



The newsletter of the latinamerican Chapter of the System Dynamics Society

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President's message

The Second Latinamerican System Dynamics Conference has been held in the University of Talca, Chile. 39 papers from 15 institutions, representing 5 latinamerican countries and Spain have shown the diversity and the quality of our work in this region.

The organizers managed to offer a highly productive mixture of presentation and discussion, and the post-conference exploration of vineyards nicely concluded the visit to Chile.

The Chapter's progress is real, and some important decisions have been taken in order to go further in our mission to disseminate our work and expand our influence.

The next Conference will be held in Cartagena (Colombia) November 30 through December 2.

Isaac Dynner

Editor's message

It has been a pleasure to receive old dynamic friends and new ones, the former sharing their experience and the latter willing to listen to them. Everyone engaged in a very empathic dialogue and together we have generated a positive momentum for system dynamics in Chile.

This special number of sisTEMAS is a abbreviated translation of the Spanish newsletter. It presents the essential facts that we wanted everybody to know.

Martin Schaffernicht

Participants

We all have to recognize the advanced stage of development of the Colombian system dynamics community. Our special thanks go to our spanish friends who did not hesitate to do the long trip to Chile.

Argentina	1
Chile	6
Colombia	12
Spain	3
Mexico	1
United Kingdom	1
United States of America	1

The five best presentations recieved prices donated by Juan Martín García:

1. Sebastián Jean (U. Nacional de Colombia)
2. Juan Martín (U. Politécnica de Catalunya, Spain)
2. Yolanda Alvarez (U. de Oviedo, Spain)
4. Oscar Vásquez (U. de Santiago de Chile, Chile)
5. Marguerita Cruz (U. Nacional de Colombia)



Dialogue during a coffee-break

The papers and presenters came from the following institutions :

Universidad de Santiago de Chile	2
Universidad de Concepción	1
Universidad de Talca	1
Universidad de Oviedo	1
Universidad Industrial de Santander	1
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana – Cali	1
Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga	2
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	6
Booz, Allen & Hamilton, Inc.	1
Ifpeople	1
Universidad Politécnica de Catalunya	1
Universidad de Antioquia	1
Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia	1
Universidad Ramón Lull	1
Tecnológico Monterrey ITESM	1
Cass Business School	1

Subjects

In spite of the transversality of system dynamics, there was a clear trend in the papers subjects:

Type of subject	Papers	%
Methodology	12	31
Business Administration	10	26
Economics	9	32
Public Administration	7	18
Sustainability	1	3
<i>TOTAL</i>	39	

Decisions

During its policy meeting, the Chapter took the following decisions:

1. The Third Latinamerican System Dynamics Conference will be held during the last week of november 2005 in Cartagena, Colombia.
2. We will start a spanish journal, the “revista de dinámica de sistemas”, which will be the spanish equivalent to the system dynamics review (with the usual double blind referee process). The first number will be based on selected papers from the Chilean conference.
3. The Chapter’s official web site – its URL is dinamica-sistemas.mty.itesm.mx – will receive more content and also act as central node for the other web sites in the chapter’s geographical area.

4. The Chapter’s newsletter continues under the name of sisTEMAS.



Looking for the next Conference...



¡Everybody say “pisco”! The attendees of the Second Latinamerican Conference.



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