



PRESS RELEASE

Washington, D.C. – The Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development of the Organization of American States (OAS), together with the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (OUI), will award special distinction to Dr. Theo R. Crevenna in recognition of his 60 years of dedication to the socio-educational, economic, scientific and cultural development of the Americas.

The award will be presented in the framework of the XIV Special General Assembly of the Ibero-American Science and Technology Education Consortium (ISTEC) that will be held November 30-December 3 at the University of South Florida (USF), in Tampa, Florida, USA.

In addition to his undergraduate and graduate work in inter-American affairs, Dr. Crevenna worked for the Pan-American Union from 1946-1978 and later for the Organization of American States where he acted as Deputy Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Director of the Office of Fellowships & Training. He then returned to his alma mater, the University of New Mexico (UNM), to cooperate in such initiatives as the Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI) and ISTEC.

Theo Crevenna has played a strategic role in strengthening relations between the UNM and the OAS through inter-institutional agreements that in recent decades have allowed for a wide range of programs, projects, and activities related to scientific, technological, educational and cultural matters, as well as a scholarships and professional training program.

In addition, in 2000 Dr. Crevenna, together with other colleagues from UNM and ISTEC, played an important role in creating strategies to promote human resources through new information and communication technologies for distance education. The Educational Portal of the Americas (www.educoas.org), the Institute of Advanced Studies for the Americas (INEAM) and its regional academic center in UNM were created as a result.

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