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Subject: *** Solicitud Membrecia Colnodo a APC ***

Hola Carlos Afonso!,

Con esta nota quiero agradecerte en nombre de Colnodo la
aceptacion de Alternex para presentar a este proyecto ante APC
en su solicitud de membresia.

Estoy enviando con este mensaje la solicitud de membresia para
APC diligenciada. Espero que estemos aun a tiempo para dicha
solicitud.

En espera de tus comentarios a la presente,

Un abrazo,

Julian
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ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS
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FULL MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

NAME OF NETWORK: Colnodo.

ADDRESS: Carrera 23 No 39-82. Santafe de Bogota, Colombia.

Telephone: 57-1-2697181, 2697202, 2444692

Fax: 57-1-2444984

Telex number: No.

High speed modem telephone number: 57-1-2445246

Local dial in modem numbers: 57-1-2445246, there is an
application for a new telephone line.

X.25 NUA: No, but it is possible to get one.

Internet number and address: No, but will be possible (in the
short term) to have Internet access from Colombia.

When organization was founded: 22 February 1994.

Current Number of Users: 80:
    - registered: 30.
    - pending for registration: 50.

DATE: May 9 1994.

STAFF: (include name, position and email address)

Board: President Clara Angel- Fedevivienda,
                    fede@colnodo.igc.apc.org
        Vicepresident: Rosa Emilia Salamanca. A.T.I.
                    ati@colnodo.igc.apc.org
        Secretary: Elizabeth Rodriguez. Fundacion Luis Carlos
            Galan. flcg@colnodo.igc.apc.org
        Executive Director: Julián Casasbuenas G.
                    julian@colnodo.igc.apc.org
        System Operator: Zulma Enciso.
                    zulma@colnodo.igc.apc.org

INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT:
   (include hardware, software, lap tops, etc.)

Hardware:

- Computer: 486SX, 25 MHZ, 380 MB hard disk, 4 MB RAM, 3 1/2"
  floppy disk, ne2000 network card.

- Modems: 14,400 Viva Fax Modem.
        2,400 Hayes Modem.

- Epson FX1070 dot matrix printer.

- Stabilizer

- One ne2000 network card.

- We have a two machines (not Colnodo's computers) connected to
  Colnodo's server using a Netware lite 1.1. network, so we can
  give maintenance to the network and provide from these
  machines.

Software:

- Waffle 1.65 (registered).

- Nigel_V database server.

- DOS 6.0.

- Novell netware lite 1.1.

- Billing software designed with foxpro 2.5 (everything is
  compiled)

Which APC network is your contact organization?

Alternex.

Who have you been working with most at that network?

Carlos Afonso.

Where are your users? (countries, regions, etc.)

All of them in Colombia.

How would you describe your user base?
  (social change, NGOs, environmental, trade unions, etc)

- NGOs.
- Trade Unions.
- Environmental.
- Social change.
- Indian organizations.

Describe the administrative process of getting a new
user on-line:

1-. The user have to call the system and make the registration
    on-line, or, he/her can request the system operators to
    open an account for him/her.

2-. Pay the registration fee. The fee structure is described
below.

What are your user fees?

Registration (one time charge): US 20.

Monthly Subscription: $ 8.600 pesos (in local currency)
                in US$ 10.

Connect charges per hour: US$ 4 after the first hour (one hour
free per month).

Charges to receive international messages (exchange with local
nodes has no charge):

$ 70 pesos (US$ 0.081)/KB

$100 pesos (US$ 0.116)/KB

US$30 deposit that will be reimbursed when the user cancel
his/her account. This applies just to users that want to use
international e-mail. For nodes polling Colnodo (like CVVL,
WFPNET -see below-) the deposit is US$125.

What other networks operate in your country or region, which
of these do you work with, and in what way?

Colnodo is providing international connectivity to the following
networks:

- Colegio Verde de Villa de Leyva in Villa de Leyva Boyaca, CVVL.
  The work in environment issues. The host was installed by
  the South Links project of the UNDP Volunteers program.

- Cipav, in Cali Valle del Cauca. Research for Rural
  Development. The host was installed by Cipav with the
  support of Colnodo.

- WFPNET, in Bogota. World Food Program of NU. The host was
  installed by WFP in Bogota with the support of Ecuanex.

We are trying to connect Colnodo to some Colombian universities via Colciencias (Colciencias is a governmental Institution that works sponsoring scientific researches). The connection is working but just in one way (Colnodo->Colciencias).

Is your network fully operational?

Yes, we provide local e-mail exchange among our users and other national networks as Colegio Verde de Villa de Leyva, Cipav, World Feed Program of United Nations and Colciencias (the last one is not fully operational yet).

Colnodo's users has access to the following APC conferences: eai.news, ilsa.actualida, ilsa.comercio, ilsa.trade, nacla.report, alai.amlatina and dh.amlatina.

We have also local conferences with: national and international events of interest for the NGO community, economics indicators, ecology, children issues, national debt, newspaper clippings.

We offer on-line access to 18 databases, most of them documentation centers of the NGO's:

            * Newspaper Clippings *
  - 1989 produced by Foro Nacional por Colombia
  - 1990 produced by Foro Nacional por Colombia
  - 1991 produced by Foro Nacional por Colombia
  - 1992 produced by Cinep
  - 1993 produced by Cinep

            * Documentation Centers *
  - Fedevivienda: Appropriate technology and urban development
  - Foro: National political, social and economic research.
  - Luis Carlos Galán: information on the influential
    presidential candidate who was assassinated in 1989.
  - Ilsa: Legal and socio-economic research.
  - Cinde: Research on children in Latin America.
  - Dimensión Educativa: National political, social and
    economic research.
  - Enda: Ecology and appropriate technology.
  - Suna Hisca: Appropriate technology.
  - Escuela Nacional Sindical. Trade unions.
  - Cinep videoteque.

            * Directories *
  - E-mail addresses in the APC network.
  - APC conferences.
  - Internet mail servers.

If not, what assistance from your contact network do you need to become fully operational?

Although we can provide the services described before, we would like to have assistance in to items: a-. establishment of a x.25 connection and b-. an internet gateway since this network will be available soon in Colombia.

Do you agree to the terms listed in the Membership of the APC document?

Yes, we do.

Are there any requirements that you currently cannot meet?

Yes.

Which are they

We cannot afford 5.000 dollars per year. We would like to apply for a subsidy of 4.000 dollars for the first year that will revised in the second year of membership.

How do you plan to meet them? When?

Well, we think that as soon as we can regulate the income of Colnodo we can revised this requirement.

When did you first hear of APC?

I (Julian Casasbuenas) think it was during 1989. With the conference organized by Interdoc 'Information Exchange for Social Change' we started to understand much better the structure of APC. The other members of Colnodo heard about APC through Julian Casasbuenas and Miguel Peirano.

Why do you want to be an APC member?

We agree with the philosophy and intentions of APC, expressed in the APC aims.

How can APC best serve your interests?

Giving us support with technical matters to enhance our communications with APC. Providing access to the public conferences of the APC and other services like fax servers, database servers, etc.

How can you assist APC?

* Increase contact amongst members of our network and interested
  parties of other APC networks in order to exchange information
  and experiences.

* Disseminate scarce resources and have access to documentation
  and information that was previously unexploited.

* Support research and avoid duplication of efforts by making
  more information available.

* Encourage action at the grassroots level through exchange of
  ideas and resources.

* Make these services available at low cost, within the financial
  means of the services who work with the poorest sectors of

society.

* We are inviting the Colombian NGOs to use our system and to
  exchange information generated by them using the network. With
  this information we are planning to start some local
  conferences that can be converted into APC public conferences
  with colombian issues.

* We can provide technical assistance to new users and/or
  networks in the region that want to join APC.

* We can give APC users access to our local databases.

What difficulties do you foresee as an APC member?

Maybe that becoming an APC member we will catch the interest of
too many people/organizations and we do not have yet the
technical infrastructure to provide access to too many users at
the same time and to receive/send large volumes of information
at international level.

What are your goals for APC as a global association?

As we said before, we agree with the apc aims, and the philosophy
and intentions of APC, this is we agree with the APC goals.

What is the legal structure of your network, or of the
organisation that operates it if different?

Colnodo is operated by the 'Asociacion de Organizaciones No
Gubernamentales para la Comunicacion Via Correo Electronico' -
The Colombian Association of Non Governmental Organizations for
Electronic Mail Communication, conformed by:

- Antenna Colombia.
- Asociacion de Trabajo Interdisciplinario, -Interdisciplinary
  Work Association- ATI.
- Escuela Nacional Sindical -National Labor School- ENS,
  Medellin.
- Federacion Nacional de Organizaciones de Vivienda Popular,
  -National Federation of Popular Housing- Fedevivienda.
- Fundacion Foro Nacional por Colombia, -National Forum for
  Colombia-, Foro.
- Fundacion Luis Carlos Galan, Luis Carlos Galan Foundation.

Colnodo is operated by Antenna Colombia, who is in charge of
provide maintenance to the network and assist the users.

Please attach a Business Plan for your network.
Include budget, financial projections and marketing plans.

BUDGET

The project is to be self-financing. By writing up this project
-budget- proposal, we hope to cover the costs of the initial
investment and the operating cost for the first two years, during
which period operation are likely to be more expensive due to

mounting the system and its services, publicity and training users.

Hardware

Two 486 computers, 4 Mb RAM, 33 Mhz, 500 Mb Harddrive. One will run 24 hours a day as the node, the other will keep a full backup of the node operations and will enter into service in the event of problems with the first computer or while it is undergoing maintenance. . . . . .US$ 5,150.00

Two 386 computers, 2 Mb RAM, 16 Mhz, 50 Mb Harddrive. To do most of the node maintenance plus administrative tasks. 1,750.00

Local area network cards and cables. 800.00

Two high speed modems. 2,800.00

A 2,400/9600 baud fax/modem. 50.00

Printer. .400.00

PBX. 2,500.00

Two X.25 cards 1,250.00

CD-ROM 200.00

Tape backup. 300.00

Stabilizers. 430.00

UPS 600 VA 800.00

Software

Nigel. 200.00

Novell Netware Lite (3 stations) 400.00

Communications
Long distance telephone/poll costs 10,000.00

X.25 costs 4,000.00

APC services 2,000.00

Personnel
System operator. 19,200.00

Node coordinator 19,200.00

Trainer. 12,000.00

Administrator. 12,000.00

Secretary. 7,200.00

Other

Office supplies. 7,600.00

Training program (scholarship 100 users) 7,500.00

50 Modems (subsidy for small ONGs) 2,500.00

* Subtotal 120,230.00

Miscellaneous (5%) 6,012.00

TOTAL. $126,242.00

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