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INSTITUTO DE LOS MEXICANOS EN EL EXTERIOR



WHAT IS IT?
AND HOW IT OPERATES

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- Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior- IME (Institute for Mexicans Abroad)
- IME – Institute created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of México in 2003.
- Objectives: To Promote strategies, to integrate programs, taking into consideration proposals and recommendations from the communities, organizations and Consultation organisms with the purpose of elevating the quality of life of Mexicans abroad.
- To execute the guidelines provided by the Board of Advisors of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (Consejo Consultivo del IME).

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BOARD OF ADVISORS OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEXICANS ABROAD

- Formed by leaders chosen by their own communities.
- There are 115 advisors elected by their own communities for a period of 3 years.
- 10 representatives of Latin organizations in the USA.
- Association of Farm worker Opportunity Programs (AFPOP)
- League of United Latin American citizens LULAC, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund MALDEF, National Hispanic Bar Association NHBA, New American Alliance NAA, United Farm workers UFW, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce USHCC, Hispanic American Center for Economic Research HACER, National Association of Hispanic Colleges and Universities NACU, National Hispanic Media Coalition.
- 32 Delegates of the States of the Mexican Republic

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COMMISSIONS

- Health Commission
- Political Issues Commission
- Legal Issues Commission
- Border Issues Commission
- Education Issues Commission
- Economic and Bussiness Commission
- Media and Communication Commission

IME Advisors in the State of **Missouri**:

- * Mr. Heraclio A. Pérez, Counselor for Missouri
- * Mr. Ricardo Olivares, Deputy Counselor
- * Mr. Ramón Murguía, Counselor for Own Merits.

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IME PROGRAMS

- Education
- Culture
- Economic
- Health and Sports



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Education



- Spanish Text Book Program: 675 thousand books donated in the USA, Kansas City Consulate donated 5,500 in 2006.
- Study Groups: (Plazas Comunitarias) up to December 2006, 237 opened in the USA, K. C. Consulate 3: Guadalupe Centers, Kc, MO, CCA Diamondback, Oklahoma, Human Development Corporation of St. Louis, St. L., MO
- Transfer documents: 87,942 in The U.S.A. during 2003-2006.
- Teachers Exchange México-EUA: 1,000 proceeding from 22 states (2003-2006), benefited students 30,000.
- IME Scholarship: 3,000 benefited students, 286 advisors, and 112 program coordinators in 2006.
- Benefited by Kansas City Consulate Intervention: The Human Development Corporation of St. Louis, MO (2006).
- IME Programs-Education: 4 Informative Journeys (2003-2006)

Objectives:

- * To Promote a better knowledge of the public policy of the Mexican Government in regards to Mexican migrants education matters.



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Culture

- Trinational Gastronomic Week: It is organized in collaboration with the Cultural and Arts Council, Foundation for the Agricultural Productivity, owners, Chefs, Mexican Restaurant Executives in the United States and Canada. For this year Consulmex Kansas City, Guadalupe Centers and Mr. Heracio Pérez, IME Counselor for Missouri, plan to prepare a gastronomic Show in July.
- Gastronomic Information Workshop: 2 Workshops (2005-2006). With the purpose to promote cultural national identity with the slogan "The Mexican Food is culture" which favors exchanges of experiences among the participants. Representatives of 27 cities from the United States and 4 from Canada, attended last year. Mrs. Maria de Jesus Pérez, from El Tapatio Restaurant of Sedalia, MO participated in the 25th gastronomic workshop in Morelia, Michoacan.

Drawing Contest "Este es mi México". Girls and boys make a drawing about México, history, culture, colors and flavors. Participants: Children between 7 and 11 years living in a Foreign Country. From Consulmex Kansas City 231 drawings participated from the Public local schools, in 2006.

- Ohtli Award: Ohtli means "Opening Roads" with this medal the Mexican government recognizes the Community leaders that have dedicated part of their professional life on behalf of the mexican community.



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DISTINGUISHED OHTLI AWARD RECIPIENTS IN THE JURISDICTION

- MR. RAUL MURGUIA - KANSAS CITY, MO - 2002
- MR. RAMON MURGUIA - KANSAS, CITY MO - 2001
- MR. RICHARD AGUILERA RUIZ - KANSAS CITY, MO - 2005
- MR. CHRIS MEDINA - ST. LOUIS, MO - 1998
- DR. ERNESTO GUTIERREZ - ST. LOUIS, MO - 1999
- MR. FRANCISCO PON SALAZAR - ST. LOUIS, MO - 1996
- MR. HECTOR BARRETO - KANSAS CITY, MO - 2004
IN MEMORIAM



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Economic

- 3x1 Program for Migrants: Program created in 2002 to join resources, actions, and efforts among Mexican communities, Municipal, State, and Federal Government to elevate the quality of life of the population of the community of origin of the Mexicans living in the U.S.A. Government Offices involved: SEDESOL, IME, State and Municipal Government. This Consulate works together with the Potosinos del Altiplano Organization in a project of this type.
- My house in México: Created in 2005 to obtain credit to buy a house in México, it is directed to the Mexicans that live in a Foreign Country. Participants: La Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal (Federal Mortgage Society) IME and El Consejo Nacional para el fomento de la Vivienda (National Council Foundation for Housing Development) and housing developers.
- Talent Network: Initiative made by the CONACYT, Mexico-USA Foundation for Science and the Institute for Mexicans Abroad IME. Created in 2004. Their goal is to establish contact with the professional scientists and Mexican Businessmen in México and the United States to optimize their knowledge and to develop talent in México. This Consulate has identified approximately 100 professionals, who have stated their intention to constitute their own Talent Network in our Jurisdiction.
- Money Calculator: Internet Consultant Tool by which it is possible to know and compare the advantages and fees that different companies and institutions offer to send Money to Mexico. Program created by "Comisión Nacional para la Protección y Defensa de los Usuarios de Servicios Financieros" (National Commission for the Protection of the Financial Consumer Users). Program created in 2005.



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Economic

- Business Web Site for Hispanic communities: Program designed by the Secretaria de Economía (Ministry of Economy) in 2004 which includes a directory of Mexican importers and exporters businesses with the purpose of contacting the Hispanic and Mexican Market.
- Direct to Mexico: By this service you can send money throughout the Mexican Central Banks and the Federal Reserve Banks in The United States. This initiative was born in 2005 at the Informative Journey about money transfers and financial education. Institutions involved: SRE, IME, Banco de México and Banco de la Reserva Federal de Atlanta.



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Health

- Popular Insurance for the Migrant.- It is a public and voluntary medical insurance for Mexicans living abroad that are not affiliated to the IMSS or the ISSSTE. Their families however must be registered in México, at the IMSS or the ISSSTE. It was created in 2005. Responsible Organizations: Department of Health, National Commission for Social Protection.
- Manual of Reproductive And Sexual Health for Migrant Women: It is a tool for persons that work with women that are in the process of moving to the United States or are all ready living in the USA. The workshop can be applied through any Organization that assists migrant communities. It was created in 2005. Responsible Organization: Women National Institute.



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Health

- Health Windows: Binational Program that it is offered at Consulates of México in the United States and its operated with the support of health specialized agencies and it offers information and referral to medical services at low costs or free for Mexicans. It was created in 2002. Involved institutions: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IME, Mexican Ministry of Health, Local Health Agencies. At the Consulate of México in Kansas City, MO, this resource operates since 2006 thanks to the valuable support of the agencies of the Binational Health Council.
- Binational Health Week: It is a massive campaign consisting of activities that promote education and raise awareness about health. It takes place every year during one week. It was created in 2001. Responsible Organizations: Mexican Ministry of Health, Institute for Mexicans Abroad, Health Initiative Mexico - California. Thanks to the valuable support of Programa Alianzas from UMKC and the Binational Health Group from Kansas City, MO, this event has been taken place since 2004. The activities have included information workshops, physical exams, immunization clinics and laboratory as well as referral to health services and medical insurance programs. Since 2006, Canada joined this program making it now a TriNational effort.



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Health and Sports

- Informative Journey IME: Health: It was created in 2003, consisting of 3 day workshops, through this event participants get to know the persons that work in the Health Area in the United States and Canada, how the system and service work in Mexico. Organizations involved: SRE, IME, Mexican Ministry of Health.
- Informative Journey of IME: Sports: It was created in 2003, it consists of workshops, meetings directed to leaders of sports areas abroad for the promotion of programs maintained by the Mexican Government in physical recreation areas and sports for Mexicans living in the United States and Canada. Organizations Involved: SRE, IME, CONADE, (NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT).

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INFORMATIVE AND MEDIA AGENDA.

- Waiting Area Programs- Playing of videos in the waiting areas of the Consulates conveying practical information to the applicants of Consular Services. Initiated in 2005. Organizations Involved: IME, Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, FONCA. Foundation for the Development of Arts and Culture.
- Information Bulletin LAZOS: Electronic service with information elaborated by IME, distributed dialy to more than 11,000 people and community leaders, it covers subjects of interest to the Mexican community abroad. Created in 2003.

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IME Calendar of Events: Created in 2005. It is a data base of activities of Consulates of México in the USA and Canada on behalf of the Mexican communities abroad. www.ime.gob.mx/calendarioeventos

IME Associations and Clubs of Oriundos Data Base: It can be updated by the organizations representatives or by the Consular Offices, created in 2005. www.ime.gob.mx

Informative Journeys: Workshops coordinated by IME and held in Mexico City. Participants are leaders and elected representatives of the USA, journalists and communicators of the USA and Canada.



Participants of 26 th, Journey Community Mexican Leaders, in USA and Canada.