



## THE 57<sup>TH</sup> RADIO AND TELEVISION WEEK IN MEXICO ENDED WITH GREAT SUCCESS

### IAB HAD AN OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION

The 57<sup>th</sup> Radio and Television Week was held from November 23 to 25, 2015, organized by the National Chamber of Radio and Television Industry - CIRT of México, and was attended by an important delegation of IAB, represented by its President, Eng. José Luis Saca, Second Vice-President, Emilio Nassar, Board Member Luis Pardo and Dr. Marcel Granier, IAB Member of Honor, who participated in several forums and conferences on Freedom of Expression.

The opening session was held in the presence of over 400 delegates, where the President of CIRT Board of Directors, Edgar Pereda Gomez, highlighted the importance of strengthening the institutions and "have clear and equivalent rules for all, seeking that the rule of law prevails and thus put an end to illegality and exception. "

"We will always defend freedom of expression, because it is the supreme value of dialogue, order and progress," said Pereda Gomez.

As for Mexico's Interior Secretary, Miguel Angel Osorio Chong, who officially opened the event, he highlighted freedom of expression as a fundamental value of democracy, "value that Mexican men and women have built, and it gets in practice throughout the country and is part of our daily life, because that is the way for citizens to express their demands, their proposals and thereby exercise their right to information and also so that together we can make the best decisions. "

On the first day of the event IAB President, **Eng. José Luis Saca**, took a leading part in the panel "The International Experience on Freedom of Expression and Right to Information" highlighting the importance of freedom of expression to ensure freedom within societies, for it is necessary that information flows unrestricted.

Eng. Saca also highlighted that more developed societies are those that have extensive freedom of expression, separation of powers, strong institutions and have independent regulators attached to the legal framework.



*Eng. José Luis Saca, IAB President, during the panel  
“International Experience on Freedom of Expression and Right to Information”*

As for **Mr. Emilio Nassar**, IAB Second Vice-President and Member of the Executive Group, moderated the panel **“Latin American Exercise of Freedom of Expression”**, where Mr. Luis Pardo, ARCHI President and IAB Board Member and Dr. Marcel Granier, IAB Member of Honor, also participated as speakers.



*Dr. Marcel Granier, RCTV President and IAB Member of Honor, Dr. Catalina Botero, former Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the IACHR, Mr. Emilio Nassar, IAB 2nd Vicepresident and Mr. Luis Pardo, ARCHI President and IAB Board Member*

After the presentations, Mr. Emilio Nassar issued a public statement on CIRT behalf, calling for respect for the Right to Freedom of Expression, which was fully supported by IAB. To access this statement, [click here](#).



*Eng. José Luis Saca, IAB President and Mr. Emilio Nassar, IAB 2nd Vice-President making CIRT Declaration, which was supported by IAB*

The event ended with the traditional Radio and Television Lunch, with the participation of the President of México, Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto.



*Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto, President of Mexico and Eng. José Luis Saca, IAB President*