

## Valdemir Cesar da Silva

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### **Brief biography.**

Born in Osasco in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 52 years ago; based in the State of Paraíba since 1980 where he obtained a degree in Computer Science and, later, as a specialist in Computer Networks from Federal Universities. Teacher of the Computer Science course at the Federal University for several years. In September 1995, he founded the first Internet Provider in Northern / Northeastern Brazil. He is still the owner of the ISP and is in the 3rd year of Law school. He is also part of ANID (the National Association for Digital Inclusion – [www.anid.org.br](http://www.anid.org.br)) where he serves as Financial Director and has already been president of the Fiscal Council.

### **Tell us about yourself and your interests.**

I am extremely family-oriented. I married for the second time 13 years ago, I have six children, five of which are studying at the university and the other is a little girl. I live for my family. I like cinema, the theater, shows and traveling with my family whenever I can. Lately, our trips have become less frequent because I began a Baccalaureate program in Law as a way to expand my knowledge of the legal issues that revolve around Internet companies in Brazil.

### **Tell us about your work experience, education and professional development.**

I graduated in Computer Science in 1991 from the Federal University of Paraíba and later specialized in Computer Networks at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte.

In the 1980s, while I was still a student and passionate about computer networks, I built – with my own resources – the first Local Computer Network (LAN) at the Computer Course of the Federal University of Paraíba, in João Pessoa, to facilitate the classes I taught to students of other courses (on PCs that did not even have a hard drive).

Later I began teaching the same course from which I had graduated, and was responsible for the subjects Computer Networks and Operating Systems. In September 1995, I founded the first Internet service provider in Northern / Northeastern Brazil,



and have been working with the Internet since then, having gone through several historical moments. For two years I have been working in an NGO – ANID – as its financial director and have contributed to the strengthening of regional IXPs.

**Tell us why you are interested in participating in LACNIC and your history with the organization.**

In 2016 I participated in LACNIC 25 in Cuba, where I had the opportunity to strengthen my relationships with different ISPs from several countries and further my knowledge of LACNIC and its activities. Since then, I have participated remotely in the events and discussions presented on the [IPs-BR] list, watching meeting videos, etc.

**What do you think of LACNIC, its mission, and the organization's role as a driver of growth and development in the region?**

The Internet is still not properly regulated. Regulating does not mean repressing or limiting the online actions of entities and individuals. It means establishing a minimum order in the environment (practically an ecosystem) so the Internet is used in a controlled and rational way. It is up to entities such as LACNIC, at regional level, or NIC.Br, at local level, to bring to ISPs – the true promoters of the expansion of the Internet – the necessary knowledge so they can conduct their activities productively, and I don't mean "financially", but it must be socially inclusive and non-discriminatory. LACNIC's control of numbering resources unifies the needs of this audience and convergence in this direction contributes so that other policies will become widespread and massively adopted.

**In your opinion, what would be your greatest contribution to LACNIC as a member should you be elected? What motivated you to run for a position on the elective body?**

Although the position does not involve participation in the final activities of LACNIC, I believe my closeness with the people will give me the opportunity to contribute with LACNIC or even facilitate a future relocation in a more active role.



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