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**Part 2: Acknowledgments (3:50 p.m.)**

Before I go into the acknowledgments, I would like to bring up a few points that show great promise for the future.

Firstly, several cooperative efforts have taken shape over the week, notably with DIRCAIBEA and three new national committees. I hope that this cooperative work continues to grow and leads to better knowledge sharing for all.

Secondly, this busy week was also the opportunity for many of you to establish business contacts that, I hope, will favour more knowledge sharing beyond the borders of our respective countries. Allow me to highlight the excellent work of all the representatives in the Exhibition and the exceptional number of people who visited it.

This is definite proof that mobility concerns all of society.

I must once again thank the Mexican organizing committee for its efforts. You gave us a congress that exceeded our expectations and you certainly delighted all of us with your warm hospitality; yesterday's dinner was certainly a good example of this Mexican warmth. ¡Gracias Se Barajas Cummings! ¡Gracias a todos!

Thanks also to the General Secretariat staff, who did a great job in preparing the program and who worked very hard behind the scenes!

I must also congratulate the interpreters. Your work was more than important to everyone; you enabled us to understand each other.

Lastly, you the delegates, your participation alone made this congress a success.

See you in Andorra in 2014 and Korea in 2015!