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ORGANISATION UNIVERSITAIRE INTERAMÉRICAINNE
INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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ABOUT THE IOHE – OUR HISTORY

The [Inter-American Organization for Higher Education \(IOHE\)](#) was born in an effervescent academic context, thanks to the joint efforts of a whole community. However, it would be impossible to emphasize the existence of the IOHE without recognizing the contribution of its founder, Gilles Boulet.



Gilles Boulet
IOHE Founding president

Professor, university president and Quebec writer, Gilles Boulet became president of the Université du Québec in 1979. Throughout his career, he developed a deep interest in the history of civilizations in Latin America.

“I had observed a lack of knowledge and a deplorable lack of collaborative links between universities in South and North America. There existed great potential for exchange between the institutions that belonged to the same continent. There was no organization that managed these institutions as a collective group. I therefore believed that the solution could lie in the creation of such an institution.”

A series of meetings confirmed the need to create this common academic space across the American continent. With the support of many university leaders, the only body bringing together **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** from the three Americas was born in 1979. It was during the founding conference of the IOHE in 1980 in Quebec City, that Gilles Boulet presented his vision, which, even today, directs the action of the Organization.

Since then, the mission of the IOHE has been refined with the aim of fostering **cooperation** among its members in the Americas, by focusing on **innovation** through a range of strategic training programs.

In 1983 the **Institute of Management and University Leadership (IGLU)** was born. This program aims to support the members of the IOHE in the training and development of presidents, vice-presidents and managers through high-level courses and seminars. Since its creation, thousands of university decision-makers have participated in IGLU training courses.

In 1998, thanks to significant funding from the Canadian Government, the IOHE increased its program offer by creating the **College of the Americas (COLAM)**, which soon became a space for inter-American academic cooperation. Focusing more on the academic community, COLAM's networks share the latest advances in research and human resource development of the IOHE member universities.

The history of the IOHE was subsequently marked by the diversification of its offer. In 2008, the **CAMPUS** program was created to encourage discussion, analysis and reflection on the social engagement of the universities of the Americas. The CAMPUS program multiplies opportunities for interuniversity collaboration.

The IOHE has always been attentive to social change and has adapted to new trends. The 2010s were an opportunity to tackle new challenges that face the 21st Century.

Born in 2011 out of a desire to encourage dialogue on gender perspectives and leadership, the "**Women Leaders of Higher Education Institutions in the Americas (EMULIES)**" program was formalized within the IOHE in 2016 and is now organizing a series of annual meetings, training sessions and forums to develop the management and cooperation capacities of women leaders of HEIs.

The **Inter-American Space for Higher Technical and Technological Education (EISTEC)** was created in 2014 and became the fifth program of the IOHE in 2018. It promotes innovation in higher education, in particular on the latest trends in this sector.

Since its creation, the IOHE has become a reference in the academic community of the Americas as a true **academic network**, offering quality services to its members. Its efforts today focus on implementing **internationalization** strategies through the management of a wide variety of international events, missions and **professional development** programs to provide new opportunities for its member institutions.

Gilles Boulet's determination and his project continue to inspire the evolution of the IOHE almost 40 years after its creation. More than 350 members are now part of this network and help promote its vision.

ABOUT THE IOHE – OUR PRESIDENTS



2017-2019
Óscar Garrido,
Universidad de Los Lagos, Chile



2015-2017
Allan Cahoon,
Royal Roads University, Canada



2013-2014
Yoloxóchilt Bustamante Diez,
Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Mexico



2011-2013
Marcial Rubio,
*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, **Peru***



2009-2011
Raul Arias Lovillo,
*Universidad Veracruzana, **Mexico***



2007-2009
Luis Miguel Romero Fernández,
*Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, **Ecuador***



2005-2007

Gerson Luiz Joner da Silveira,
*Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina, **Brazil***



2003-2005

Víctor A. Arredondo,
*Universidad Veracruzana, **Mexico***



1999-2003

Freddy Malpica Pérez,
*Universidad Simón Bolívar, **Venezuela***



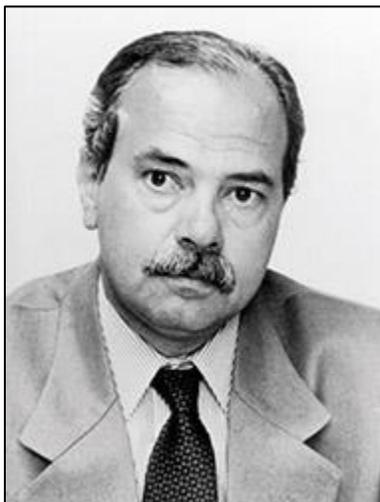
1997-1999

Juan Carlos Romero Hicks,
Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico



1993-1997

Luis Garita Bonilla,
Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica



1989-1993

Lauro Ribas Zimmer,
Universidade para o Desenvolvimento do Estado de Santa Catarina et Universidade Estácio de Sá, Brazil



1980-1989

Gilles Boulet (Founding president),
Université du Québec, Canada