Inter-America: Institutional boards report development and financial progress

Posted: 05 Nov 2011 09:00 PM PDT

During recent meetings, top Seventh-day Adventist leaders from throughout the church in Inter-America were updated on the development and financial progress of its top institutional organizations.
During recent meetings, top Seventh-day Adventist leaders from throughout the church in Inter-America were updated on the development and financial progress of its top institutional organizations.

IATS
The Inter-American Theological Seminary (IATS), an institution which offers graduate degrees in English, Spanish and French exclusively to active Adventist ministers, recently received its accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

It is a milestone which is the result of hard work by church leaders and will ensure that hundreds of ministers will be better equipped to lead the growing educated membership in Inter-America, said Dr. Jaime Castrejon, president of IATS.

IATS is now accredited by the highest accrediting organization which approves post-graduate professional and academic degrees in the practice of ministry and research in theological disciplines for the United States and Canada until 2018.

IATS' 10 sites are located in Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Venezuela.

IEC
The Inter-American Education Center, which offers undergraduate courses and graduate courses online in English and Spanish, continues its association with Griggs University.

Pastor Israel Leito, president of the church in Inter-America, told the dozens of board members that "IEC is not an extension of Griggs University but we are already taking the steps for full accreditation."

David Siguelnitzky, president of IEC reported that some 76 students are enrolled in the institution, and new master degrees are being offered.

"IEC is working arduously to better serve a wider public in Inter-America and other divisions," said Siguelnitzky.

Siguelnitzky also reported that IEC has a new phone application for Android and soon will be available for Blackberry and iPhones. For more information on IEC, visit http://www.iec-interamerica.org/

IAHFC
The Inter-America health Food Company reported on its operating budget for 2012 and its challenges during the 12 months.

"Our branches have had many difficult years, the worst year being in 2009, but the work of providing nutritional products continues," said Joel Zukovski, general manager of IAHFC. Zukovski showed the growth of the institution since 1996 and showed the projected sales up to 2015.