

## LACCEI 2024 COSTA RICA



### LACCEI 2024 International Multiconference, Costa Rica, a Resounding Success.

From July 15 to 19, Costa Rica became the epicenter of innovation and technological advancement by celebrating the International Multiconference on Engineering, Technology and Education, LACCEI 2024. The event, which brought together experts, researchers, and professionals from the sector, was a resounding success, standing out for its focus on collaboration and exchanging knowledge.

#### Plenaries with Special Guests

LACCEI 2024 featured the presence of renowned international specialists who offered plenary sessions on the latest advances and trends in engineering and technology. These special guests shared their perspectives and experiences, inspiring attendees with their innovative research and projects, in addition to ministerial authorities and rectors of the most prestigious universities in Costa Rica.

#### Presentation of Research Papers

One of the highlights of LACCEI 2024 was the presentation of research papers. Researchers from various parts of the world presented their work, covering a wide range of topics and demonstrating the impact and relevance of research in technological and scientific development. These presentations not only enriched the participants' knowledge but also encouraged debate and reflection on the future of engineering and technology.

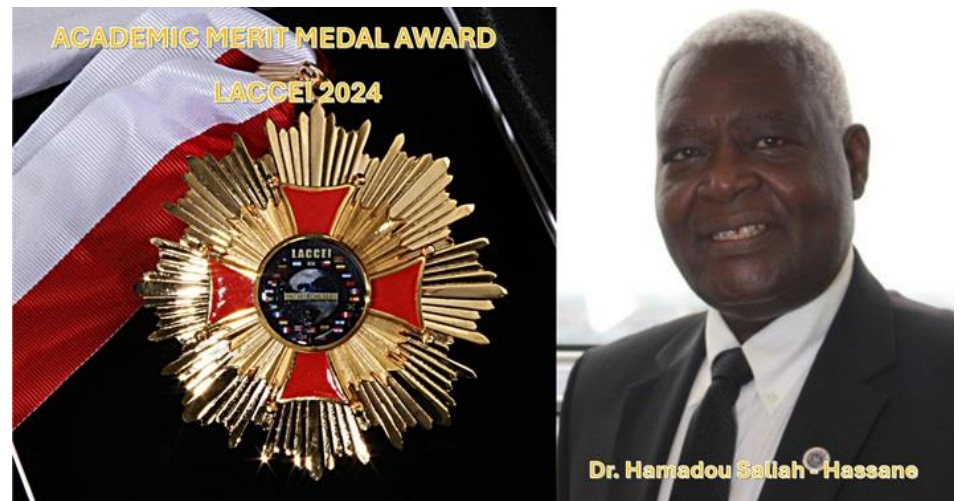
#### Networking and Shared Projects between Universities

The conference also served as an invaluable platform for networking. Professionals and academics had the opportunity to network, share ideas, and explore possible collaborations. In addition, several joint projects between universities were announced, focused on the development of innovative and sustainable technologies. These partnerships promise to further boost technological advancement and strengthen academic and professional ties at an international level.



From left to right, Dr. María Larrondo; Dr. Rosa María Monge Monge; Dr. Epsy Campbell; Dr. Libis Valdez; Don Orlando Quesada, ICT Vice Minister and Dr. Emilia Gazel Leitón

## MEDAL FOR ACADEMIC MERIT



This year, LACCEI honors Dr. Hamadou Saliah-Hassane with the 2024 Medal of Academic Merit, for his long career and his dedication and inspiration to many students and engineers throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Professor Hamadou Saliah-Hassane earned a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from McGill University in Montreal, a bachelor's and master's degree in applied science from École Polytechnique de Montréal, Canada. He currently teaches Informatics and Computer Networks and Security at TELUQ University in Montreal, where he conducts research on Intelligent Distributed Systems and Mobile Robotics.

Dr. Saliah-Hassane has received numerous awards in recognition of his achievements, including many IEEE Education Society Certificates of Recognition and the IEEE Education Society EdWin C. Jones, Jr. Meritorious Service Award.

## LACCEI ELECTIONS

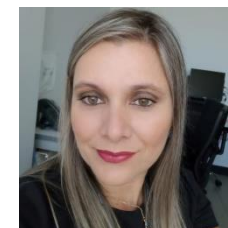
Within the framework of the General Assembly of LACCEI members, meeting in person and virtually, the scheduled elections to renew positions on the Board of Directors were held, resulting in the election of:

#### PRESIDENT



Dr. Renetta Garrison Tull is an engineer with a career spanning over 20 years spanning higher education, administration, and interests that include global diversity, particularly science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and humanitarian engineering connections to the United Nations Sustainable Development. She is the Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Davis.

#### VP MEMBERSHIPS



Ms. Marylin Arias Soto currently serves as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and ICTs at the Universidad Latina de Costa Rica and coordinates the Women's Chapter of the Faculty, whose objective is to attract and retain female talent to the area, to contribute to closing the gender gap in Costa Rica.

#### VP FINANCE



Luis Fernando Martínez Arconada, a linguist by training, has spent more than 20 years teaching in the field of engineering. His research and centers of interest are mainly in the international field. He has participated in the development of framework agreements for cooperation in teaching and research and double diploma agreements within the Bologna process and in Latin America.