The Latinamerican Chapter summary (January 2009)

The Chapter exists since 2002 and now has about 120 active members from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela and Spain.

However, less than 25% are full members of the Society.

Since 2003, we hold a yearly meeting which is supposed to cover the spanish-speaking countries. So far it has been held in Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Argentina; some countries still seem risky because of their political and social situation. New candidate sites will be Peru and Spain.

2008 has witnessed competition between meetings: the community of Columbia has their own annual meeting, so many members have three meetings per year now, which starts posing a productivity problem. Also, the extraordinarily high cost of attending the Athens international conference has meant "no more money" for quite a couple of members.

We are currently trying to set up a local group in Chile.

Some new spanish materials have been made available, but progress is rather slow in this area.

The "Revista de Dinámica de Sistemas" which appears since 2005 (dinamicasistemas.utalca.cl/Revista/RDS_home.htm) shall now be integrated into the LATINDEX indexing database in order to mate it more attractive as publication slot.

The official web-site is <u>dinamica-sistemas.mty.itesm.mx</u>.

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