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Extending the Bonds of the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society in Latin America

This past November, one of the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society's (ITSS's) most successful events in recent years took place: the ITSS Latin America Networking and Research Event. The Universidad Piloto de Colombia in Bogotá provided its facilities to this end. The rector and dean of the Universidad Piloto de Colombia as well as representatives of its International Relations Office highlighted the importance of establishing relationships worldwide to advance the field of smart mobility and transportation. Representatives of the Ministry of Transport together with Transmilenio also contributed with an overview of the measures currently taken to address traffic-related challenges in Bogotá and to move toward more efficient and sustainable transport and mobility.

At this event, roughly 15 members of the ITSS Board of Governors and Executive Committee were in attendance and presented the goals and objectives of the Society. Several other personalities from the Latin American academic field as well as representatives from the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications also contributed to the event program, detailing the efforts being carried out to advance



FIG 1 Attendees at the ITSS Latin America Networking and Research Event.

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intelligent transportation in Chile, Venezuela, Argentina, and so on.

Following this networking and research event, the 2022 IEEE International Conference on Vehicular Electronics and Safety (ICVES) took place, cementing the relationships established between representatives of the attending countries, and providing opportunities to present the latest academic advances at a global level.

With more than 60 attendees and industry representatives, ICVES 2022 focused on the presentation of recent advances and research results in the fields of intelligent vehicular electronics and safety. It promoted the insightful work of students, engineers, leading academic scientists,

researchers, and scholars to produce ITS developments that facilitate improvements to safety and mobility.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Luis Felipe Herrera and Luis Andres Marentes, who led the organization of both events, for making the establishment of these important collaborative ties possible. I hope that together we can advance

sustainable and efficient mobility in even more countries.

Sincerely,

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