What's new at ComSoc LA?
Dear ComSoc members in Latin America,

Annually, two awards are given to ComSoc members from the LA region to recognize their valuable work: the Latin America Region Young Professional Award and the Latin America Region Distinguished Service.

Candidates for awards must reside in the Latin America Region at the time of the publication or activity for which the awards is made and must be regular or graduate student members of the IEEE Communications Society.

Note the deadline and requirements for the nomination.

I) Latin America Region Young Professional Award
IEEE ComSoc Members evidencing of an outstanding and promising professional record in the field of communications.

**Eligibility:** Professionals in communications and related fields in their first five years of their careers following a professional degree. Latin America background is required.

**Nominations:** Nomination should include a supporting statement as well as contact information of the nominee and of the nominator. Self-nominations are accepted.

**Prize:** Plaque and US $1,000.00

**II) Latin America Region Distinguished Service Award**

IEEE ComSoc Members evidencing significant contribution to the development of IEEE Communications Society activities in the Latin America Region.

**Eligibility:** Individual who have significantly contributed to the development of IEEE Communications Society activities in the Latin America Region.

**Nominations:** Nomination should include a supporting statement as well as contact information of the nominee and of the nominator. Self-nominations are accepted.

**Prize:** Plaque and US $1,000.00

Nominations should be sent to:

Jose David Cely: j.d.cey@ieee.org

**Deadline for nomination: October 31st, 2021.**
"ComSoc is Where I Connect"

Video Contest

How has IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) membership made an impact on you? Submit a 1-minute video to the “ComSoc is Where I Connect” video contest by 31 October to tell us how ComSoc has transformed your career, professional development, or opened new doors through networking:

- **Express your creativity:**
  Impress ComSoc members with your original theme

- **Make it personal:**
  ComSoc is a community of people like you!

- **Influence others:**
  Would your video inspire others to join or get more involved in ComSoc?

- **Rules of the Road**
  See the [Official Rules](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ik=70c12c8272&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-a%3Ar-2707206959567229702&simpl=msg-a%3Ar-2705554476350545574) for complete details. [Learn more.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ik=70c12c8272&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-a%3Ar-2707206959567229702&simpl=msg-a%3Ar-2705554476350545574)
Membership Statistics ComSoc LA

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

- 5.5% OF POPULATION

2020: 1,357 TOTAL MEMBERS
2021: 1,283 TOTAL MEMBERS

STUDENT MEMBER
Decrease

-15.5%

MEMBER
Decrease

-2.3%

SENIOR MEMBER
Increase

6%

LIFE FELLOW
Increase

100%

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS COMSOC

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Data: September 2021
Membership Statistics of ComSoc LA

The analysis of the number of members of IEEE ComSoc in Latin America was made, making a comparison between the number of members in September 2020 and September 2021.

Currently, the total membership has decreased by 5.5%, this is because the number of Professional Members decreased by 2.3%, Student Member decreased by 15.5%, Graduate Students decreased by 12.4%, Associate Member decreased by 4.8%, Affiliate Member decreased 15.4% and Fellow Members decreased 50%.

The members that increased are Senior Member with 6.0% this corresponds to 10 members, Life Senior with 36.8% this corresponds to 7 members, Life Member increased by 44.4% this corresponds to 8 members and Life Fellow in 100% this corresponds to 1 member.

Benefits for Members of ComSoc

Enjoy a 20% discount on new IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) membership in honor of IEEE Day!

In celebration of IEEE Day, IEEE members who join the Communications Society (ComSoc) before 21 October 2021 enjoy a 20% discount on new ComSoc membership, through December 2022. To receive this discount, enter promo code IEEEDAY21COM as you renew your IEEE Membership. If you have
already renewed your IEEE Membership for 2022, simply add ComSoc membership to your Shopping Cart.

Course Title: Cloud-Native 5G: Architecture, Enablers, and Roadmap

Course Date: 21 October 2021

Promotion Details: In honor of IEEE Day ComSoc is offering a 15% discount on the registration fee for the ComSoc Training course, Cloud-Native 5G: Architecture, Enablers, and Roadmap, that is taking place on 21 October 2021. To receive the discount, use promo code IEEEDAYCLOUD during the
checkout process, or add this course to your shopping cart with the discount applied.

Read more Membership Benefits

Events of Chapters ComSoc LA
WORKSHOP "DATA MANAGEMENT IN CONNECTED ENVIRONMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION"
By Yessica Sáez and Héctor Poveda, Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá, IEEE ComSoc Panama Chapter

HYBRID EVENT
PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

Acoustic Monitoring System Based on Lora for the Conservation of Manatees in Panama Wetlands
Fernando Mendoza, Héctor Poveda, Javier Sánchez-Galán (IUP), Héctor M. Guzmán (ITB), Guislauno Fern (ENOCIBB-MATEICA)

Conference Report of IEEE ComSoc Panama Chapter
The workshop "Data management in connected environments for sustainable development and environmental protection" was a hybrid event organized by the Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá (UTP), the University of Pau et Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) and the École Nationale Supérieure d'Électronique, Informatique, Télécommunications, Mathématique et Mécanique de Bordeaux (ENSEIRB-MATMECA). This event had the collaboration of the IEEE Computer Society (CS) - Panama Section and the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) - Panama Section and was financed by the Innovative Projects Solidarity Fund "ARCHAC" of the Service for Cooperation and Cultural Action for Central America (SCAC). This workshop aimed to identify and promote technological solutions to problems related to environmental management and sustainable development.

This event had the participation of around 75 people, including students, professors, and researchers from Panama, Colombia, Canada, Italy, France, and other countries. And it was developed in a hybrid format, with face-to-face and virtual assistance.

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Upcoming events

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![IEEE LATINCOM 2021](image-url)
"IEEE LATIN - AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS (LATINCOM) 2021"

IEEE LATINCOM is the most important conference on communications in Latin America; it is held annually and attracts submissions and participants from all around the world. This event will be an excellent opportunity to join together professors, researchers, industry, and students.

This year, the 13th edition of the conference, LATINCOM 2021, will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. A premier tourist destination, Santo Domingo is one of the most modern and dynamic metropolises in the Caribbean. It is a welcoming city where the old and the new converge seamlessly— from centuries old architecture and history to modern business districts, energetic cultural events, and a booming gastronomic scene.


Register here

"IEEE Global Communications Conference 2021"

The 2021 IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) will be held in Madrid, Spain. Themed “Connecting Cultures around the Globe,” this flagship conference of the IEEE Communications Society will feature a comprehensive high-quality technical program including 12 symposia, selected areas in
communications track and a variety of tutorials and workshops. IEEE GLOBECOM 2021 will also include an attractive Industry program aimed at practitioners, with keynotes and panels from prominent research, industry and government leaders, business and industry panels, and vendor exhibits.

**Date:** December 7 - 11, 2021.

Register here

**Upcoming Activities**

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**Magazines ComSoc**

*IEEE Communications Society Magazines in communications and networking*

IEEE Communications Society monthly magazines provide researchers and practitioners with current updates of critical developments as well as projections of where technology development will lead the industry.

Current publications include *IEEE Communications Magazine, IEEE Network, IEEE Wireless Communications,* and *IEEE Communications Standards Magazine.*
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