

# **IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region**

**Regional Chapter Chair Congress 2016**

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# LA Chapters

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- **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

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- 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/NoticIEEEro\\_100.pdf](http://www.ewh.ieee.org/reg/9/files/noticieeros/NoticIEEEro_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

- 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

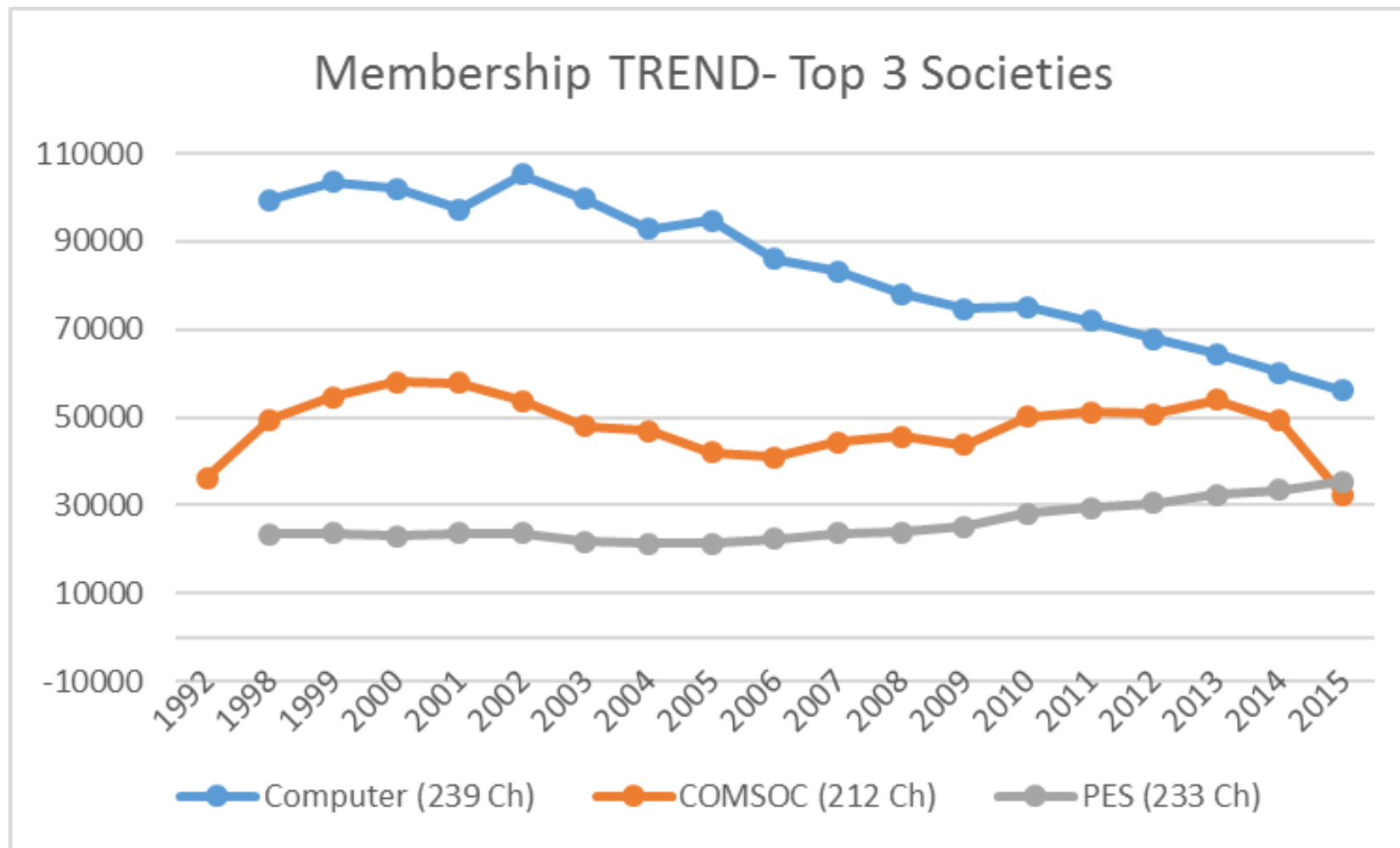
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- Weak advertisements of awards
  - Lack of interest from the community on ComSoc awards
  - Perception of lack of support to the Student Chapters from the Professional Chapters.
  - Relative lack of knowledge from Chapter Chairs about ComSoc
  - Membership reduction due to dollar appreciation in a number of countries
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- 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	<b>1,137</b>

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
<b>5. Your Chapter</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>

# 2016 Possibility to form a COMSOC Chapter

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**Honduras – 34 members**

**Minas Gerais - 22 members**

Section chairs were invited but .....pending

