

## 6DISS goes Latin

The 6DISS project held its fifth IPv6 workshop on 26-28 July 2006 in Quito, Ecuador. This comprised one of the tracks of WALC 2006, an annual training event targeted at Latin American networking professionals, and was organised in cooperation with CLARA, the Latin American research networking organisation. The workshop was coordinated by TERENA in collaboration with FCCN and RENATER, the Portuguese and French national research networking organisations who provided the lecturers for the event.

The workshop involved twenty-one participants from South and Central American research networks, universities and commercial providers; representing eight countries. It combined both theoretical presentations with hands-on exercises, and in particular aimed to convey how to practical operational experiences. The first day focused on addressing schemes, configuration and deployment, with the second day dealing with routing and network management. The final day concentrated on security aspects and DNS configuration. The participants had unlimited access to six Cisco routers, and were able to work through a number of specific deployment scenarios with this equipment. As with the rest of the WALC event, the workshop was conducted in Spanish.

This workshop also provided the first opportunity for the 6DISS project to make contact with networking professionals from a large number of countries in the region, and to encourage the take-up of IPv6. Kevin Meynell, the workshop organiser said:

„We are very pleased to have the opportunity to hold our first workshop in the region, and to meet the networking personnel who have the responsibility for implementing IPv6 in Latin America.“

The 6DISS project is co-funded by the European Commission and comprises major industrial partners (Cisco and Alcatel), NRENs from France, Greece, Portugal and Hungary, universities that are deploying IPv6 on their campuses (University of Southampton and University College London), the Trans European Research and Education Networking Association (TERENA), and Martel (Co-ordinator). The project partners have already been involved in building a large-scale pan-European broadband IPv6 testbed for NRENs, national school networks, and in the development of the associated new network services, management tools and applications. Many of the partners are also active in defining IPv6 specifications through the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).

**The workshop material is available at <http://www.6diss.org/workshops/sca/>  
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