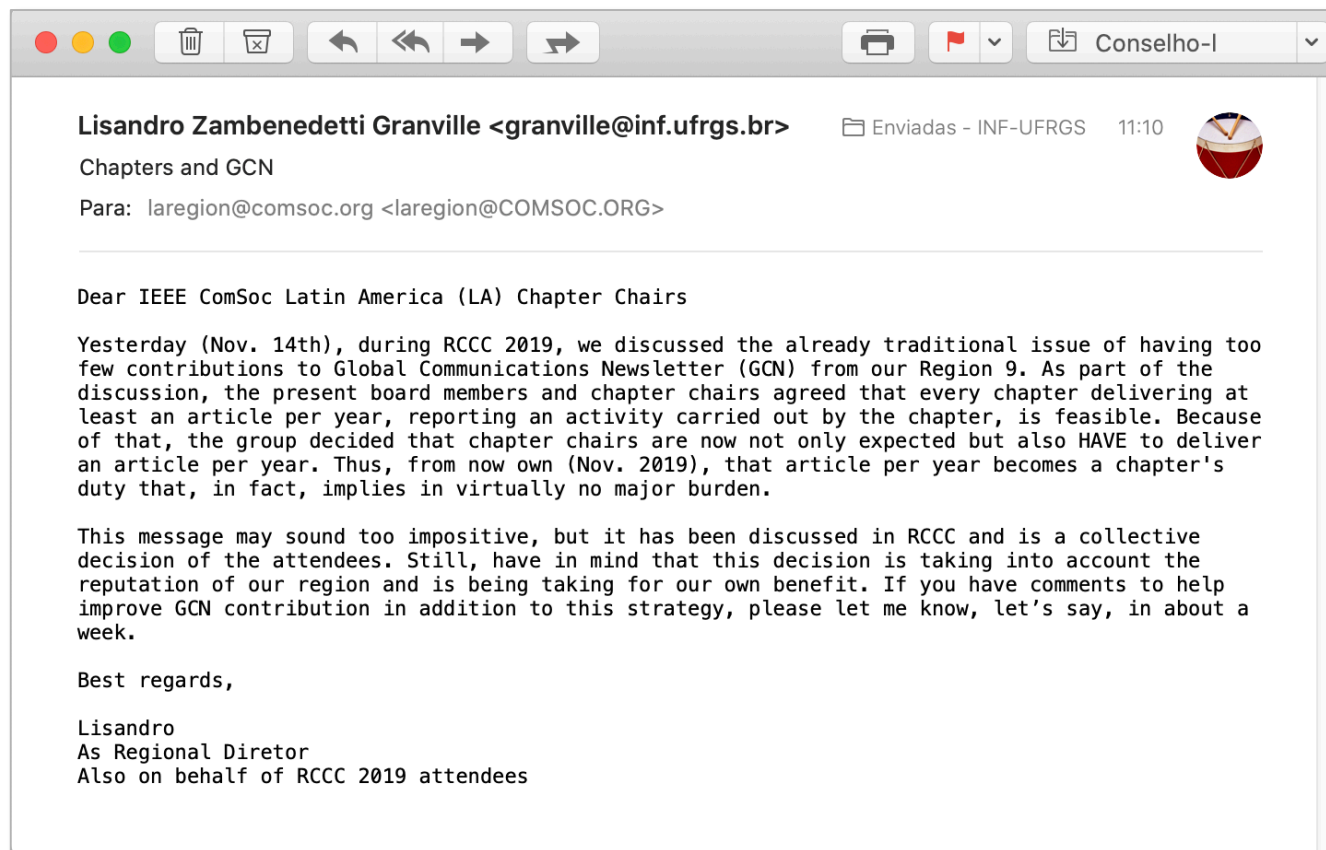
# Pictures – Social dinner

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# Discussions/considerations

- Chairs' duties now include delivering an article to GCN per year
  - ◆ Update the mailing list of chapter chairs



# Discussions/considerations (cont.)

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- Lack of reply of some contacted DLs
  - ◆ Right from the first invitation message, the regional DLT and DSP Coordinator must be cc'ed in the e-mail message in order to identify the occasional lack of reply and have the opportunity to react/help



# Discussions/considerations (cont.)

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- Lack of proper coordination from ComSoc's staff with the conference organizers
    - ◆ We shall avoid situations similar to HealthCom 2019, where 63 nights have been booked and paid by ComSoc when the necessity was only 22 nights
    - ◆ Dates of the conference have been changed by ComSoc staff members following a request from Norbert Noury (steering committee member) without double-checking with the general/TPC/SC chairs, leading to advertisements with different dates
    - ◆ Some needed equipment (projectors, computers, etc.) has not been requested by ComSoc but it was required by the conference
  - Actions:
    - ◆ The duties of ComSoc's staff in the context of a conference must be established very clearly at the beginning of the conference organization process
    - ◆ ComSoc's staff shall trust the knowledge of local team WRT peculiarities of the region in which the conference is being held (e.g., hotel prices, negotiation expectations, local culture, etc.)
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# Discussions/considerations (cont.)

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- Apply for CAA & CoY awards
  - ◆ Perception that number of members is the only thing that matters in the selection of best chapters
  - ◆ Perception that “regular” actions seem not to be sufficiently outstanding
- Actions
  - ◆ Chapter questionnaires could be an implicit application for the awards
  - ◆ Check if sharing criteria with chapter chairs is not a problem
  - ◆ Fill the forms 😊

# Number of attendees of LATINCOM

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- Actions

- ◆ Promote ComSoc's technical committees meetings co-located with LATINCOM
  - ◆ Identify possible future locations and approach candidates more actively
  - ◆ Check the “history” of attendees and have a break down (e.g., considering countries, profile [members, student...])
    - Identify who were the ComSoc's staff working as contact point and that received the reports
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# Industrial participation in LATINCOM

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- Actions

- ◆ Check the already established agreements that ComSoc has with specific telcos and try to use them to improve their participation at LATINCOM

# Increase the region's interactions

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- Actions:

- ◆ Virtual RCCC with WebEx
  - ◆ Create an e-community and publish minutes of virtual RCCCs
  - ◆ Having a virtual host (that gets recognized to put the show together)
  - ◆ Frequency: once a year
  - ◆ Duration: a morning or an afternoon (take into account the different time zones in the region)
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# Guidelines for new chapter chairs

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- Actions:

- ◆ Use this address: <https://la.regions.comsoc.org/chapters/advice-for-new-chairs/> (under construction)