

## Distinguished Lecturer Levent Sevgi Tours South America

IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society distinguished lecturer, **Dr. Levent Sevgi** (2020 - 2023) organized a 3-country South America tour, Ecuador (Jan 10-14) – Peru (Jan 15-20) – Brazil (Jan 21-26). The Ecuador part of the tour was organized by the IEEE Ecuador Section and IEEE AP Ecuador Chapter. The hosts were Dr. Monica Karel Huerta ([mhuerta@ups.edu.ec](mailto:mhuerta@ups.edu.ec)), Chair of the Section, Dr. Guerrero Fernando ([lguerrero@ups.edu.ec](mailto:lguerrero@ups.edu.ec)), Chair of the AP Chapter, and Dr. David Raimundo Rivas ([drivas@espe.edu.ec](mailto:drivas@espe.edu.ec)) from IEEE ESPE. Dr. Sevgi's lectures were “*From Engineering Electromagnetics to Electromagnetic Engineering*” in ESPE (University of the Armed Forces)-Sangolqui, Quito on Jan 12, 2023 and “*Electromagnetic Diffraction Modeling and Simulation*” in Polytechnic University of Salesiana, Cuenca on Jan 13, 2023.

The Peru part of the tour was organized by Dr. Ebert San Roman Castillo ([esanroman@ucsp.edu.pe](mailto:esanroman@ucsp.edu.pe)), Chair, IEEE AP Peru Section AP Chapter, and Dr. Jorge L. Lafitte Vega ([dr.jorge.lafitte@ieee.org](mailto:dr.jorge.lafitte@ieee.org)), Chair, IEEE Peru Section. Dr. Sevgi's lectures were “*From Engineering Electromagnetics to Electromagnetic Engineering*” in UNI-INICTEL, Lima on Jan 16, 2023, and “*Electromagnetic Diffraction Modeling and Simulation*” in San Pablo Catholic University of Arequipa on Jan 17, 2023.

The positive feedbacks and questions related to the IEEE and the distinguished lectures indicate that both Ecuador and Peru visits were well-received and very successful. Dr. Sevgi had great times in Quito, Cuenca, Lima, and Arequipa with the Peruvian students and colleagues.

In the Brazil part of his tour between Jan 21 – 26, 2023 Dr. Sevgi planned to visit first Sao Paulo University (SPU) on Jan 23, 2023, and then Federal Institute of Paraiba (IFPB), Joao Pessoa, for the lectures “Science, University, and Academic Rankings” in SPU, and “*From Engineering Electromagnetics to Electromagnetic Engineering*” and “*Electromagnetic Diffraction Modeling and Simulation*” in IFPB. The hosts were Dr. Alexandre Jean René Serres ([alexandreserres@dee.ufcg.edu.br](mailto:alexandreserres@dee.ufcg.edu.br)), Chair, IEEE North Brazil Section, and Dr. Adaildo Gommès D'Assuncao ([adaildo@ct.ufrn.br](mailto:adaildo@ct.ufrn.br)), Vice-Chair, IEEE North Brazil Section. Unfortunately, he was trapped in Arequipa for a week.

Dr. Sevgi said: “*Instead of being with Brazilian colleagues and friends between Jan 21 – 26, we were stuck 7 days in Peru. We were safe and comfortable all the time; the only problem was the uncertainty of Arequipa-Lima flights; we waited 5 days in Arequipa, had 2-3 very exciting attempts to reach, first the airport and then to hotel through blocked avenues and streets full of protestors; once we were so close, waiting the boarding, unfortunately, all Lima flights cancelled a few times last week.*”

*Leaving Arequipa was the most difficult part because the only way was to fly, there were no buses, no trains; we even try to take a taxi with a retired couple from Miami, unfortunately, it is more than 1000 kms to Lima and most part of the roads were blocked by the protestors. In the end, we shared a taxi with a Peruvian young man staying in the same hotel, left Arequipa at 2am in the morning, had a 5-hours exciting road trip to Tacna near Chile border, and reached the airport around 7am on Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023. We changed / cancelled our flight tickets 3-4 times. The earliest flight to Lima was on Thursday, Jan 26, 2023. We waited all day in Tacna airport, in waiting lists of all 7 Lima flights hoping to fly; unfortunately, we couldn't. We went to a nearby hotel and stayed there for 2 nights. Finally, we were able to fly to Lima on Thursday, Jan 26, stayed there for a night and then to Boston on Friday, Jan 27, 2023. I must say that Quito and Cuenca lectures in Ecuador and Lima and Arequipa lectures in Peru were very well attended and received. I'm very happy to be with our colleagues and students in both countries. We met wonderful people there not only in universities but in hotels, airports, etc., during the protests. We're only sorry that we had to cancel the Brazil part of tour.”*

Below are collection of photos and here is the link of a 5min video of this program: <https://youtu.be/7JOcNyYMNmg>.



Quito

Cuenca



Lima



**Arequipa**



**David Ribas**



**Fernando Guerrero**



**Mark Clemente**



**Ebert San Roman**