

LACCEI strengthens its international presence at major engineering education forums

In line with its mission to foster the globalization of engineering and promote international cooperation, the Latin American and Caribbean Consortium of Engineering Institutions (LACCEI) consolidated a strong presence in September at some of the world's most influential academic forums on engineering education.

Official LACCEI delegations participated in four major events: the **ABENGE** Conference in Brazil, the **SEFI** Annual Conference in Finland, the **WEEF-GEDC** in the Republic of Korea, and the **EIEI-ACOFI** Conference in Colombia. Each of these gatherings brought together experts, academics, and institutional leaders committed to strengthening engineering education and building networks of collaboration to address today's and tomorrow's global challenges.

ABENGE 2025 – Brazil: Innovation and quality in engineering education

The **Brazilian Association for Engineering Education** (ABENGE) held its annual conference in Brazil, one of the most solid platforms in Latin America for discussing the quality and transformation of engineering education.

LACCEI's delegation at this event marked a significant step toward consolidating ties between both organizations, aligned with the recently signed agreement that includes joint actions on accreditation, quality assurance, technical sessions, and the promotion of research and innovation networks.

Within the framework of ABENGE, Luis Fernando Martínez Arconada, VP of Finance and the deputy executive director, José Daniel Texier of LACCEI representatives held strategic meetings with academics and engineering program leaders from Brazil and other countries in the region, reaffirming the importance of working together to design educational models that integrate technical skills, innovation, and social responsibility.



SEFI 2025 – Finland: The European vision of the future of engineering

The **European Society for Engineering Education** (SEFI) hosted its annual conference in Helsinki, Finland, where key discussions took place on the latest advances and challenges in engineering education across Europe and beyond.

LACCEI was present with its current president, Renetta G. Tull, who actively participated in panels and sessions on pedagogical innovation, the integration of new technologies in the classroom, sustainability, and the development of engineers with global competencies.

Direct interaction with European institutions opened opportunities for cooperation in academic mobility, joint projects, and collaborative publications. This participation strengthened LACCEI's international projection, aligning Latin American and Caribbean perspectives with global educational trends.



WEEF-GEDC 2025 – Republic of Korea: A global gathering for engineering

The **World Engineering Education Forum** (WEEF) and the Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC) convened in Seoul, Republic of Korea, bringing together some of the most influential voices in engineering education and practice worldwide.

As a global actor, LACCEI took part in high-level sessions addressing topics such as artificial intelligence in engineering education, gender equity in STEM, curriculum internationalization, and cooperation to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The LACCEI delegation was led by its president, Renetta G. Tull; Miguel Sosa, Vice President of the Board of Deans; Laura Romero, Director of the International Committee on NanoBio and Emerging Technologies; Vianney Lara, Board member; and Homero Murzi, Director of the K-12 initiative. This event reaffirmed the consortium's commitment to humanitarian engineering, innovation, and the training of engineers prepared to face challenges of global impact. In addition, important contacts were made with universities and international organizations interested in strengthening ties with Latin America and the Caribbean.



EIEI-ACOFI 2025 – Colombia: Regional integration and academic commitment

LACCEI also participated in the **International Conference on Engineering Education** (EIEI), organized by the **Colombian Association of Engineering Faculties** (ACOFI). Held in Colombia, this event has become a regional benchmark for reflecting on the transformation of engineering programs, curriculum relevance, and the development of innovation and entrepreneurship skills.

The LACCEI delegation included the participation of its past president, Libis Valdez, and Ruben Aranzazu, Director of Communications and Marketing, sharing experiences and achievements from the LACCEI 2025 International Multi-Conference held in Mexico City, while strengthening relations with Colombian universities and other countries in the region. EIEI-ACOFI provided an ideal setting to showcase initiatives such as LACCEI's International Student Chapters, mobility programs, and student competitions, all of which continue to expand their impact on the training of future engineers.



A global presence with local impact

LACCEI's participation in these four events reflects its deep commitment to the internationalization of engineering education and to strengthening the academic community in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Each event created opportunities to build stronger ties, consolidate cooperation agreements, and open new pathways for exchange that will directly benefit LACCEI member institutions, faculty, researchers, and students.

The impact achieved in Brazil, Finland, Korea, and Colombia during September represents another important step toward fulfilling one of LACCEI's key strategic goals: connecting Latin America and the Caribbean with the rest of the world through engineering education, innovation, and international cooperation.