



**Press Release  
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## **TRAINING ON THE COMMITTEE ISO/TC 176**

### **COPANT conducted the virtual course via WebEx in October 2018**

This virtual course on the functioning of the ISO technical committee on Quality Management and Quality Assurance was developed and delivered by Cristian Vázquez of IRAM/Argentina, in both Spanish and English versions. Mr. Vázquez had the support of sharing national experiences on the functioning of mirror national committees and participation in ISO/TC 176 by Alexandra Rodríguez of INTECO/Costa Rica and Luisa Pallares of ICONTEC/Colombia. The training was sponsored by the Regional Project funded by PTB (Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt).

The Virtual Workshop was held in 2 different sessions, one in Spanish, October 2 and 3, 2018, and another version in English, October 4 and 5, 2018. Participants in both versions included 42 participants from the following 24 countries: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay.

The objective of the course was to explain how the ISO/TC 176 Committee on quality management and quality assurance is formed and functions, how a national mirror committee works and how to participate more proactively in this committee, its subcommittees and working groups.

The content of the course was as follows:

- Structure, portfolio and plenary agenda ISO/TC 176
- Concepts to participate in the Spanish translation group (Only for the Spanish version)
- Management of mirror committees (IRAM, INTECO and ICONTEC experience)
- Main changes in ISO 19011 (ISO/PC 302)
- Main changes in ISO/IEC 17025 (ISO/CASCO)
- Innovation Management Committee (ISO/TC 279)

The course was aimed at members of the National Mirror Committees of ISO/TC 176 and standardization staff, related conformity assessment and communication in the NSBs, national stakeholders and regulators.

This training supports one of the main objectives of COPANT, supporting national standardization bodies in their efforts to increase participation in international activities.

The course can be consulted on our educational website: <http://edu.copant.org/en/international-standardization/>