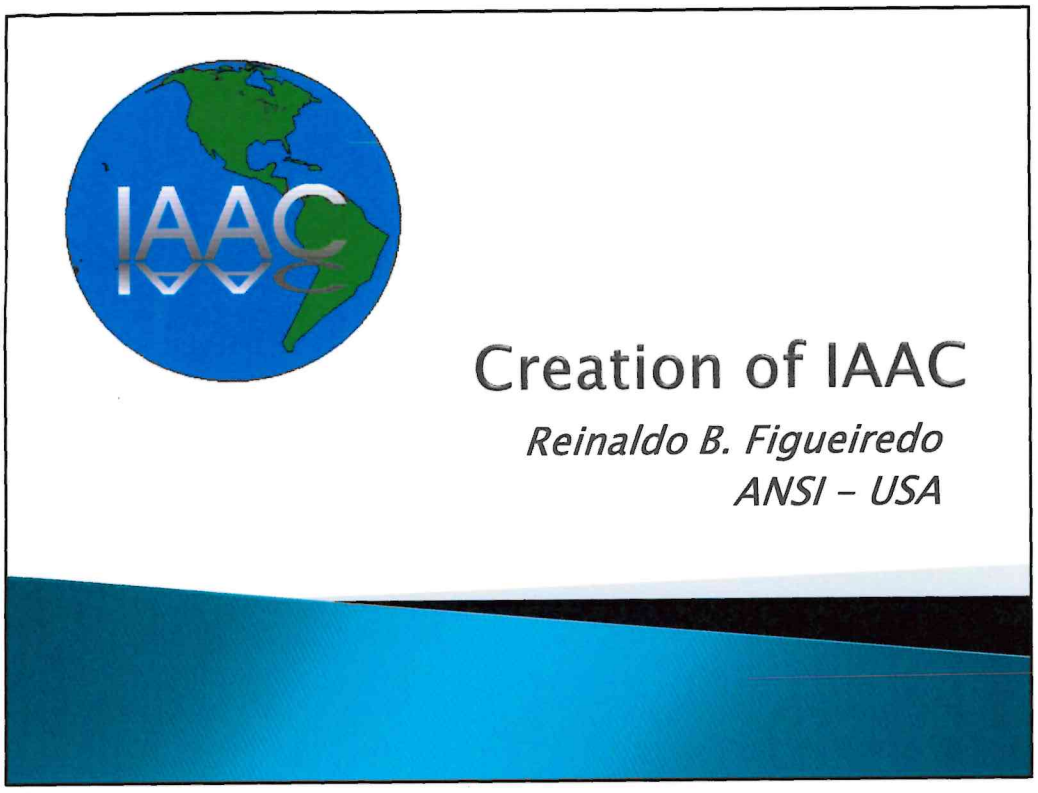


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- The evolution of the environment of Global Free Trade prevalent in the 1980s and 1990s
- Creation of a hopeful and optimistic environment
- TBT agreement
- NAFTA, MERCOSUR, Andean Community
- Creation of IAF and others regional cooperation of accreditation bodies

Creation of IAAC

- Events
  - COPANT meeting in Buenos Aires in 1995
  - Meeting hosted by Andean Community (Supported by INMETRO – INDECOPI – COPANT Secretariat) – Lima – August 1995
    - Representatives from all the American Regions (North America, Central America, Caribbean, Andean Community and South America)
    - Objective of the meeting was met
  - Steering Committee Meeting in Rio de Janeiro 1996

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- Events
  - Meeting in Montevideo on November 20th – 22nd, 1996 – Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) Headquarters
  - 45 delegates representing 17 countries from the Americas
  - Ten full members and six associate members signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that created IAAC

Creation of IAAC

- The first Chair and Vice Chair of IAAC elected
- The Executive Committee and the WGs
- IAAC was created as the first regional cooperation to cover Accreditation bodies of all types of Conformity assessment activities

IAAC Goals

- One of the main goals of IAAC during its inception was to create a platform to disseminate the principles of accreditation and conformity assessment and as well, to train emerging accreditation bodies personnel
- An IAAC WG member were responsible to identify the main needs of the accreditation bodies in their region.

Entities that Supported IAAC

- The Organization of American States was one of the entities that supported IAAC through financing of member participation in IAAC general assembly and international meetings, training courses promoted by the IAAC, and participation in on-the-job training in established accreditation bodies in the Americas

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- Other key organizations that supported the IAAC in its first years were:
  - INMETRO
  - INDECOPI
  - Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio of Colombia
  - ANSI
  - NIST
  - A2LA
  - ALADI
  - ANDIAN Community
  - OAA

IAAC Projects (1996-2000)

- OAS Projects
- IAAC Strategic plan (Mission, Vision and Strategies) 1997
- ALADI Project "Conformity Assessment Infrastructure in ALADI Member Countries"
- IAF and ILAC - Regional Cooperation member
- Training courses for Accreditation Body **Quality Managers**
- Project submitted to IADB-MIF

IAAC Projects (1996-2000)

- IAAC Chair and Vice Chair supported a UNIDO project "Pre-peer Evaluation to Emerging Accreditation Bodies" that was later implemented by ILAC and IAF;
- Facilitated the IAF-ILAC to complete the MOU with UNIDO
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- Provided Lead Assessor Training on ISO/IEC 17025
- Implemented WGs activities under IAAC
- Adopted IAF and ILAC documents related to the implementation of the MLA process
- Created IAAC **Web Site** as a tool to disseminate information to members in 1997

IAAC Logo

- Another major achievement of IAAC was to approve the IAAC logo that was created by INMETRO's staff



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John L. Donaldson


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