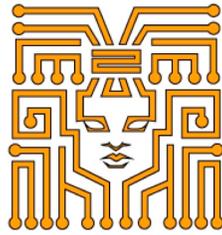


Be a Player in Ibero-America's Technology Future

Your role in Ibero-America's
high-tech economies
depends on your collaborations
with the region's
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Ibero-American Science &
Technology Education Consortium



Vision for an Exciting Region

The foundation of technology and science-based industries is education, which provides basic research and an educated work force. Innovation then progresses through R&D and tech transfer to commercialization. The extent to which players at each of these levels work together is a measure of how well each will succeed in attaining their goals.

ISTEC's members know this, and they have a solid track record of successes to show for it.

THE Industry-Education Consortium for Ibero-America

The Ibero-American Science & Technology Education Consortium fosters R&D collaboration between industry and academia as a catalyst for socio-economic growth throughout the Ibero-American region. ISTEC transforms digital divides into digital opportunities by:

- encouraging curriculum reform and interdisciplinary approaches in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education,
- generating and disseminating enabling technologies,
- supporting access to up-to-date health-care technologies,
- facilitating expansion of and access to the Latin American marketplace,
- fostering cost-effective tech transfer,
- fueling innovation and entrepreneurship to generate sustainable growth,
- nurturing joint international R&D,
- inspiring public policy that recognizes the importance of STEM education in national and regional strategic planning, and
- promoting responsible, accountable leadership within educational institutions.

ISTEC bridges the digital divide to open new markets while improving quality of life.

Continuing Education

A highly qualified work force is the key to any nation's ongoing development. ISTEC's projects design and improve curricula, professional development, accreditation, on-site training, web-based distance learning, and double-degree programs using the most current learning technologies.

R&D

State-of-the-art equipment and related curricula in academic institutions are essential ingredients in business and economic development. ISTEC's industry partners help make new technologies available to R&D labs, enabling innovation, creativity and cutting-edge research and development in a variety of disciplines.

These collaborations also enable application of the latest technologies to problem solving, encouraging solutions that have a positive socio-economic and environmental impact.

Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Leadership

Sharing expertise to facilitate problem solving is the mission of Los Libertadores Center of Excellence. The Center provides the critical mass of knowledge needed to develop world-class accreditation standards, social responsibility and intellectual property, and to undertake regional projects in R&D, education, and capital acquisition.

Library Network

A basic requirement for scientific and technological innovation is real-time access to up-to-date information. ISTEC's Liblink initiative modernizes document delivery. Members collaborate to better manage information in order to generate knowledge, thereby improving education and nurturing a well-educated work force. Committed to open access, Liblink makes electronic research materials more readily available, upgrades the skills of library staff, and sharpens the skills and independence of the electronic user.

For more information about ISTEC, please go to <http://www.istec.org/>.

"NanoProfessor's ongoing collaborations with ISTEC in the Ibero-American Region have resulted in both strategic and financial rewards for us."

– Dean Hart
Chief Commercial Officer
NanoProfessor (division of Nanolnk)

Membership

Institutional:

\$2,000/year - Sponsor

- Two representatives may attend all events at ISTECS's annual General Assembly at no cost, with discounted prices for additional participants
- One seat/one vote at the General Assembly
- Member may make two announcements to ISTECS's member mailing list
- Networking: Create or participate in forums at selected ISTECS-sponsored events
- Participate in programs and projects under all ISTECS initiatives

\$5,000/year - Silver Collaborator

- All Sponsor benefits, and:
- Three representatives may attend all events at ISTECS's annual General Assembly
- Member may make five announcements to ISTECS's member mailing list
- Networking: Create or participate in forums at all ISTECS-sponsored events
- Receive assistance in identifying opportunities for collaboration/joint projects and assistance in making connections for business development purposes

\$10,000/year - Gold Collaborator

\$20,000/year - Platinum Collaborator

- All Silver Collaborator benefits, and:
- Receive consultation on business development and/or deployment of strategic agenda in the Ibero-American region. Qualification for Gold versus Platinum collaborator membership is based on needs, project scope and feasibility, and extent of consulting assistance and management resources needed.

Academic:

\$1,500/year - Academic

- All Sponsor benefits, and:
- Member may make three announcements to ISTECS's member mailing list
- Participation in ISTECS initiatives includes full access to Liblink (online library network)
- Participate in collaborations, such as R&D teaching labs, certification programs, entrepreneurship opportunities with industrial partners, and double-degree (masters and doctoral) and professional-development programs

Joining Is Easy!

Log on to <http://www.istec.org/membership/>.

Below the "Join IsteC" logo at the top center of the page, click the English or Spanish interactive-PDF application form.

Once you have completed the form, save a copy by printing it either to your printer or as a PDF to your desktop. Submit that document either by e-mail or fax: a) e-mail to info@istec.org with a copy to Dulce Garcia, dgarcia@istec.org, or b) fax with cover sheet to 1-305-348-3707. When your application is approved you will receive an invoice with payment instructions.

Online Resources

Please see the Consortium's website, www.istec.org, for upcoming events, conferences, newsletters, online forums, member information, calls for papers, free e-books, videos, student contest presentations, and each of the strategic initiative's current activities.

"National Instruments' partnership with ISTECS has resulted in academic-industry collaborations with numerous benefits for engineering students and faculty in the LatAm region."

– Igor Alvarado
Business Development Manager
Academic Research, National Instruments

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