



 **CALDO**

A consortium of Canada's  
Leading Research Universities

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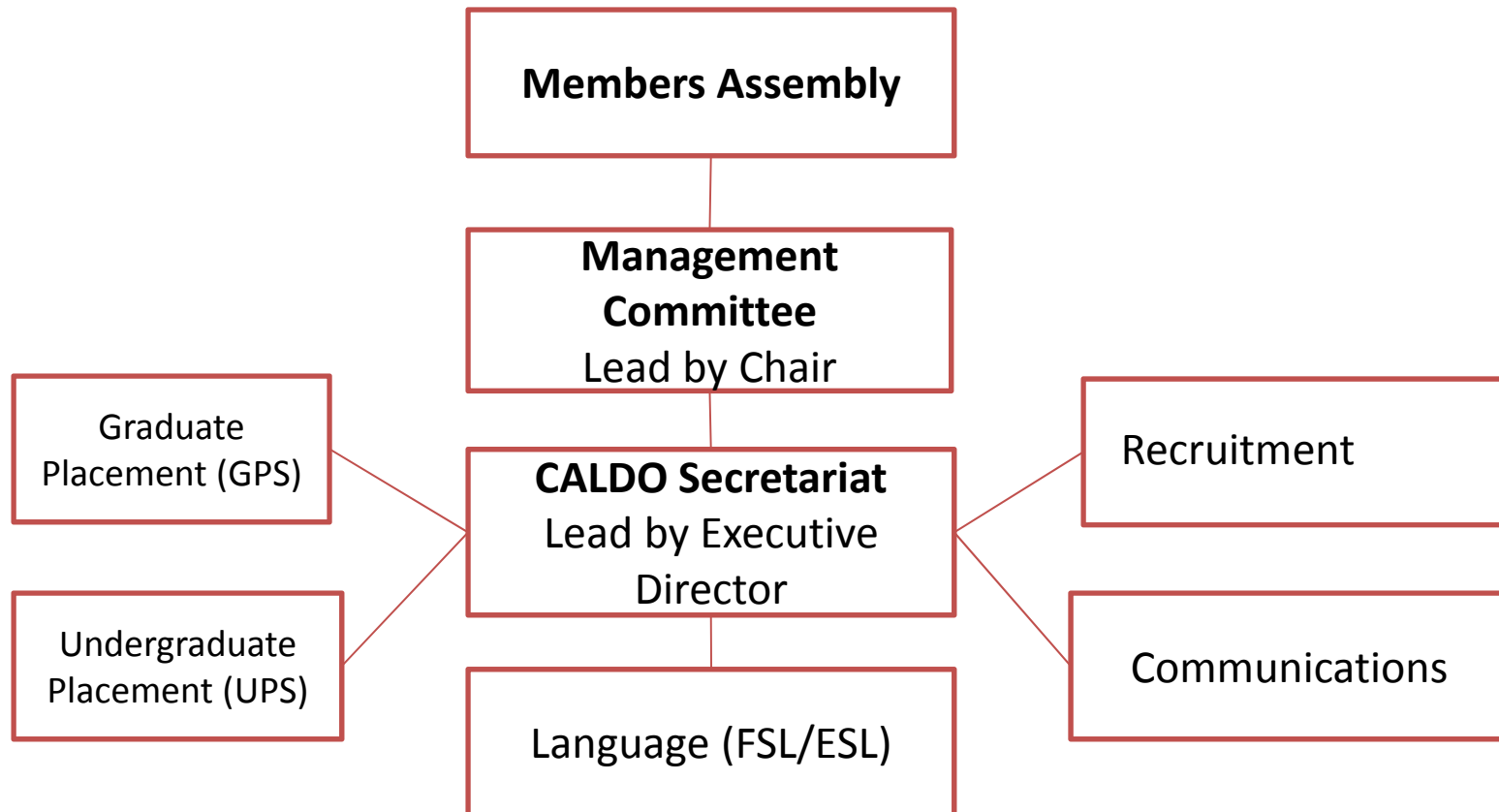
- CALDO is a consortium of nine leading Canadian research universities committed to international cooperation and student mobility
- CALDO co-operates with nation-wide partners abroad, such as foreign governments, government agencies, university organizations, NGOs and corporations
- CALDO's main interests are in sponsored graduate students, bilateral student mobility and research collaboration
- CALDO provides a single point of assistance to international sponsored students and their sponsors

# History

- Initially founded in 2011, by four institutions from various parts of Canada
- Top level institutions with comprehensive and complimentary range of academic capabilities, all U15 members
- Pragmatic partnership to facilitate access to opportunities abroad that are not open to individual universities
- Early focus on Latin America, solidified over time
- In Jan 2014, five new members join CALDO
- Feb 2014, CALDO established as a non-for-profit organization under Canadian law



# Organizational Structure



# Organizational Approach

- As decentralized as possible, small central secretariat (currently 3 people)
- Closely connected with member universities through working groups
- All relevant decision making undertaken by management committee
- Ability to adjust to priorities and organizational needs of partners abroad
- Open to collaboration within Canada
- Not every partner university has to come on board with every project

# Why CALDO?

CALDO universities offer:

- Highest academic standards in research and teaching
- Comprehensive range of academic capabilities
- Complimentary academic strengths
- Proven track record of successfully managing international programming
- Regional and linguistic diversity
- ESL/FSL teaching unites at all 9 member universities

# CALDO programming

- Incoming graduate student mobility
- Incoming undergraduate student mobility where of strategic value
- Collaborative international recruitment
- Collaborative research programs
- Incoming research internships
- Outgoing student mobility

# Partnerships in Latin America



- **Brazil**
  - CNPq
  - CAPES
  - FAPESP
- **Chile**
  - CONICYT
- **Colombia**
  - CCYK
  - COLCIENCIAS
  - ICETEX
- **Ecuador**
  - SENESCYT
- **Peru**
  - PRONABEC
  - CAREC/CARELEC (pending)
- **Mexico**
  - CONACYT
- **Uruguay**
  - ANII



# CALDO Advantage for Partners Abroad

## 1) **Student Centered Support**

- Graduate placement service (GPS) and undergraduate placement service (UPS)

## 2) **International Differential Fees Discount**

- Always for PhD Students and sometimes for research Master's

## 3) **Central Invoicing**

- As required by partners

## 4) **Reporting**

- Monitoring and evaluating of visiting students according to partner requirements

# Graduate Placement Services (GPS)

## **1. Help with application for placement at CALDO member universities**

- Provide information and guidance to all students on opportunities for study and research, from the initial inquiry to the admission stage.
- Provide an assessment of admissibility at any CALDO University
- Assistance with finding supervisor for PhD and Research Master's candidates

## **2. Help during students' stay in Canada**

- Guidance provided on practical aspects of living in Canada, such as advice on housing and transportation
- Help with finding internship opportunities
- Facilitating students' networking and social integration

# Undergraduate Placement Services (UPS)

- 1. Help with finding the right university**
  - providing students with one-on-one advice
  - connecting through social media
  - supporting students to find the most suitable university for the program of their choice
  - connecting students to faculty members & CALDO Advisors
- 2. Placing students for academic studies**
- 3. Assessing need for language training and arranging training**
- 4. Arranging for internship placements or supporting students' own search for internship placement**

# Achievements

- 444 undergrad students placed through Brazilian Science without Borders program at CALDO Universities
- 187 graduate students placed through Brazilian Science without Borders program at CALDO Universities
- FAPESP Projects for collaborative research between State of Sao Paolo and CALDO member universities
- Colombian recruitment tour in March 2014 with 6 CALDO universities
- CCYK universities in Colombia pledge to send 60 PhD candidates
- Currently 23 graduate students through Chile's CONICYT program at CALDO Universities
- Joint seminar with Group of 8 from Australia in 2011

# Prospects for Future

- Internet based network of Latin America scholars and students
- Collaboration on curriculum development
- ESL/FSL based programming
- Broaden research collaboration
- Language assistants program Colombia

# What's Next

- Chile seminar (May 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2014)
- ICETEX call (April 2014)
- Promotional event in Colombia with the Ministry of Education (Summer 2014)
- Chairs of ESL/FSL working group on explorative visits to Colombia and Brazil (April/May 2014)
- CALDO will be present in NAFSA (May 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2014 in San Diego)
- Brazil liaison presence
- Organized recruitment tours
  - BMI Tour: Peru (April 29<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Education Tour: Chile, Ecuador, Peru (October 3-10)
  - Education Tour: Brazil 2015
- Enhancing CALDO website

## Possible Areas of Interaction between CALDO and Canadian Diplomatic missions in Latin America

- **CALDO can regularly share data on**
  - Student flow statistics
  - Educational promotional activities
  - Recruitment activities in the region
- **Coordination and promotion of events**
  - Targeted recruitment seminars
  - Organizing pre-departure workshops
- **Linkage of CALDO on the Embassy's website**
- **Obtain Market Research on:**
  - Education initiatives and programming
  - Emerging opportunities in education partnerships,
  - Research collaboration projects
  - priority areas of development
- **Periodic Telephone Conferences**

# Thank you



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