

REPORT OF IACME TO ICMI

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On behalf of the Executive Committee of IACME, I want to thank ICMI for this opportunity to deliver this report.

From its foundation in 1961, in Bogota, Colombia, the IACME has been associated narrowly with the ICMI. Then Marshal Stone, founding president of the IACME, was also a member of the Executive Committee of the ICMI. One of the aims of the IACME has been always to provide in the American continent bridges between the North and the South. In our historical moment, we think the bridges that today must be built in American soil refer not only to this continent but to the world.

IACME assumes its task in this new scenario in the search of narrow bonds with the international community of Math Education and, in particular, in relation to first order research and to the building of our relatively new scientific and professional discipline; with special interest, we promote an affiliation with the most prosperous educational practices, an important foundation for the construction of progressive and egalitarian societies.

IACME constitutes a network along all the Americas, with national representatives in almost all the countries of this region. In July 2007, we organized our conference number 12, in the city of Querétaro, Mexico, with the participation of more than 700 educators, specialists and administrators related to the Math Education. More than 20 countries were represented in an event characterized by seminal and high quality lectures and presentations.

In this conference a new Executive Committee was elected for the period 2007-2011, that I have the honor of presiding, and that it includes in the vice-presidencies Eduardo Mancera of Mexico and Patrick Scott of the USA, as secretary Hernán Miranda of Chile, our past president Salett Biembengutt of Brazil and as member at large Hugo Barrantes of Costa Rica. We are committed to continue the work of the distinguished academicians who have led IACME in the past, as Marshall Stone, Howard Fehr, Luis Santaló, Ubiratan D'Ambrosio, Fidel Oteiza, Eduardo Luna.

In the XIIth IACME conference we promoted strongly the ICME 11, and we have done that during all this year with many collective and personal actions, we have extensively promoted the participation of Latin Americans in this event that starts today.

In this period, IACME has decided to underline in its actions two topics: the Teacher Training, and Problem Solving as an educational strategy. We think that both are central to the actions of our region. In this direction we think about how to promote publications, to multiply our web site and our contacts and to extend our relations with the organizations of the region and with those of international nature that converge on our aims.

The XIIIth IACME conference, to be held one year before the next ICME, is going to be in Recife, Brazil, at the end of June, 2011. It has special relevancy this year, because the IACME will be in 2011: **50 years of existence**. From now, we ask you to place this event in your agendas.

Thank you very much.