

attract full classrooms:

- Crear API's con código R usando plumber by Frans van Dunné.
- Documentos dinámicos, trabajo colaborativo y control de versiones con Rmarkdown y GitHub by Natalia da Silva.
- Análisis de texto by Riva Quiroga.
- Introducción al análisis Bayesiano con aplicaciones en STAN by Ignacio Álvarez-Castro.

ConectaR served to connect different communities, announce exciting projects and to create new ones. Examples are the visit and help of two of the three chairs of LatinR to teach workshops and their LatinR2019 announcement during the closing remarks of ConectaR. Also, Riva Quiroga explained details about the R4DS translation project (<https://es.r4ds.hadley.nz>) to the community, and Frans van Dunné asked for volunteers to start the (already advanced) Plumber translation project (<https://github.com/fontanero-api/>).

Communities outside R were also involved, such as Women in Engineering, who organized an introduction to R workshop for its members two months after the event, with the help of Marcela Alfaro Córdoba. DataLatam did several interviews for their [podcast](#) thanks to the connections established during ConectaR, and the School of Statistics made the first arrangements to invite Edgar Ruiz to give a week of workshops to its students and faculty in June.

## Evaluation

An evaluation questionnaire was circulated after the event, and 70% of the participants filled it out. The results were overwhelmingly positive, having a median rate of 5 (on a scale from 1=bad job to 5=good job) for all the questions, with very small variability in each distribution. A word cloud of the comment section of the questionnaire was constructed and is shown in Figure 3, where it is clear that positive words such as excellent (excelente), good (bien, bueno) and quality (calidad) were among the most used in the comments.



Figure 3: Word cloud for the evaluation comments.

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ConectaR was possible thanks to the main sponsors: INCAE Business School, R Consortium, RStudio, Inc., Hivos Latinoamerica, The Trust for the Americas. Also, a small job fair was organized parallel to the conference, in which the some of the main sponsors participated, along with companies like McKinsey & Company, Alteryx, Growth Acceleration and Partners, ThermoFisher Scientific and ixpantia.

## Other Events and Future Steps

Future plans for the chairs of ConectaR include ConectaR 2021, where the expectation is to improve the network with communities in Mexico, Colombia, Panamá, and search for funding sources to overcome our most important limitation for this edition: lack of funding to cover travel expenses. Also, the organization of more local events such as a Datathon for 2020, is on the agenda. The idea is to gather momentum to get different R communities from the region to participate in a visualization competition, inspired in Open Data from the Costa Rican Government.

## Further information

- ConectaR materials: <https://github.com/ConectaR2019>.
- Twitter account: [@conecta\\_R](#), [#ConectaR2019](#).
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