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A New Beginning: ComSoc LATAM 2024-2025

By Yessica Sáez, Director - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

As the newly appointed director of IEEE ComSoc Latin America, I am excited to share with you some insights and updates as we embark on our journey for the period 2024-2025.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to our past director, Andrés Navarro, for his exemplary work during the period 2022-2023. His dedication and leadership have paved the way for our continued growth and success.

We are starting this new period with a refreshed and enthusiastic board. I am honored to welcome our new board members and share with all Latin America's ComSoc members some of the goals and challenges we have for the coming years.

One of our key priorities will be to continue and enhance our Latin American Regional Speakers program. This initiative has proven to be highly valuable in disseminating knowledge and fostering collaboration among our members. We will be announcing the lectures for this year shortly and encourage anyone interested in participating to write to our DL coordinator with a CV and a proposal.

Membership and student chapters continue to be a crucial focus for us. While we have seen fluctuations in membership over the past year, our goal is to retain our valued members while also attracting new ones. We believe that through our enhanced programs and increased outreach, we can achieve this.

We also have exciting new initiatives planned for this period, aimed at further engaging our members and providing more opportunities for collaboration and professional development. We invite all members to get involved and make the most of these opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this period a success for ComSoc Latin America.



Welcome to the New IEEE ComSoc R9 Board!

By Miguel Gutiérrez Gaitan, Communications Coordinator and Global Communications Newsletter (GCN) Committee - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

On January 31, 2024, IEEE ComSoc Region 9 Board had its first ExCom 2024-2025 launch meeting. On this occasion, **Prof. Andrés Navarro**, Past Chair, from Colombia, made the official transition of functions to **Prof. Yessica Sáez**, the New Chair, from Panama.

During this meeting, Prof. Navarro highlighted the main activities and achievement of his term, offering reflections on the past experiences and ongoing challenges for the new term. On the other hand, Prof. Saez, presented her ambitious plan, vision and main ideas about the future of the ComSoc community within the region, with focus on the development of diversity and inclusion.

The new Latin America (LA) Board will be responsible for stimulating, coordinating and promoting the activities of ComSoc members and Chapters throughout the LA Region. The new Latin America (LA) Board will be responsible for stimulating, coordinating and promoting the activities of ComSoc members and Chapters throughout the LA Region.

For completeness, we presented here the full list of board members:

- Secretary | María Cristina Ríos (Panamá)
- Awards Committee and Past Director | Andres Navarro (Colombia)
- Communications Coordinator and Global Communications Newsletter (GCN) Committee | Miguel Gutiérrez Gaitan (Chile)
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Notably, this new board shows a great balance in terms of gender, nationalities and academic/professional experience of the members. On behalf of all active IEEE ComSoc LA members, we welcome and wishes a great start to the new elected Board.

On the left, Andrés Navarro, IEEE ComSoc Latin America's past director
On the Right, Yessica Sáez, IEEE ComSoc Latin America's director for 2024-2025

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Director
Panamá



María Cristina Ríos
Secretary - Industry Relations
Committee
Panamá



Andres Navarro
Awards Committee and Past Director
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GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations to the awarded R9 IEEE ComSoc Sister Chapters for 2024!

By Yessica Sáez, Director - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

The IEEE ComSoc Sister Chapters 2024 Program has officially started!

Piloted in 2023, and led by Ricardo Veiga, the Sister Chapter Program brought several chapters from all around the world together, establishing early connections and first outcomes through shared technical programming and networking. As a result of this success, the Sister Chapters Program has continued in 2024 with funding opportunities in which 7 Chapters from Latin America have been selected.

We congratulate the Chapters from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Morelos (Mexico) and Trinidad y Tobago, which were awarded with the first ever IEEE ComSoc Sister Chapter Funding, and for which we expect to see joint efforts and activities in the upcoming months.

Specifically, the Sister Groups were matched as follows:

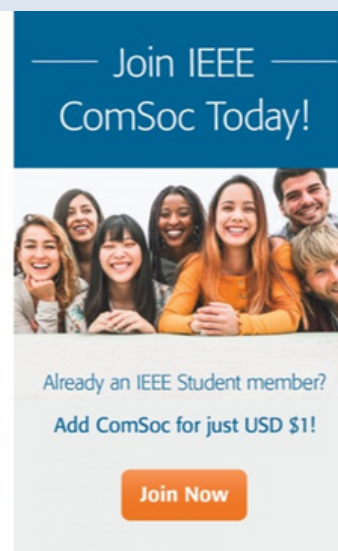
- Bolivia and Morelos
- Chile and Ecuador
- Colombia, Trinidad y Tobago and Argentina

REMINDER!

IEEE ComSoc Student Membership for just 1 USD!

Share with your friends and colleagues that IEEE ComSoc Student Membership is just 1 USD.

Moreover, new student members enjoy half-year pricing (0.5 USD) if joining before August!



Paper Submission Deadline: 8 of July

REGION REPORT

LATINCOM 2024 to be held in Medellín, Colombia

By Miguel Gutiérrez Gaitán, Communications Coordinator and Global Communications Newsletter (GCN) Committee - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

IEEE ComSoc R9 is proud to announce the 2024 edition of the IEEE Latin-American Conference on Communications (LATINCOM)! After the successful 2023 edition held in Panama City, Panama, the flagship Latin American conference of IEEE ComSoc community will be held in Medellín, Colombia, between the 6 and 8 of November, 2024.

The conference will be hosted on the University Research Headquarters (SIU by its acronym in Spanish) of Universidad de Antioquia, one of the main public universities in Colombia, located in Medellín, the second main city in the country, and the first to be designated as a Science, Technology and Innovation district.

The general Chairs of the conference, Prof. Sergio Gutiérrez and Prof. Natalia Gómez, has placed as their main goal for this edition: "to gather important members of the academic and industrial community in order to share experiences and works that are contributing to the evolution of the state-of-the-art in the communication and related topic areas".

As IEEE ComSoc R9 Board, we invite you to contribute submitting papers by July 8th, 2024, and tutorial proposals by July 15th, 2024, to strenght bonds among IEEE ComSoc R9 members and the international IEEE ComSoc community in the area to "advance communications and networking technology for the betterment of humanity."

REGION REPORT

WIN-WIN-4S: Workshop on IoT Networks and Wireless for sustaINability in Chile

By Miguel Gutiérrez Gaitán, Communications Coordinator and Global Communications Newsletter (GCN) Committee - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

IEEE ComSoc Chile is organizing the 1st Workshop on IoT Networks and Wireless for sustaINability (WIN-WIN-4S) to be held in Santiago, Chile, in October 21-23 in Chile.

The event, organized by Prof. Miguel Gutiérrez Gaitán (PUC, Chile), and Dr. Harrison Kurunathan (CISTER/ISEP, Portugal), aim at being an inclusive event to showcases PhD, Master and undergraduate student research works, as well as an academic platform for senior researchers to share fresh perspectives and lessons learned on the topic of the workshop.

The event format will be hybrid, allowing remote participations to international authors not able to present their papers in person. Still, in person participation is encouraged!

WIN-WIN-4S will be held as a satellite event of ARTIIS conference, to be hosted by Universidad Andrés Bello, in Santiago, Chile.

The deadline for paper submissions is May 20th, 2024.

Selected papers of the workshop will be invited to submit an extended version of their papers to an Special Section of the IEEE Latin America Transactions.



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Monica Huerta from Ecuador Section obtained the IEEE R9 Eminent Engineer Award

By Yessica Sáez, Director - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

Congratulations to the IEEE ComSoc Member, Prof. Monica Huerta from Ecuador Section, one of the IEEE R9 members who won the 2024 IEEE R9 Eminent Engineer Award!

This recognition is given to those members of Region 9 Sections that have contributed significantly to the promotion and development of the IEEE fields. Notably, in the 50 years that this award has taken place, she is only the second woman to receive this recognition!

Congratulations again to Prof. Monica Huerta!



IEEE ComSoc Regional Director for Latin America participated in WICE and WIE Session at WCNC 2024 in Dubai

By Gidy Florez, WICE Committee - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

The recent edition of the Wireless Communications and Networking Conference (WCNC) 2024, held from April 21 to 24 at the Conrad Hotel in Dubai, marked a milestone in promoting inclusion in the fields of communications engineering, networks, and computer sciences, thanks to the outstanding session of WICE (Women in Networking and Communications) and WIE (Women in Engineering). Yessica Sáez Barrios, an esteemed researcher and lecturer at the Azuero Regional Center of the Technological University of Panama (UTP), and the newly appointed Director of ComSoc Latin America, played a crucial role in fostering female participation in these critical technical areas.

The session, held on April 23 in Ballroom C of the hotel, focused on "The Communication-Computing Continuum for 6G and IoT" and featured globally renowned panelists such as Michele Nogueira from the Federal University of Minas Gerais and Amira Alloum from Qualcomm R&D, among others.

Mrs. Sáez, along with her co-organizers Anastassia Gharib, Bige Unluturk, Kuljeet Kaur, and Toktam Mahmoodi, facilitated discussions that not only highlighted technological advancements but also strategies to enhance the visibility and impact of women in this sector.

The event also included a productive mentoring session, where notable figures like Tara Javidi and Paulina Chan offered their guidance and advice to attendees, marking a highlight of the day. The session served not only as a networking platform for emerging professionals but also as a space for learning and collaboration.

WCNC 2024, under the theme "Wireless Communications for Growing Opportunities," reflected how specialized events like the WINC and WIE session can positively influence industry development and promote gender equity in advanced technical fields. Sáez, now representing ComSoc Latin America, and her fellow organizers received praise for their leadership and dedication to this cause, ensuring that the event was not only a success in terms of participation but also in its lasting impact on the engineering and technology community.



A message to all Chapter Chairs!

By Fabrício Braga Soares de Carvalho - DLT and DSP Coordinator - IEEE ComSoc Latin America

Hello! This message intends to promote the Distinguished Lecturer Program for IEEE ComSoc Latin America in 2024. I'll be working with you to organize and promote the distinguished lecturer program in our region.

The [website](https://www.comsoc.org/membership/distinguished-lecturers) <https://www.comsoc.org/membership/distinguished-lecturers> is updated with the complete list of DL's with terms effective through the end of 2024. In this way, you can start planning distinguished lectures in our chapter/region. You can also find on this website the form to request a virtual or an in-person DL session.

All lectures should be coordinated with me. We request you contact me to verify a DL's availability before filling in the form. As DLT/DSP Coordinator, I'll be responsible for helping with the coordination of chapter chairs and potential distinguished lectures to schedule lectures. If you want to propose an in-person DL session, you can propose a Distinguished Lecturer Tour in your region with other chapters in your country or in close regions. Please contact me for more information about how to request a DL Tour.

P.S. If you are no longer a ComSoc chapter chair, please inform me of the name of the new chapter chair responsible for your chapter so I can forward this message to him/her.

Thank you very much and best regards!

NEXT EVENTS



Student Travel Grants to Conferences

Interested in attending an IEEE ComSoc Conference? A limited number of student travel grants are available. Check out these upcoming conferences to learn more about the grants and how to apply.

IEEE ICC - 9-13 June 2024 // Denver, CO, USA - DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 3 MAY 2024
IEEE BlackSeaCom - 24-27 June 2024 // Tbilisi, Georgia
IEEE NETSOFT - 24-28 June 2024 // St. Louis // USA
IEEE LANMAN - 10-11 July 2024 // Boston, MA, USA



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CALL FOR ARTICLES

We are open to receive your articles, reports, events and memes for the next editions of the "IEEE ComSoc Latin America Newsletter".

To send your contributions you can write to Miguel González Gaitán <miguel.gutierrezgaitan@ieee.org> and Yessica Sáez <yessica.saez@ieee.org>, and our committee will review your contributions.

Thank you in advance for sending us your information.