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## New board of the Ibero-American Acoustics Federation (FIA)

*The news is also on the new website*

**Abstract:** The Ibero-American Federation of Acoustics (FIA) is a non-profit civil institution, established in 1995 and registered in Spain. It is comprised of the acoustics associations of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries. Currently, its members are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Mexico, Portugal, Peru, Venezuela, and Uruguay. During the 12th Ibero-American Conference of Acoustics held in Florianópolis from August 28 to 31, 2022, the election and inauguration of the FIA's board was made official for the period 2022–2026, who have already made a new website available for the entity: <https://fia-acustica.org>.

### **Nova diretoria da Federação Iberoamericana de Acústica (FIA)**

**Resumo:** A Federação Ibero-americana de Acústica (FIA) é uma instituição civil, sem fins lucrativos, criada em 1995 e registrada na Espanha. É constituída pelas associações de acústica dos países de fala espanhola e portuguesa. Atualmente, seus membros são: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colômbia, Equador, Espanha, México, Portugal, Peru, Venezuela e Uruguai. Durante o 12º Congresso Ibero-americano de Acústica, realizado em Florianópolis, entre os dias 28 a 31 de agosto de 2022, houve a eleição e posse dos dirigentes da FIA para o período 2022–2026, os quais já disponibilizaram um novo site para a entidade: <https://fia-acustica.org>.

### **1. Ibero-American Acoustics Federation (FIA)**

The Ibero-American Federation of Acoustics — FIA — is a scientific association created in October 1995 in the city of Valdivia, Chile. Its statutes and the definitive minutes of its constitution were approved in April of the following year (1996), during a meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Subsequently, the FIA was registered in Spain and its statutes received approval from the *Dirección Nacional de Asociaciones del Ministerio del Interior de España* (National Directorate of Associations of the Ministry of the Interior of Spain), dated May 20, 1997. It was updated on December 3, 2012, to comply with the *Ley Orgánica 1/2002* of March 22, which regulates the *Derecho de Asociación del Estado Español* (Right of Association from the Spanish State). See the official FIA logo in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** Official logo of the Ibero-American Acoustics Federation – FIA.

Currently, its members are:

1. Association of Argentine Acoustics (AdAA), <https://adaa.org.ar>;
2. Brazilian Society of Acoustics (Sobrac), <https://acustica.org.br>;
3. Chilean Society of Acoustics (SOCHA), <https://www.socha.cl>;
4. Colombian Association of Acoustics (ASCAC);
5. Ecuadorian Society of Acoustics (SOECA);
6. Spanish Society of Acoustics (SEA), <https://www.sea-acustica.es>;
7. Mexican Institute of Acoustics (IMA), <https://ima.org.mx>;
8. Portuguese Society of Acoustics (SPA), <http://www.spacustica.pt>;
9. Peruvian Society of Acoustics (SPeA); and
10. Uruguayan Association of Acoustics (AUA), <https://asuracustica.org>.

Under the articles of association, there are adherent members and sponsors, the latter of whom can participate in assemblies with the right to speak but without the right to vote. The FIA has a new sponsoring member: ProAcústica - Brazilian Association for Acoustic Quality (<https://www.proacustica.org.br>).

The FIA is a member of the International Commission for Acoustics (ICA), as well as an observer member of the International Institute of Noise Control Engineering (I-INCE).

## 2. FIA Conferences and Scholarships

Since 1998, the FIA has held an Ibero-American Conference every two years, delegating the organization of the event to one of its member societies. Due to the pandemic in 2020, the conference was postponed to 2022. See below for the full list of events:

1. 1998 – I FIA Conference, Florianópolis, Brazil;
2. 2000 – II FIA Conference, Madrid, Spain;
3. 2002 – III FIA Conference, Cancun, Mexico;
4. 2004 – IV FIA Conference, Guimarães, Portugal;
5. 2006 – V FIA Conference, Santiago, Chile;
6. 2008 – VI FIA Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
7. 2010 – VII FIA Conference, Cancun, Mexico;
8. 2012 – VIII FIA Conference, Évora, Portugal;
9. 2014 – IX FIA Conference, Valdivia, Chile;
10. 2016 – X FIA Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
11. 2018 – XI FIA Conference, Cádiz, Spain;
12. **2022 – XII FIA Conference, Florianópolis, Brazil;** and
13. 2024 – XIII FIA Conference, Santiago, Chile (**next event**).

In 2024, from December 2 to 4, the XIII FIA Conference will take place in the city of Santiago, Chile. In order to encourage the participation of young researchers in Ibero-American Conferences, the FIA offers grants, distributed through a specific call for proposals. For the presentation of papers at the most recent conference, held in Florianópolis, four full scholarships worth 500 dollars each and a further 12 partial scholarships, which covered registration for the event, were awarded. Incentives for the FIA 2024 Conference will be announced shortly.

### 3. The FIA Board elected in Florianópolis

On the afternoon of August 28, 2022, during the XII Conference in Florianópolis, the General Assembly of the Ibero-American Federation of Acoustics was held, at which representatives of five member associations were elected to the Board of Directors, who subsequently defined the positions, as established in the institution's bylaws. The Board of Directors, for the 2022–2026 term, was formed as follows:

1. President: Nilda Vechiatti (Argentina);
2. Vice-President: Jorge Moreno Ruiz (Peru);
3. Vice-President: Dinara Xavier da Paixão (Brazil);
4. General Secretary: Jaime Ramis (Spain); and
5. Treasurer: Elizabeth González (Uruguay).

On the new FIA website — <https://fia-acustica.org> — you can find information and even access to the journals of the member associations, such as the Acoustics and Vibrations Journal (*Revista Acústica e Vibrações*), of the Brazilian Acoustics Society.

In addition, the FIA bids farewell to Professor William D'Andrea Fonseca as the maintainer of the FIA website, a volunteer job that began in April 2004 (when he was still an undergraduate student) and will end in June 2023 — thank you very much for these 19 years contributing to the federation.