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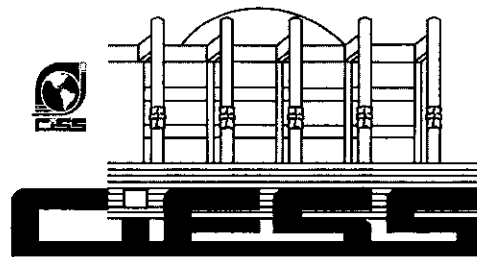
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COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIESS

The Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS) celebrated its fortieth anniversary on July 7 with various academic acts that took place at its see in Mexico City.

From 9.30 AM and until 5 PM, the Seminar “Evaluation of reforms to social security systems” was held at the Conference room “Gastón Novelo”, with the participation of specialists from different countries who have collaborated in the preparation of the Report on American Social Security, under the supervision of the Secretariat General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) and of the CIESS itself.

Later on, at 7 PM, the central activity of this commemoration took place at the “Benito Coquet” auditorium. On that occasion, the Director of the CIESS, Dr. Luis José Martínez Villalba, addressed to the participants a few

words of salutation and, immediately thereafter, the Chairman to the CISS and to the Board of Directors of the CIESS, and at the same time Director General of the Mexican social Security Institute, Dr. Santiago Levy Algazi, offered a magisterial conference, examining aspects of special importance for the continental social security, emphasizing the Mexican experience and proposing different alternatives to those aspects.

During this act, in addition to the exponents, the following dignitaries were present at the honorable table, Dr. Julio Frenk Mora, Minister of Health in Mexico, Dr. Joseph A. Gribbin, Vice-Chairman of the CISS and Associate Commissioner for International Social Security Programs of the United States of America, in representation of Mrs. Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Social Security Commissioner of that country; Mr. Francisco Javier Salazar Saenz, Under Minister for Social Welfare, in representation of Mr. Carlos Abascal Carranza, Labor and Social Welfare Minister of Mexico and Dr. Jorge Meléndez Barrón, Secretary General of the CISS.

The event summoned more than three hundred attendants from, among other organizations, the

different organs of the CISS and social security institutions of different countries of America affiliated to the Conference, international organizations, universities and other superior education centers of Mexico, officers of the diplomatic corps, representatives of government ministries, of the Mexican Social Security Institute and of the National Union of social Security Workers, legislators, professors collaborating in the academic task of the Center, as well as personnel of the Secretariat General of the CISS and of the CIESS itself. In like manner, the former directors of the CIESS, Drs. Juan Garza Ramos and Alvaro Carranza Urriolagoitia were also present.

Finally, within the frame of this act, the Inter-American Conference on Social Security and the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies presented recognitions to the Mexican social Security Institute for its sixty years of existence and to the Caja de Compensación Los Andes of Chile for its fifty years of life. Likewise, the Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad of the Republic of Argentina presented to the CIESS a commemoration plaque.

