

# **IEEE ComSoc Latin America Region Regional Chapter Chairs Congress**

## **Issues and Proposals – LA RCCC 2016**

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- 17 Chapter Chairs
- 5 LA ComSoc Board members
- 3 ComSoc Volunteers
  - ◆ VP MGA
  - ◆ Director Member Services
  - ◆ NA Director
- ComSoc Executive Director
- President, IEEE Vehicular Technology Society

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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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# Problems Encountered

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- 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.
  
  - Weak advertisements of awards
  
  - Lack of interest from the community on ComSoc awards
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- Perception of a poor support to the Student Chapters from the Professional Chapters.
  
  - Membership reduction due to dollar appreciation in a number of countries
  
  - Lack of volunteers
  
  - Funding
    - ◆ Time
    - ◆ Rebates
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# Problems Encountered

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- Relative lack of interest (in some countries) from industry in IEEE activities
  
  - 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.
  
  - LA Awards policies and procedures
  
  - LA ComSoc calendar
  
  - Student Activities
    - ◆ Student Chapters meeting (virtual)
    - ◆ Promote new Student Chapters
    - ◆ Create a ComSoc Student Congress co-located with Latincom
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# Problems Solutions Plans

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- Establish contact with other organizations in the region as IETF, LACNIC, IANA, among others
  - Promote the development of a communication projects with a higher social impact (EPICs)
  - Start a cycle of talks for non-engineers - Demystify technology
  - Create a regional consultant DB
  - Promote WCET
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- Promote the member elevation
    - ◆ 50 Senior Members
    - ◆ 1 Fellow Member (Nelson Fonseca)
  
  - Support the creation of two more Chapters
    - ◆ Honduras – 34 members
    - ◆ Minas Gerais - 22 members
  
  - Establish a joint work plan with other Societies in LA Region
    - ◆ Computer
    - ◆ VTS
    - ◆ Signal Processing
    - ◆ ...
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