

Call to Host Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Network

The International Society for Third Sector Research is seeking a new host for the Latin America and the Caribbean Network for a four (4) year term (2018 – 2021). This network was established in 1996 and has held 11 regional conferences. Its focus is to engage researchers, scholars and practitioners in building Third Sector research capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The network brings together individuals working in all parts of the region for a meeting every two years as well as a meeting at the biannual ISTR International Conference.

The conferences are the major venue in the civil society, nonprofit, philanthropic and social economy sector in the region. They provide an opportunity to explore sector developments, theoretical and empirical insights, interact with colleagues, and become informed about new ideas and major debates that are going on in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The hosting institution(s) serve as the secretariat for the network and provide the following:

- Serves as the liaison to the ISTR Secretariat and Board of Directors
- Fundraise within the region to support the network
- Publish periodical regional newsletter
- Maintain regional database (in cooperation with ISTR)
- Coordinate the academic committee for the biannual regional meetings
- Oversee the Academic Committee which is responsible for the theme, call for papers, blind reviews and program of the Regional Conference
- Works with the local conference host committee for the regional conference logistics

ISTR provides a small stipend for the host institution to cover some activities.

The Instituto de Comunicacion y Desarrollo (ICD), based in Montevideo, Uruguay, has served as the secretariat since 1997. ICD has successfully developed the network and coordinated the meetings in cooperation with the local hosts, every two years. ICD is prepared and willing to transfer its knowledge, expertise and experience to the new host.

For details, visit the regional websites: www.istrlac.org and www.istr.org/LAC

Please send your expressions of interest in serving as the regional host by February 28, 2018. The expression of interest should include your motivation to serve, the organization(s) profile, and infrastructure available. The board of directors of ISTR will choose the new host with input from the regional board members, prior host and the ISTR Secretariat by April 2018. Please send the letter to Margery Daniels, Executive Director, at istr@jhu.edu.