Preface

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The XIV LACAME was hosted by the Direction of Continuous Education and at Distance of the Autonomous University of the Estate of México, in Metepec, State of México from 10 to 14 of November of 2014. This XIV LACAME event had a special meaning because of its existence. Since its starting point in 1988 in Rio of Janeiro up to 2014, this Latin American Conference has reached the 26 years old. So in this occasion we celebrated its first 25th anniversary. Something to be enhanced in this occasion is that young people were mostly involved at our biannual event, and the Colombian groups made the majority in the event suggesting that these Colombian groups are in a process of consolidation. The organizing Committee looks forward to observe this consolidation in other Latin American Mössbauer groups too.

The total assistance to our XIV LACAME event was, among professors and students, of 45, a number that was a little higher than the one that we had in the IX LACAME held in México city in 2004. In this occasion we had three Latin American invited lectures, Dra. Elisa Saitovich from Brasil, Dr. Cesar A. Barrero from Colombia and Dr. Juan Antonio Jean from Panamá. Dr. Virender K. Sharma from Texas A&M University was also our invited lecturer. For the first time the XIV LACAME experienced a videoconference successfully given by Mira Ristic from Croatia to whom we are so grateful for her participation.

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The total 74 contributions were distributed in eight of the ten topics:

	Topic	Poster sessions	Oral presentations
✓	T01- Advances in experimentation and data processing	1	0
✓	T02- Amorphous, Nanocrystal and nanoparticles	1	3
✓	T03- Applications in Soils, Mineralogy, Geology, Cements and Archaeology	10	0
✓	T04- Biological and Medical Applications	4	1
✓	T05- Catalysis, Corrosion and Environment	8	4
✓	T06- Chemical Applications, Structure and Bonding	1	1
–	T07- Industrial Applications	0	0
✓	T08- Magnetism and Magnetic Materials	18	11
–	T09- Multi-layers, Thin Films and Artificially Structured Materials	0	0
✓	T10- Physical Metallurgy and Materials Science	9	2
	Total contributions	52	22

31 of the 74 contributions dealt with nanoparticles, distributed in biological, medical, environmental, archaeological and alloys studies. The topic with most contributions was that of Magnetism and Magnetic Materials, showing the Brazilian influence which has always been present since the beginning of the LACAME's in 1988.

Thus the Organizing Committees acknowledge to all the contributors that made possible this XIV LACAME version and hope to see all of you in our next XV LACAME 2016 in Panamá.