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Work Done

- **Lectures**
  - Roberto Saracco -Bogotá (Healthcom, ANE meeting, CINTEL), Cali
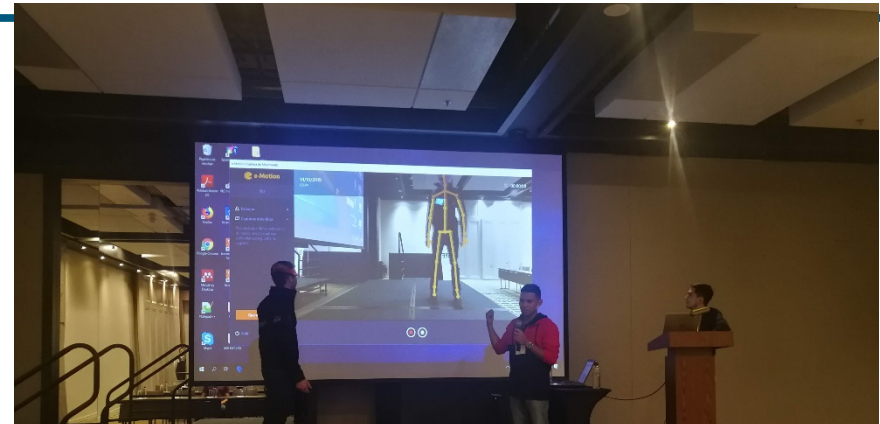 - Adlen Ksentini - Bogotá and Barranquilla
  - Tomaso Melodia (Colcom)

- **Conferences**
  - IEEE Colcom 2019 – Co-Located with Colcaci (CIS)
  - IEEE Healthcom 2019 (details in next slides)
  - TET in Popayan – Universidad del Cauca student branch and Comsoc student chapter.
  - Support to SATES; IEEE Student Branch Universidad Surcolombiana

2019 Accomplishments

- Successful realization of IEEE Healthcom in Bogotá.

- Keeping and growing the membership (2018:90 – with Caribbean; 2019: 96 – without Caribbean).

- In November, we expect to exceed the 20 student members required.

Healthcom 2019

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- Authors from 25 countries

Accepted as regular paper	AcceptedRegularPaper	Total valid
26	19	70

Authors by Region (All Papers)

Region	Authors	%
Latin America	149	52.8
Europe, Middle East, Africa	62	22.0
Europe	55	19.5
Asia/Pacific	32	11.3
United States	20	7.1
Canada	19	6.7
Middle East and Africa	7	2.5

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- **Authors by Region (Accepted Papers)**

Region	Authors	%
Latin America (Brazil*, Colombia, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Perú, Chile, Panamá)	107	50.2
Europe, Middle East, Africa	48	22.5
Europe	45	21.1
Asia/Pacific	29	13.6
United States	19	8.9
Canada	10	4.7
Middle East and Africa	3	1.4

Lesson learned from Healthcom

- Support from Comsoc staff requires a better knowledge of the conference and the venue.

- Staff was highly inoperative (Some examples….)

- More trust in local organizers could help, given the knowledge of the venue.

- Coordination or trust from the Steering committee to the local organizers also can help.

- The communication and marketing tools (e.g. vtools/e-notice) are not effective. In part Because requires a lot of authorizations. (CFP for Healthcom was not sent using e-Notice, because we did not get all the required authorizations)

Problems Encountered

- Number of participants in conferences is strongly decreasing.

- Publications and DLT are not quite attractive for young members (With some exceptions)

- Some DLT do not answer invitation mails (This is a recurrent problem)

Problems Solutions Plans

- To revise the number and areas of current and new conferences
- To encourage participation from different IEEE regions.
- To define Latincom for 2020 and 2021 since now.

Next Year Work

- To increase Senior members in the chapter
  - Action 1: Invite some of the members that fulfil the requisites
- Postulate candidates for DL
- Improve numbers in Colcom in Cali
- Actively support Latincom 2020 from the chapter.