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## COPANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Held its second meeting of the year in Buenos Aires

On November 13 and 14, 2018, the 36th meeting of the COPANT Board of Directors was held in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Our Board of Directors is currently composed as follows: President, Mr. Ricardo Fragoso (ABNT-Brazil); Treasurer, Mr. Osvaldo Petroni (IRAM-Argentina); and 10 Directors of the following organizations IRAM (Argentina), ABNT (Brazil), SCC (Canada), INN (Chile), ICONTEC, (Colombia), NC (Cuba), OSN (El Salvador), ANSI (United States), INACAL (Peru), and SLBS (Santa Lucia); in addition to the Executive Secretary of COPANT.



*Members of the COPANT Board of Directors - November 2018 - Photo: Courtesy of IRAM*

This second meeting of the year is very important as the planning of activities and budget for next year is defined. This planning is part of the three priority strategies defined in our Strategic Planning 2016-2020, which are the following:

1. **Building Capacity:** Identify, promote and support activities to build the standardization infrastructure and capacities of COPANT members, motivating mutual communication, cooperation and collaboration.
2. **Increasing Participation in International Work for Targeted Economic Areas:** Strengthen the ability of COPANT members to target and have effective participation in Committee work at ISO and IEC in identified strategic area of importance to the member body.
3. **Promoting Effective Conformity Assessment Services:** Facilitate the use of International practices addressing the needs of COPANT members.

On this occasion, the Board of Directors defined the program of our COPANT 2019 Week, which will take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from May 6 to 8, 2019. The theme of our Week will be "The Future of Standardization" and the theme of our Workshop will be "Technology in Standardization".

It was also the opportunity to analyze and improve a project proposal presented to increase the participation of our region in the process of developing international standards. This project proposal will be submitted to ISO for their involvement and funding.

The Directors of COPANT recognize that efforts are being made to strengthen our organization and have greater international visibility, however, it is necessary to continue and increase activities, and for this it is important to attract external resources.

As a closing of the working days, IRAM, our host, invited us to enjoy an excellent tango show.