Space related activities in Costa Rican Universities

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Context

(wrm.org)

Population: 4,857,274

Economy: agriculture and tourism

Eco Friendly Country

(ucr.ac.cr)

(tec.ac.cr)

Activities in University of Costa Rica

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- Aerospace Engineering Group (GIA - Grupo de Ingeniería Aeroespacial)
- Group of Students and Professors from STEM Careers
- Founded in 2014
- More than 30 members

grupo de ingeniería
aeroespacial

(GIA)

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Activities in University of Costa Rica

- Main focus on education
- Inspire and motivate children and young people, to study a STEM career.
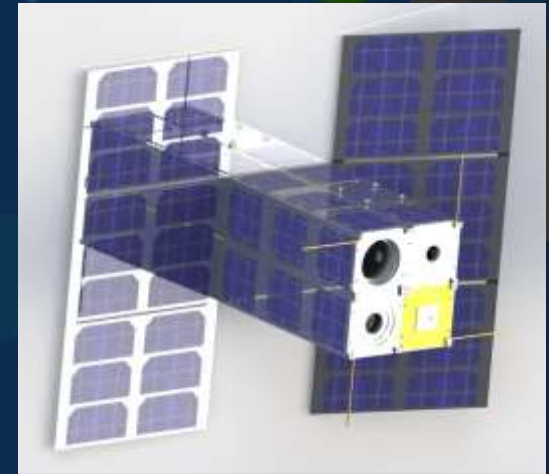- Rocketry Camps for High School students

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Activities in University of Costa Rica

- High Power Rocketry Certifications, USA
- PreMIC5, Mexico and Italy
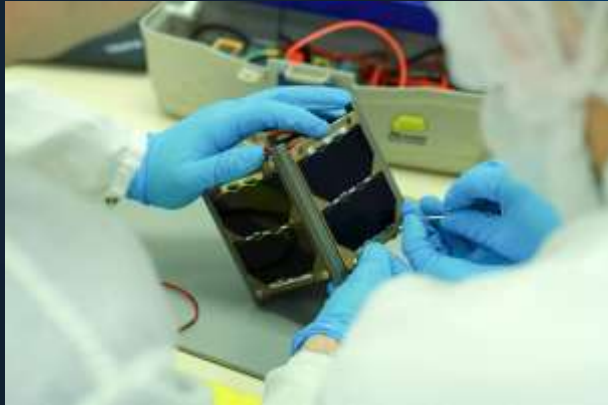
Activities in University of Costa Rica

- Accomplishments:
  - 2 Rocketry Camps, and more than 15 presentations
  - 15 certified members
  - First Place at PreMic5 Local Competition in Mexico
  - In house Rockets
- Challenges:
  - Lack of involvement of university staff
  - Limited budget
  - Still without a Lab or facility
- Lessons Learned:
  - Teamwork
  - Students are disposed to work

Activities in Costa Rica Institute of Technology

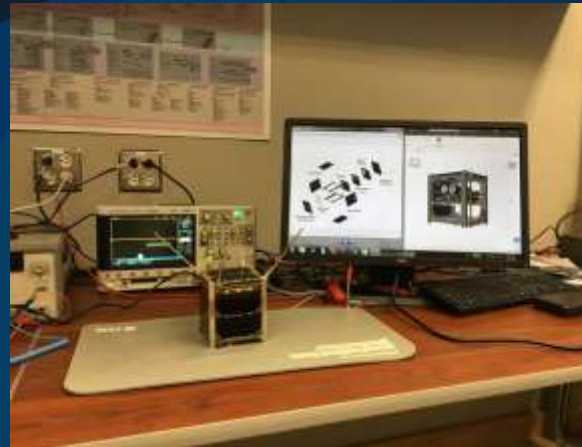# Activities in Costa Rica Institute of Technology

- Project Irazu
- First CubeSat (1U) of Central America
- Proof of concept, to develop human capabilities
- Monitor the carbon fixation of trees

Cert at Kyutech, Japan

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Activities in Costa Rica Institute of Technology

- Space System Lab (SETEC Lab)
- Member of IAF
- Member of BIRDS Network, Kyutech

Activities in Costa Rica Institute of Technology

- Accomplishments
  - First Central American Satellite
  - First Central American Space System Lab
  - Members of IAF and BIRDS Network
- Challenges:
  - Not enough involved Professors and Students
  - Limited budget
  - First months of assembly without a Lab
- Lessons Learned:
  - Teamwork
  - Capabilities to build a satellite
  - With a Mission with retribution to the Country, we get support!

Thank You & Pura Vida!

With ♥ from Central America

For More Info:

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