

SPACE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SYMPOSIUM (E1)  
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EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF THE SGAC LATIN AMERICAN GROUP

**Abstract**

Represented by the Regional Coordinator of the South American Region, Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) in Support of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications

We are a group composed by young Latin American students, young professionals and space enthusiasts interested in space exploration and space related sciences. Our team is the regional branch of the international Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC), which supports the United Nations Programme on Space Applications.

This regional chapter was created in 1999, during the meeting called “UNISPACE III Conference” held in Vienna. The objectives were to create within the Space Generation a group that examines and tackles space related problems concerning the Latin American nations. Nowadays, almost ten years later, SGAC Latin America has members in many countries of the region, like Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Perú, and Venezuela.

The main goal of the group is the integration of the Latin American region spreading the pacific use of the space applications and space sciences for the benefit of the inhabitants of our countries. In order to achieve this challenging and ambitious objective we have started a couple of educational project among our own countries.

Two Regional Coordinators administer our activities, Martín Canales Romero from Perú and Marco Pirateque from Colombia. In addition, elected National Points of Contact proudly represent a handful of countries in our region.

We work together with students and young professionals who are interested in space exploration and we look forward to involve other space institutions and organizations in our activities, especially from those countries and dependencies not currently represented by a National Point of Contact.

This paper will describe the educational and outreach Activities of the SGAC Latin American Group. The progress of our society and countries can be ensured involving and bringing the young closer to space. It will help us to growth up in the areas of space sciences and achieve our vision to benefit our region and the whole humanity through space exploration.