

THE LATIN AMERICAN FORUM ON KNOWLEDGE-BASED DEVELOPMENT
joint conference with THE III E100 ROUNDTABLE
and the I ASSEMBLY OF THE IBEROAMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR KNOWLEDGE
SYSTEMS

Knowledge Cities, Knowledge Regions, Knowledge World
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Dear E100:

Monterrey is getting closer to you... The III E100 Roundtable is only three months ahead! This promises to be a memorable event, one where a series of current E100 initiatives consolidate into a distinctive value offering and where we exercise once more the global think tank capacity of this unique group, now engaging into a high-level dialogue on Knowledge-based Development, with special reference to Latin America. In response to Debra's invitation, I will be posting updates between now and November to the E100

list regarding the event. Remember you have permanent access to the event's latest configuration at: <http://www.knowledgesystems.org/e100mt>. Also, attached is a brief description of this threefold gathering.

I. THE III E100 ROUNDTABLE

In the summer of 2002, the first E100 Roundtable took place in New York to develop the unique potential of this group as well as to engage in conversations on state-of-the-art Knowledge and Innovation, in convergence with the KM Global Exchange 2002 Conference. The II Roundtable, held in Helsinki in April 2003, proved a major step in developing the distinctive potential of the E100 and set the opportunity for a stimulating exchange with members of academy, government and industry of the Scandinavian Region.

The III Roundtable, to be hosted by the Center for Knowledge Systems <http://www.knowledgesystems.org> in Monterrey, Mexico, aims at consolidating the global presence of the E100 and at furthering the international dialogue on Knowledge-based Development.

All E100 members are welcome to this III Roundtable. A program with specific activities for current subgroups is being coordinated by Doug Macnamara <doug.macnamara@banffexeclead.com>. Some preparatory and follow-up activities will be scheduled for November 1 and 5. As soon as a detailed program is ready, it will be posted and displayed on the event's and on Entovation sites. Please contact Doug and/or Debra for any inquiry regarding this part of the program.

II. THE LATIN AMERICAN FORUM ON KNOWLEDGE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

Interwaved with the Roundtable, this program will be open to all attendees. All sessions will last 3 hours. On Sunday 2 a.m., the first session: "Knowledge Cities" will be held. On Monday 3 there will be two sessions,

a.m. and p.m., focusing on different "Knowledge Regions" issues, including some specific Latin-American and other developing regions concerns and opportunities. Finally, on Tuesday 3 a.m., the final session "Knowledge Worlds" will take place. In the following weeks, you will have access to details of the thematic structure of the Forum. We believe that this topics are critical to the E100 and the impact this group can have in our world. In particular, LatinAmerican E100 members, as well as those from other emerging economies and all those committed to systemic global development will find this a most stimulating dialogue. So much for the CONTENT aspects.

The PROCESS aspects of the Forum are just as exciting. Moving away from the traditional conference format, we want to create the most appropriate conditions for an INCLUSIVE,

MEANINGFUL and EFFECTIVE dialogue. This means that ALL attendees are expected and will be able to share their ideas, experience and visions to construct collective reflections and proposals. Hence, all sessions will have some form of participative design. The Technical Committee is almost ready and will begin operating as such and published on the site any time now. If you are willing to actively participate in the design / preparation / facilitation of any of the sessions you are most welcome. For this and any other issue regarding the Forum, please contact me: fjcarri@itesm.mx Being the common part of the event, ALL attendees shall be in the Forum's participants list. As this is not a massive event, but a selective Think Tank session, participation will be exclusively by invitation. A limited number of seats will be available. Even if there is enough room for all E100, seat allocation will be on a first-come / first-served basis. Avoid last-minute pressures by confirming (to Debra and/or Doug and/or me) your participation at your earliest convenience.

III. THE I GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IBEROAMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

Acting as counterpart for a contextualized exchange, the IberoAmerican Community for Knowledge Systems <http://www.iberamericana.org> will also hold its I General Assembly interwaved with the Forum. Created in 1998 as a virtual network of KM and Innovation practitioners throughout the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking World, this Community will have its first face-to-face gathering in this occasion. With them, representatives from Government, Industry, Academy, International Agencies and NGO's working through this huge region will join in the dialogue. A specific agenda is also being drawn for this subset of participants. If you have any question regarding the Iberoamericana, please contact Monica Espinosa [mespinos@itesm.mx](mailto:mepinos@itesm.mx)

IV. VENUE, TRAVELLING, ACCOMODATION AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

The venue for the main program will be the main campus http://www.mty.itesm.mx/rectoria/pi/internationalstudents/about_us/campus.html of the Tecnológico de Monterrey <http://dri.sistema.itesm.mx/dial/proyectos/sim/> in Monterrey, Mexico, home of the Center for Knowledge Systems. Negotiations with an airline to obtain preferential rates are almost completed. Information on regular flights to and from Monterrey, as well as other aspects on travelling to Mexico and about the country itself are available at the event's site.

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<http://www.hotel-ancira.com/ancirai.htm> has been selected as official hotel for the event, with a most competitive rate of \$70 USD/night. Transportation between the hotel and all general activities will be provided free.

Due to the participatory nature of the event in all its components, the process will be increasingly dynamic. If you have any queries on these practical aspects, please contact Alma Peña <alma.pena@itesm.mx> or Monica Espinosa [mespinos@itesm.mx](mailto:mepinos@itesm.mx) Stay tuned for more news and start packing your dreams with visions for a better world, your heart with a determination to making them happen and your mind with the knowledge and innovation it takes.

Hasta Monterrey, amigos!