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The Global Awareness Society International is happy to share these papers with those individuals interested in the many impacts and implications of globalization. This CostRican conference marks the 26th international conference conducted by the Society since our founding in 1991.

GASI President **Mr. Hiram Martinez of West Chester University of Pennsylvania** shared the following introductory remarks:

Dear GASI Conference Attendees:

As they say in my native Puerto Rico and throughout Latin America, “Bienvenidos”. On behalf of the executive officers and the conference planning committee, I would like to extend my warmest welcome and appreciation for your participation at the 26th Annual Conference of the Global Awareness Society International (GASI) in Heredia, Costa Rica. GASI has the distinct honor to host this year’s conference in partnership with Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA) and the Hotel Bougainvillea. This year’s theme, *Global Inequality and Human Rights*, is particularly timely and appropriate and will surely provide us with a stimulating forum to learn about and discuss topics associated with inequities and human rights challenges and opportunities around the world. We hope that you will find this GASI experience to be educationally engaging, productive and full of enlightenment. Please take the time to meet and connect with one another and take full advantage of the many educational activities offered, including guest speakers, cultural exchange opportunities through local service projects, scholarly and academic presentations from faculty around the globe, networking opportunities with esteemed faculty, an awards dinner with a record high number of student scholarship award recipients, and post-conference events.

All will be part of this year’s GASI meeting and we hope that you take away new and valuable information which will be beneficial to you and your respective campus community. We hope that you enjoy your Costa Rican experience and the exciting opportunities that are presented over the next few of days.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hiram G. Martínez

GASI President & Program Chair, 2016-2018

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Saludos. Como dicen en mi natal Puerto Rico y en toda América Latina, “Bienvenidos”. A nombre de los dirigentes ejecutivos y del comité de planificación del congreso, me gustaría extender mi más cálida bienvenida y aprecio por su participación en el congreso anual de la Sociedad Internacional de Conciencia Mundial en Heredia, Costa Rica. GASI tiene el distinguido honor de acoger este año el congreso anual en conjunto on la Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica y el Hotel Bougainvillea.

El tema de este año, *Desigualdad Mundial y Derechos Humanos*, es particularmente oportuno y apropiado. El congreso seguramente nos proporcionará un foro estimulante para aprender y discutir temas de desigualdad y derechos humanos alrededor del mundo. Esperamos que ustedes encuentren esta experiencia educativa, productiva y llena de expectativas. Tómese el tiempo para conocer, contactar y aprovechar al máximo los muchos programas educativos, oradores invitados, oportunidades de intercambio cultural con proyectos de servicio, presentaciones académicas de profesores de todas partes del mundo, y la cena de gala donde se premiará un número récord de becas estudiantiles.

Todo será parte de la reunión de este año y esperamos que se lleven con ustedes, información novedosa y valiosa que será beneficiosa para su persona y sus respectivas comunidades universitarias. Esperamos que disfruten de su experiencia Costarricense y de las oportunidades emocionantes que serán presentadas en los próximos días.

Sinceramente,

Mr. Hiram G. Martínez

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Many thanks go to our Keynote Speakers at the opening ceremony of the conference at UNA:::

- Miguel Gutiérrez-Saxe, Ph.D
- Alberto Salom Echeverría

The second day of paper presentations as well as social activities were held at the Hotel Bougainvillea in Heredia. The facilities and hospitality were exceptional! One goal of a GASI conference is to provide an atmosphere conducive to social interaction. Hotel Bougainvillea, with its beautiful garden setting, was perfect in meeting this goal. Hotel manager Don Luis Carlos Eduatealong with hosts and owners Dona Judy Paskel and Don Hans van der Wielen saw to it that everything necessary was provided,

Finally we want to thank all conference participants who shared their expertise who all who attended the conference. Some of these presentations are published here in the *Conference Proceedings*. More information may be obtained directly from the individual authors whose contact information appears in the conference program.

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