

IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region

Regional Chapter Chair Congress 2016

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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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LA Board

<http://la.regions.comsoc.org/board/>



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Work Done

- LA Board have been set up (<http://la.regions.comsoc.org/board/>)
 - Update Regional webpage (<http://la.regions.comsoc.org/>)
 - News sent to GCN
 - Regional Chapter Chair Congresses organization
 - ComSoc - Computer Webinars for LA region
(http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/9/files/noticieeros/Noticieero_100.pdf p.15)
 - Membership Benefits campaign by Social Networks
(<https://www.facebook.com/comsocr9/>)
 - ◆ Offering E-BOOK “Redes de datos contexto y evolución” new members
 - 4 DLT and 2 DSP approved
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- **4 Distinguished Lecture Tours**, Including 8 different sections, 14 cities
 - ◆ April
 - Nelson Fonseca, Brazil Colombia (Popayán, Bogotá, Cartagena)
 - ◆ June
 - Maode Ma, Argentina, Chile
 - ◆ September
 - Jalel Ben Othman, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Perú
 - ◆ November
 - Tilman Wolf, Puerto Rico, Republica Dominicana, Ecuador, Colombia
 - **2 DSP approved**
 - ◆ COLCOM
 - ◆ Student Branches
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- Improve the board communication with chapter chairs
 - ◆ 19 of 25 chapters sent the Chapter Questionnaire

 - Support the Local Activities
 - ◆ ITStrategy Forum 2016, México
 - ◆ COLCOM 2016, Cartagena, Colombia
 - ◆ LATINCOM 2016, Medellín, Colombia
 - ◆ Argencon 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - ◆ Andescon 2016, Arequipa, Peru
 - ◆ Spring School on Networks 2016, Santiago, Chile
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- Awards
 - ◆ Latin America Region Young Professional Award
 - ◆ Latin America Region Distinguished Service Award
 - Participate at the Region 9 Student Branch Conference, Equator
 - Start the Senior Member Elevation
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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.

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

- Weak advertisements of awards
 - Lack of interest from the community on ComSoc awards
 - Perception of lack of support to the Student Chapters from the Professional Chapters.
 - Relative lack of knowledge from Chapter Chairs about ComSoc
 - Membership reduction due to dollar appreciation in a number of countries
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Problems Encountered

- 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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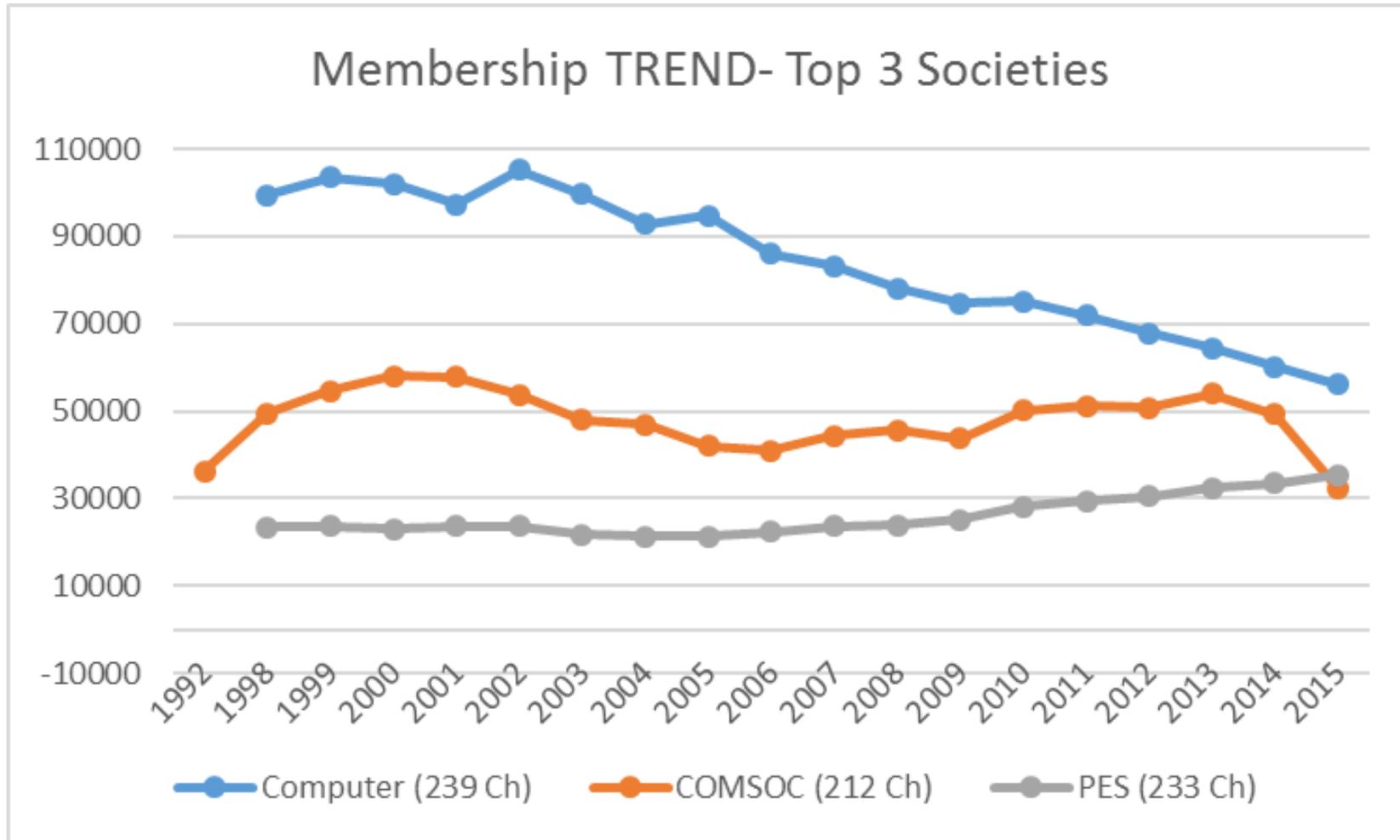
- Set up an Industry Committee LA Board
 - ◆ Make a survey in LA ComSoc chapters to identify potential industry relations field and to validate if the situation in Chile Chapter is the same in other chapters.

 - LA Awards policies and procedures

 - Student Activities
 - ◆ Student Chapters meeting (virtual)
 - ◆ Promote new Student Chapters

 - **Organize the LA RCCC2016**
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COMSOC Membership trend “General” 1992.....2015



2016 Membership Nov 1, "1137"

CHAPTER	SM	MEMBER	STUDENT	TOTAL
1. Argentina	13	61	3 (2/1)	77
2. Bahía	7	27	8 (2/6)	42
3. Bolivia	1	13	4 (1/3)	18
4. Centro Occidente (Mex)	0	1	1 (0/1)	2
5. Centro Norte (Bra)	5	23	13 (9/4)	41
6. Chile	9	35	2 (1/1)	46
7. Colombia	13	81	29 (11/18)	123
8. Costa Rica	2	9	1 (1/0)	12
9. Ecuador	4	67	54 (7/47)	125
10. El Salvador	2	7	25 (0/25)	34
11. Guadalajara	1	8	3(3/0)	12
12. Guatemala	4	6	0	10

2016 Membership Nov 1, “1137”

CHAPTER	SM	MEMBER	STUDENT	TOTAL
13. Mexico (Mex)	9	70	5 (1/4)	84
14. Monterrey (Mex)	3	5	0	8
15. Morelos (Mex)	3	5	0	8
16. Panama	8	16	0	24
17. Peru	8	66	46 (3/ 43)	120
18. Puebla (Mex)	2	6	4 (1 / 3)	12
19 Puerto Rico & Caribe	3	41	5 (0 / 5)	49
20. Rio de Janeiro (Bra)	2F/ 5	40	6 (6 / 0)	53
21. South Brazil (Bra)	11	75	12 (10 / 2)	98
22. Trinidad y Tobago	1	23	2 (2/ 0)	26
23. Uruguay	7	14	(1 / 0)	22
24. Venezuela	0	5	(1 / 0)	6

COMSOC Membership “2016” **NOV 1**

CHAPTERS	FM	SM	MEMBER	STUDENT	TOTAL in chapters	TOTAL LATAM
2016	2	121	698	212	1,033	1,137

TOP 5	Membership (Quality) Fellow	Membership (Quality) Senior (> 10)
1. Rio do Janeiro	2	5
2. Colombia	0	13
3. Argentina	0	13
4. South Brazil	0	11
5. Your Chapter	?	?

2016 Possibility to form a COMSOC Chapter



Honduras – 34 members

Minas Gerais - 22 members

Section chairs were invited butpending
