



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT LACCEI 2023

During the celebration of Christmas, every year, various feelings and expressions about brotherhood, hope, joy, solidarity, and, above all, love for others, family, friends, colleagues, and colleagues are renewed for all of us who walk the paths of life, regardless of differences.

Therefore, in the LACCEI family, we also rejoice for all our members, celebrate the triumphs of collaborative work, and renew our wishes for our shared mission and objectives. And there are more and more of us in this family, our events have been consolidated and generated positive impacts and added values of great relevance, even in organizations and communities that are not yet members, but that are convinced that LACCEI is an important international ally for your engineering education processes and projects. Initiatives related to **Quality Assurance; Internationalization; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Diversity, Equity, and inclusion; Students, Remote Laboratories, and Academic Associations**, among others, already have extensive results, that benefit engineering education communities throughout our continent.

These are also times to express our deep gratitude to all those who, with their commitment and dedication, made it possible for LACCEI, in its 21 years, to have established itself as a leading organization for engineering institutions and educators in Latin America and the Caribbean. A special recognition for the Executive Board, the Staff, the Initiative Leaders, the members of the Permanent Committees, and, of course, each of our Liaison and participants in the activities, for their vocation for service. Likewise, my gratitude to everyone for allowing me the honor, supporting me, and facilitating the mission of presiding over our organization during the year 2023; I hope to have contributed, at least in part, to the achievement of your expectations regarding the evolution of LACCEI, with the certainty that I did so with vocation, humility, and respect, within my possibilities and limitations. Finally, I reiterate my commitment to continue serving this noble cause, from roles and scenarios that this valuable community considers possible.

To the LACCEI Family, I extend a fraternal greeting and my wishes that you have happy celebrations and that the year 2024 is full of personal and professional satisfaction for our entire family.
(Claudio Camilo González Clavijo, President 2023)

LACCEI 3D PROJECT

The **LACCEI 3D** (Double Diplomas and Doctorates) project consists of managing joint programs through our network. To do this, we must analyze the obstacles and experiences that the coordinators of these programs (Master's Degrees/Degrees and Doctorates) encounter or have encountered to propose a model to follow.

The objective is that, during a year of activities, through seminars, surveys, and analysis, we can share our experience so that our institutions can overcome the difficulties they may encounter when developing a joint double degree program.

Through the result, LACCEI (for this year) will have a guide on the entire process.

Two working groups were be created:

One dedicated to Double Degree Diplomas (5 university years).

Another dedicated to Double Doctorate Diplomas (usually 8 university years: degree + doctorate).

During the following 8 months (from December to July) integrated training will be carried out through a simulation of 2 joint programs involving all participants who, from their institutions and experiences, will be able to contribute the solutions found.

This project will allow us to communicate between our institutions, to know each other better, and to know the differences in the education of our different institutions in our countries.

On the other hand, we will learn to find the necessary balance by going into small details. We will have to create a common framework flexible enough so that any institution can use our model.

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