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IPN internationalization advances: agreements to be established with Brazilian universities

- **The General Director of the IPN, Arturo Reyes Sandoval, receives authorities from the Asociación Brasileña de Rectores de Universidades Estatales y Municipales.**
- **The Polytechnic will enter into academic mobility agreements and scientific and technological research projects with Brazilian institutions**
- **"IPN's doors are open to Brazilian universities in order to address global problems": Reyes Sandoval**

The National Polytechnic Institute (IPN) and the Asociación Brasileña de Rectores de Universidades Estatales y Municipales (Abruem) will sign a general agreement and several specific academic and scientific agreements to address global problems from a strategic vision and promote social and economic development in both regions of the continent.

The general director of the IPN, Arturo Reyes Sandoval, explained that, within the framework of the internationalization of the Polytechnic, it is important to link up with Brazilian universities because of the similarities between the two countries and the academic and scientific quality of their higher education institutions.

He commented that in the international rankings it is evident that Brazilian universities have a leadership in all Latin America, which motivates the Polytechnic to strengthen the link with its institutions. "We have a very great opportunity to strengthen ties," he pointed out.

Sharing his experience as a scientist at Oxford University, where he had contact with doctoral students from Brazil, Reyes Sandoval highlighted the IPN's student exchange programs, and proposed to the rectors of Brazilian universities to establish mobility agreements so that young people can spend time in Mexico and Brazil to study specific subjects.



He also made available to Brazilian universities the postgraduate programs and the 20 IPN research centers spread throughout the country, to work on joint scientific projects for the benefit of both nations.

He indicated that the Polytechnic has a new postgraduate degree in vaccine development and biotherapeutics, areas in which Brazilian universities are widely recognized.

Reyes Sandoval stated that the doors of the Polytechnic are open to work jointly with Brazilian universities to address global problems and areas of interest for our institutions and nations, as they are two of the most important economies in Latin America.

The rector of Abruem, Rodrigo Bruno Zanin, expressed his satisfaction that the universities grouped by the association are initiating links with the Polytechnic. "We want to increase our relations and sign agreements because we are two similar countries," he added.

The Secretary for Innovation and Social Integration of the IPN, Ricardo Monterrubio López, informed that the Polytechnic will establish contact with Brazilian universities in the short term to make specific proposals for academic mobility and scientific and technological research, as well as intellectual protection and innovation.

"We recognize the quality of Brazil's universities, not only in Latin America, but internationally, for the *rankings*, the number of researches and the quality of its graduates," he said.

The IPN Secretary for Research and Graduate Studies, Laura Arreola Mendoza, stressed the importance of the Polytechnic consolidating its internationalization through links with universities in Brazil, which has a relevant position in the development of science, technology, and innovation.

The IPN annually executes more than 1,900 research projects with internal and external funding. In turn, Abruem is made up of educational institutions from 22



Brazilian states and together they serve more than 700,000 students with the support of 40,000 teachers.

The Brazilian delegation was made up of educational authorities from the universities of the State of Bahia (UNEB); State University of Fiera de Santana (UEFS); State University of North Fluminense Darcy Ribeiro (UENF); State University of Paraíba (UEPB); State University of Central-West Paraná (Unicentro); State University of Pará (UEPA); State University of Santa Catarina (UDESC); State University of North Paraná (UENP); State University of Bahia (UNEB); of Pernambuco (UPE); University Center of the Municipality of Franca (Uni-Facep); State of São Paulo "Júlio de Mesquita Filho" (Unesp); State of Amapá (UEAP); State of Minas Gerais (UEMG); State of Mato Grosso do Sul (UEMS); University Center of Associated Teaching Faculties (Unifae); State of Ponta Grossa (UEPG); and State of Alagoas (Uenal), among others.

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