Mexico hosted COPANT Internship 2014: Conformity Assessment

On November 3-7, 2014, was held in Mexico City the internship on Conformity Assessment in the framework of the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT) and supported by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación (EMA), the Asociación de Normalización y Certificación (ANCE), and Normalización y Certificación Electrónica (NYCE).

The internship was opened by Mr.. Alberto Ulises Esteban Marina, Director General of Standards of the Ministry of Economy, by Ms.. Maribel Lopez Martinez, Executive Director of EMA, by Mr. Francisco Javier Reed Martín del Campo, President of the Committee on Standardization and Conformity Assessment of the Confederation of Industrial Chambers of the United Mexican States (CONCAMIN), and by Mr. Manuel Perez Munguia, Director General of ANCE.

The event featured the presentation to the renowned experts on conformity assessment: Mr. Reinaldo Balbino Figueiredo, Senior Program Manager Product/Process/Services Accreditation Programs (ANSI); Mario O. Wittner, Program Assessor; and Warren Merkel, Chief of National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The internship was attended by 50 representatives of NSBs of the Latin American region, from: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, and Mexico. This promoted the exchange ideas and experiences between speakers and participants.

The last day of the internship participants visited various testing laboratories such as ANCE, NYCE, MITUTUYO Mexico, and INTERTEK.
The main conclusions of the training were the following:

- The need for a second part of the training as a continuation of what has been presented in this internship.
- Keep the topic of Conformity Assessment as a constant in the topics for consistent training.
- Provide support to the NSB in the implementation of the revised standards.
- Urge the NSB to participate in international meetings of the ISO/CASCO Committee
- Be alert of the revisions, modifications and updates made to the standards so that, as far as possible, the NSB can provide input.
- The possibility that Mexico could be a host for the future meeting of ISO/CASCO Committee was raised.

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