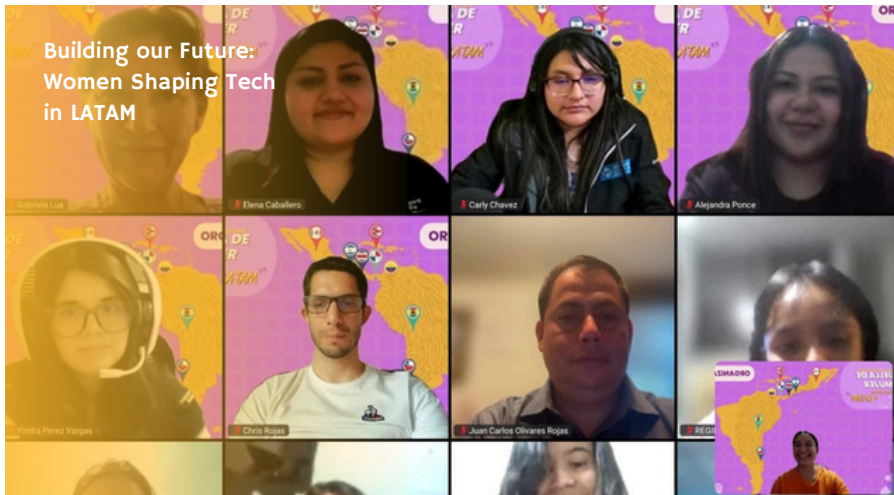


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BUILDING OUR FUTURE: WOMEN SHAPING TECH IN LATAM REGION 9'S 8M CELEBRATION

Alejandra González - Organizing Staff Member

From March 5th to 7th, Computer Society chapters from Region 9 came together for an international event in celebration of International Women's Day. The event was organized through international collaboration with student branches from the Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica, Instituto Tecnológico de Morelia, Universidad Don Bosco, Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá, and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso. Through a series of webinars, workshops and panels, we gathered to celebrate the contributions of women in technology and foster dialogue between students and professionals.

The event began with Karen Tovar, an AI specialist, who shared how she broke barriers and inspired young women to pursue STEAM careers. Throughout the first two days, participants attended sessions focusing on professional skills, cybersecurity and inspiring stories – all from a perspective of women in tech. Panels of professionals and students also stepped up to discuss the challenges of joining traditionally male-dominated fields and addressed the need for change.

On the final day, a series of panels closed the event with a hopeful outlook on the future of women in tech, reflecting on the obstacles and the social movements that fought for our place on the table. The sincerity in these panels, reminded us of the progress that has been achieved and the work ahead to ensure accessibility and equality of opportunity for young women of all cultures and places.

This three-day event sparked reflection, calling participants to continue an open dialogue beyond this celebration. The gender-focused webinars of soft and technical skills proved to be insightful and motivating. Bringing together women from across the region, the event showcased diversity of voices and stories that are changing the world, leaving us with no better way to prepare for this year's 8M.

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Erick Castellanos - Past Region 9 DVP Coordinator
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The IEEE Computer Society Distinguished Visitors Program brings together speakers who want to put their knowledge and skills center stage. Your experience can turn a good event into an extraordinary one!

The Distinguished Visitors Program has provided speakers to chapters for over 50 years, and you could be a great addition to the program. If you have technical expertise in any area related to computing or information technology, let other academic and industry leaders hear what you have to say.

Although speakers from all fields are welcome, this year there is a special emphasis on speakers in the following fields:

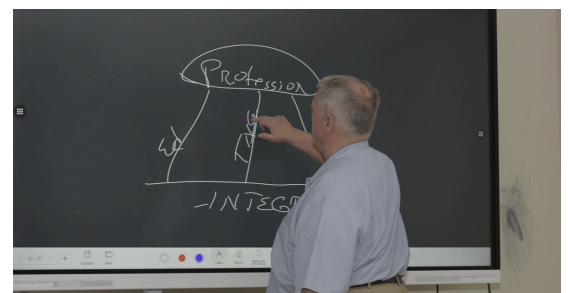
- Artificial intelligence.
- Digital twins.
- Machine learning.
- Natural language processing.

We therefore invite you to apply as a potential distinguished speaker, or to nominate a member who you believe has the ideal profile for this role. Detailed information about this program, as well as the application procedure and acceptance criteria, can be found at the link below.

Remember that the IEEE Computer Society is one of the world's largest associations supporting professionals in computing, information technology, and computer science in general. With a global network of 654 chapters in 168 countries, IEEE Computer Society distinguished speakers provide computing and IT professionals with reliable, high-quality, and cutting-edge information. And you could be an essential part of this global network. Go ahead and apply!

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IEEE Computer Society Region 9 Team

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The objective of this program is to simplify the process of collecting the sponsorships necessary to apply for this process, thereby increasing the chances of achieving Senior Member status.

FIRST CHECKPOINT 2025

Roberto Moreno - Region 9 Coordinator
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Greetings to all our readers,

We have begun a new year and with it a new period in which we seek local, sectoral, and regional integration. The challenges and needs of teamwork in hostile ecosystems show us that we always need a support network to shelter us in difficult times.

Leaving aside political and macroeconomic contingencies, our members, especially those early in their careers, may be feeling considerable pressure in their daily work. This is due to increasingly demanding requirements and a spiraling technology curve, which, together with burnout and a hostile environment, form a cocktail that overwhelms and saddens our colleagues. But remember, you are not alone, and there are people who have already gone through this experience in the past: IEEE has its IEEE Mentoring Program (<https://www.ieee.org/membership/mentoring.html>) through which you can request a mentor via Collabratec who can provide you with professional support during these difficult times. And our partnership with the IEEE Computer Society SYP Micro Mentoring program (<https://www.computer.org/communities/micro-mentoring>) allows you to connect with a senior volunteer who has experienced these challenges before and share professional and academic experiences.

As for our region, our goal is to continue promoting links between students, professionals, and industry, forming multidisciplinary work teams to share our ideas, research, and projects, and socializing our achievements and projects in general. New challenges drive us even more toward personal and professional growth, which we must not waste. To this end, we have our regional committees to support you or find others who can support you.

This year, the society's elections are approaching, and I ask you to vote for candidates who can best represent us as Latin Americans.

Best regards, and I look forward to continuing to contribute in the 2025 period.

Roberto Moreno
Region 9 Coordinator
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In order to recognize Society members who have made technical contributions within the profession or the community at large, the IEEE Computer Society has established a recognition program for members or affiliates who meet certain criteria demonstrating their technical contributions.

Contributions that may assist in your evaluation and potential acceptance for recognition are divided into the following areas:

- Conferences and presentations.
- Published articles.
- Standards, patents, working groups, and other technical advisory services.
- Tutorials and training.
- Corporate and/or industry contributions.

To be eligible for this recognition, a minimum score of 100 must be achieved in the evaluation conducted by the program evaluation team. Details of the scoring system and selection process are provided in the link below.

It should be noted that this recognition program only awards the distinction annually and is limited to a number equivalent to 0.5% of the total IEEE Computer Society membership. For proposal submission dates and other details, please refer to the link below.

So now you know. The IEEE Computer Society could recognize all your work, all your professional efforts, and all your contributions. The question is whether you decide to put together your file and consider whether you meet the minimum qualifications established by the Society. Go ahead and apply!

*** Important: Do not confuse this Distinguished Contributor recognition with IEEE membership grades.**

Distinguished Contributor Recognition Program:

<https://www.computer.org/membership/distinguished-contributors>