



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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in Multilingual IT Infrastructure in
Engineering Education**

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Dear Committee Members:

It is with immense enthusiasm that I take on the task of writing this letter, as I truly feel that Dr. Ramiro Jordan deserves this Leadership Award.

I have known Ramiro since 1999. He is the founder of the Ibero-American Science and Technology Education Consortium (ISTEC), a non-profit organization comprised of educational, research, and industrial institutions throughout the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula. The Consortium was established in December 1990 to:

- foster scientific, engineering, and technology education
- foster joint international research and development efforts among universities and the productive sector
- to provide a cost-effective vehicle for the application of technology

The objectives of the Consortium are to conceive, plan and carry out activities of higher education, R & D, and technology transfer for the purpose of facilitating scientific and technical progress in Ibero-America. ISTEC participants encourage the free flow and access of information in the pursuit of technical excellence. Present policy targets the fields of science, engineering, and technology; future extensions into other areas are expected and encouraged.

Dr. Jordan, single-handedly, has perhaps affected the lives of thousands of students in Latin America and the US. There are about 150 Latin and Spanish Universities associated with ISTEC and about 30 big industrial affiliates.

Currently, ISTEC has conceived an IT infrastructure that will provide members with a multilingual, easily accessible and well-organized web-based system to offer electronic services to all members. The proposed programs within the IT infrastructure include the creation of the Science and Technology Education Portal (STEP) and the ISTEC Distributed Database (BDDIS). Some of the objectives of this Portal include the creation

of a real-time forum for discussion on important topics, such as S&T policies, IP protection, development of hardware and software industries in Iberoamerican countries, and ethical guidelines to help support the transfer of technology. It will also provide members with relevant updated information and statistics, offer a conduit for intellectual creativity, provide access to a free flow of information and pre-competitive research, and provide a means to exchange this information in order to avoid duplicated efforts.

Dr. Jordan has been developed an organization that has no boundaries with the main emphasis of educating people everywhere in Latin America.

This that reason I nominate him with immense enthusiasm for this award.

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