BUENOS AIRES – Life Achievement Award
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UNIDENTIFIED: The time is 2:03 PM and we will soon begin the Life Achievement Award, recognizing Internet leaders session.

VIDEO: The Lifetime Achievement Award is… [Audio difficulties]

VIDEO: LACNIC presents, an overview of the Lifetime Achievement [Audio difficulties]…

VIDEO: …of honoring individuals [Audio difficulties]…

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UNIDENTIFIED: Good afternoon. We are about to start the session for 2 PM in the afternoon. This is a speaker that has not identified himself before taking the floor. So this is the Life Achievement Award recognizing

Internet leaders. This is the name of the session, and I'm saying this so that you make sure you are in the right place.

ERNESTO MAJO: Good afternoon. I am Ernesto Majo this is Ernesto Majo, I am the LACNIC communications, and I will briefly introduce these Life Achievement Award. When we decided to hold the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aries, I thought this was a very good opportunity to present these important project. This is a project launched by LACNIC's Board. It was launched in 2009.

So we wanted to hold this session, this brief session, to show the people that have been recognized with this award to date. And we wanted to promote, or encourage, community engagement and participation so that they can propose future awardees. So this is a very brief introduction, and we are now going to be watching a brief video featuring what we have done so far and featuring the award winners to date.

VIDEO: LACNIC presents an overview of the Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Lifetime Achievement Award is a LACNIC initiative that aims honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of the Internet, and the information society in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Since 2009, these awards have been presented to… Since 1987 and for 27 years, [?] was the head of the central computer service of the Republic of Uruguay. In the early '97, [?] was part of the first generation

to graduate from the University of the Republic with an university degree in computer engineering.

[?] has always been a pioneer, playing a key role not only in Uruguay, but also at the regional level. She played a leading role in the construction of LACNIC, the Latin American Network Forum. The organization of Latin American and Caribbean country code top level domains. LAC TLD, and the Latin American cooperation of advanced networks, LACAN.

During the past 20 years, [?] has permanently contributed to the development of ISPs in Latin America. The relevance of her work is commendable, not only for the concrete results she has achieved, but also for the example it sets for the entire community.

In 2013, [?] was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame as a global connector, being the first person from Latin America and the Caribbean region in receiving such recognition. Carlos Alfonso, executive director of [?] Brazil. Carlos Alfonso has contributed to the creation and growth of the region's Internet community, where he has played a key role in pioneering experiences.

During the early '90s, he contributed to the creation of the Latin American Network firm, and has actively participated in the creation of the first Brazilian Internet steering committee. In 2004, the United Nations Attorney General appointed him to be a part of the Internet governance working group, later choose to be a part of a multi-stakeholder advisory group for the Internet governance forum.

[?], executive director of [?], Latin America Advanced Networks Cooperation, Chile. [?] has been the executive director of [?] since 2004. [?] has been involved in Internet development and academic networks for more than 20 years, and has received several awards for his contribution to this assimilation of Internet technology and research networks.

Among many other activities in various organizations and institutions that promote Internet development, [?] participated in the organization of [I NET] '96 and [I NET] '97. He was also president of the local organization committee for the ICANN [?] in Santiago, Chile, in August 1999, where the original committee presented the application for the creation of LACNIC.

In the year of its 10th anniversary, LACNIC decided to present a 10th Anniversary Edition of the Lifetime Achievement Awards, which recognized 10 personalities from all over the region. The 10th Anniversary honorees were, Marcos [?], Argentina, private sector, founder and CEO of [?]. [?] has changed the lives of many people and the way business is done in the region.

[?] initiative has had a huge impact on Latin America. [?] Guatemala, [?]. [?] introduced the Internet to his country, and is regarded by Guatemalan media as the father of the Internet in Guatemala. He is the director of Guatemala dot GT, and the university of [?] Guatemala. He has been a professor of computer science since 1970, and has been working as a director of the University's management of dot GT since 1992.

He choose the university computer science department, and servers as the director for its center of interactive technologies. He is also a member of ISOZ, IEEE, and LAC TLD.

Jose [?], Peru, technical community. A Peruvian Internet pioneer, Jose was a strong promoter of the Peruvian scientific network, which made the Internet available to the masses in his country.

Jose served as general manager of dot PE, the Peruvian country code top level domain for 10 years, and was also very active in building the regional community. Among other things, he has worked as the national coordinator of the [?] digital project, and provided consultancy services for the Argentina national office of the information technology, the EUMPD, the inter-American development [?] LACNIC [?].

[?] Argentina, Academia and International Organization. His position at the IDRC, [?] has promoted many ICT and Internet development initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean. He has a part of projects in many different fields such as the creation of communities, education, access, research, and indicators. He has also taught at the business school of the Hong Kong university of science and technology, served as an advisor to Argentina's national congress, and taught at the national university of Buenos Aries.

[?] government. [?] is the ICT director for the government of Grenada, with a specific mandate to lead Grenada into becoming a full knowledge society. As Grenada's first computer science lecturer, she has been responsible for training in IT at the secondary and [?] level. She now serves on the Caribbean Examinations Council's Panel on the information technology. She is also regional [?] and regional

coordinator with the University of the [?] campus initiative, and has served as an OAS consultant on the integration of ICT in the secondary school's curriculum.

[?] Lewis, Trinidad and Tobago, international organization. [?] Lewis is the secretary general of the Caribbean telecommunications union since August 2003. She has accomplished her mission for the organization, which is to ensure that the citizens of the region, have affordable access to, and are able to derive tangible benefit from the effect use of the information and communication of technology.

Anthony [?], Argentina, private sector. Anthony has been executive director of the Argentina Internet chamber [?] since 1998, a year that had great impact on the future of Internet organizations. In 1999, this process also led to the creation of [?] an organization in which Anthony has severed as executive director.

In his [?] role, he was also active in the process of ICANN's recognition of LACNIC. Anthony is currently a member of the ICANN standing panel of experts, vice chair of the Internet service providers and connectivity providers constituency, and a member of the executive committee of the commercial stakeholder's group.

[?], Ecuador, civil society. [?] is a sociologist and political scientist, an activist in the field of [?] for development and social justice. For the last seven years, she has worked in supporting civil society organization in the strategy use of ICTs, and facilitating their involvement in ICT policy processes at national, regional, and global level.

She participated in the first and second phases of the [?], facilitating the relationships and the articulation of civil society organizations in Latin America, and working for the inclusion of their points of view and priority issues in the [?] documents and official results.

She has been project coordinator for the Latin American ICTP [?] and the association for progressive communications, and she is currently serving as director of APCs global policy program. [?], Brazil, technical community. [?] is the director president of the Brazilian network information center, nic dot br.

In 1991, he was part of the team responsible for the first Brazilian TCP IP connection, for which recently he is considered to be one of the fathers of the Brazilian Internet. Among many other roles and positions in various companies and organizations, until 1999, [?] served as a member of the Internet Cooperation for Assigned Names and Numbers Board, representing the country code name supporting organization.

[?], Venezuela, general community. Among roles and responsibilities for various Venezuelan initiatives, [?] has served as education manager at the Venezuelan National Center for Information Technologies. Coordinator of the [?] Project, the national network of [?] schools, and coordinator of the National Allocation Port Authority.

[?] is one of the founding members of [?] and general coordinator of the Internet workshop for Latin American and the Caribbean, [?]. He was also a member of [?], the network firm for Latin America and the Caribbean, member of the project of the [?] committee for the [?] LACNIC since 2006. And coordinator of the [?] computer networks professorship at the university of [?].

During 15 years, [?] was original manager of the Cisco network academy, the network technology education program for central American, the Indian countries, and the Caribbean. [?].

The 2013 Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented soon, so we invite the communities to submit their candidates by writing to [?] at LACNIC dot net. For more information on the rules for participation, please visit, www.lacnic.net/web/ [?]. Thank you very much, and congratulations to the winners.

UNIDENTIFIED: We will continue in Spanish, so that each one of the participants will have a chance to use their language, otherwise we have interpreters.

ANDREAS PISANTE: Andreas Pisante speaking. We would like to appreciate the presentation. This is the video of the presentation of the award, and the – we would like to also present some of the persons of the jury of LACNIC, the persons judging this prize and this award.

So please [?] please raise your hand, from the Board of LACNIC, [?]. Also of [?] are present. I don't know if [?] is here, and Raul Echeberria executive director of LACNIC, CEO of LACNIC. I don't know if he wants to use to say something.

RAUL ECHEBERRIA: Raul Echeberria says, the video speaks itself. It permits to see the great contribution to the development of the Internet, not only in their specific environment, but also in the region. And also that they have

done this sustainably along the time. This is the idea of the time, the idea is not to recognize those that have made one contribution that is important to the development of the Internet, but those that have contributed a long their lives, a long many years of their life.

So, when we see this video, at least it is very moving for me to see all the person with whom we had the chance to build on what they have made, they have accomplished. What I would like to do is to invite all of you to, as soon as possible, surely when you were watching the video you were thinking about a person who you think might be there.

So what we would kindly ask is that you send us their names, because the persons that are promoted from your own communities and your own environment, and you know their contribution. There are hundreds of people that we should recognize in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

It will take us 50 years, but we will recognize all of them. We will give our recognition to all of them. So let us see together, and let's hope together for the award of the 2013. I don't know if you have already said that, we have the intention of changing cycles because the cycle ended, by the end of the year when we announced the winner.

And we want to change so as to announce the winner in May every year during the most important meeting of LACNIC. Therefore, in May 2014, we will have the meeting, the LACNIC meeting in Mexico, and we will have the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2013 in May 2014.

So be attentive, please, send your ideas or the proposals for the award this year, that will be announced before the end of the year. But you

will also the call for nominations for the prize 2014 that will have an innovation. [?] perhaps, you want to say that.

UNIDENTIFIED: [?] speaking. There are some operative elements in the year 2013, and we explain the innovations of 2014. If we can proceed to the next slide. This is a description of the process as the video made, that LACNIC's idea is to recognize the persons with the [?] we have expressed, that Raoul said, we have the list of the persons receiving the awards in the previous years.

The second slide shows the picture of the Board of Directors, and the 10 persons receiving the award last year. Next slide please. One previous slide please. This is a feature I wanted to make reference to. The feature has to do with the fact that any person may be nominated, and we are looking for diversity.

Last edition, we were able to award prizes with diversity in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. Persons from Central America, from South America, from the Caribbean. Persons from different groups of interest. So this year we are interested in getting candidates from the government, civil society, the academia, the technical community, that are pioneers in the network in the region.

Surely, we will have candidates on that – from those areas. We are interested in getting the biggest diversity. In terms of the nominees, there is an email address that is posted there on the slide. It is [?] at lacnic.net, and after November 30th, we are receiving biographical data.

Any person may nominate a candidate. You should submit biographical data qualifying remarks. There is no limit, and this is the merit of the candidate and the candidates, and the [?] why you should consider them.

This will be considered by an independent jury, and an independent panel, and before passing to the next slide, we would like to welcome [?]. That is the person from the board of directors that was missing. Next slide shows the timeline. We said that November 30th, the candidates list was closing.

Up to November 30th, we have time to submit nominees. December the first is the closing. The deliberations by the panel will be between December first and 18, and next year we will have the announcements before May. And these ceremonies will be made at LACNIC's meeting, and LACNIC meetings.

The panel for the year 2013 has five participants. Four of them have received Lifetime Achievement Awards, and two of them are here, Rodrigo de la Parra, and [?] will be members of the panel, and also Carlos Alfonso [?]… This panel will deliberate, even if there are people from the community, they do not have any connection with LACNIC, and LACNIC does not participate in the deliberations, so this is an independent panel that will consider the submissions provided.

And December 19th, we will announce the person awarded. This is the information, and I would like to call – and to request that you submit your nominations to this email address. And that's all I have to say.

UNIDENTIFIED:	LAC representative speaking. We want to thank the ICANN staff that have worked for these presentation. We would like to thank Rodrigo, [?] and Albert from the ICANN regional staff for Latin America and the Caribbean. And to strengthen the message that we need your help to identify persons that deserve to be awarded and to be recognized, many of whom we do not know, but we are receiving relevant contributions and this is what we are searching for.
	The mic is open if you have any questions to address us. The time for this session is over, so if anyone wants to take the floor, it is now or never. Otherwise, we thank you all for your participation.

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