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Dear Members of ACM SIGCOMM:

Along with this issue of CCR you are receiving a copy of the *Conferencia sobre Comunicación de Datos en América Latina y el Caribe*, SIGCOMM's first workshop on data communications in Latin America and the Caribbean. The workshop was held in the first week of April in Costa Rica and was a delightful success. We had several fine paper submissions and an outstanding poster session. The discussions around the posters got so animated that a representative of another meeting down the hall came by to ask if we could tone it down! Costa Rica was a delightful site. And I would like to thank our volunteers who organized the conference, especially Julio Escobar (program chair and general chair), Greg Minshall (tutorial chair) and Isidro Castineyra (travel grant chair). Special thanks to our ACM program director, Erica Johnson, who (as usual) did a great job dealing with the hotel and logistics on our behalf.

The workshop proceedings are something of an experiment. We sought to provide both an English and Spanish version of each paper. A couple of papers got to us too late for translation, but the rest were translated and the original paper is presented in the proceedings side-by-side with its translation. I'd be very interested to hear your reactions to both the translations and the formatting.

Given the success of the workshop, we are now working with colleagues in Latin America to plan additional workshops. One of the nice discoveries is that while there are already organizations in Latin America that sponsor conferences (or conference sessions) on networking, they are uniformly interested in having us continue the workshop and in working with us to make the workshop series a continuing success. So expect more news about Latin America.

SIGCOMM 2001 in San Diego is fast approaching. You should receive the Advance Program very shortly if you have not done so already. And, of course, all the conference information is on our web site (www.acm.org/sigcomm)

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I'm pleased to announce that SIGCOMM 2002 will be held at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. In the past twenty years, Pittsburgh has gone through a renaissance and now boasts a revitalized downtown and a new international airport. I expect an outstanding conference, ably led by Matt Mathis and Peter Steenkiste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Craig Partridge" with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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