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Work Done

- Distinguished Conferences “” where by José Otero from 5G Americas and Ing. Hector Marin, Latin America Director for Qualcomm. This activity was part sponsored by 5G Americas.
 - Lecture in Spectrum Management and Telecommunication and Future in Panamá October 31, 2016
 - Participation on the First National Electrical Engineering Congress on August 18, 2016. (20 minutes presentation of IEEE membership benefits in special COMSOC to attract new members)
 - Future activity PES-COMSOC on December 06, 16 on “Challenges on Smart Cities for Panamá”.
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2016 Accomplishments

- Increase the technical activities done during this 2 years.
 - LA COMSOC award
 - 3 technical activities:
 - 2 Lectures , and 2 Distinguished Conferences sponsored by 5G Americas and IEEE COMSOC
 - Joint efforts with another local chapter to promote our scope and the importance of COMSOC in the actual technologies. (PES-COMSOC)
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Problems Encountered

- 1. Membership Decreasing
 - ◆ Other national organization...CAPATEC
 - ◆ CAPATEC agreement delayed...
 - ◆ Registration in Telecommunication Eng. Degrees has decrease locally by 50%.
 - 2. Poor participation in COMSOC activities of members.
 - Few interest of local companies of get continuing education in employees.
 - Advertisement method used to promote X activities.
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Problems Solutions Plans

- Plans:
 - Continuing working (new IEEE section) with CAPATEC Board until activate the agreement with local CAPATEC.
 - Work with the new IEEE Section Board in the improvement of activities to promote membership.
 - Maintain a high number of technical activities and in a wide range (Seminar Telecommunication for Non Engineers, a technical conference, a DLT and a technical visit.)
 - How to do It and when? It will depend of the new Panama Section approach.
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