

# **Morelos Chapter**

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- Short tutorials from local communications industry
    - ◆ Recent advances in sealing and protection of communications cables
    - ◆ Recent advances in optical fiber
  
  - Lectures
    - ◆ Smart Grid: Wireless Sensor Networks for Distributed Energy Resources
    - ◆ Driving factors for the development of a regulatory framework for smart grids in Mexico
    - ◆ Situational awareness applied in the development of complementary tools for the operation of Mexico's national interconnected system
  
  - Conferences and symposiums
    - ◆ 13th edition of the “Congreso Internacional sobre Innovación y Desarrollo Tecnológico” (CIINDET 2016) held on Sept 2016 in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.
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# 2016 Accomplishments

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- This year representatives of 4 of the 5 ComSoc Chapters in Mexico got in touch to organize a DLT (Mexico, Morelos, Puebla & Guadalajara); the DL cancelled due to his work agenda, but we are planning to organize a DLT earlier next year.
  - For the first time, we got some of the local communications industry representatives involved in our Chapter's activities: We got short tutorials from Phoenix Contact and Roxtec México for the benefit of our Chapter's members.
  - We obtained the 2016 Outstanding Section Membership Recruitment and Retention Performance Award for meeting both our recruitment and retention goals for the 2016 membership year.
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# Problems Encountered

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- Low participation and involvement of current members, specially at certain times of the year.
  - “Too much work and commitment” impression.
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- Sending letters to past, and inactive members inviting them to get involved in Chapter activities.
  - Organizing more technical and social events locally, and promoting IEEE ComSoc membership at the end of each event.
  - Organizing events in conjunction with other IEEE Chapters in Morelos such as Computer Chapter to create local affinity and inter-disciplinary groups.
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# Next Year Work

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- DLT organization in conjunction with Mexico, Puebla, and Guadalajara Chapters, and trying to involve Monterrey Chapter.
  - Increase student branches involvement in our Chapter's activities.
  - Attracting more industry & international attendees to our flagship annual event CIINDET 2017.
  - Continue meeting both our recruitment and retention goals for the 2017 membership year.
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