

# Pedro Cadena Copete

Year of Birth: 1932  
Home Country: Colombia  
Currently: Retired Lawyer



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There are people in AIESEC that manage to play a foundational role for what AIESEC is today. One of those people certainly is Pedro Cadena Copete.

The role of Pedro in the establishment and development of the first AIESEC structures in Latin America is remarkable. In 1957 he was among the people that established AIESEC in Colombia, the first AIESEC Country in Latin America, which would later become an important region for the AIESEC growth. Pedro was the person who initiated one of the first exchange partnerships in the region, establishing an

agreement with GM Colmotores for exchange opportunities.

Even after AIESEC Pedro has always managed to exemplify the values AIESEC represents and take an active role in the

*"An unbeatable soul that never gives up until he reaches his goals.*

*Father of AIESEC in Colombia and Latin America, he made this dream come true following his heart and following his passion."*

*- Lucas Flores, President, AIESEC in Colombia*

development of his community. He was among the people who established the Colombian "Comision pro derechos humanos" (Commission of Human Rights) in 1978 and in 1982 he was appointed as an advisor of the president of Colombia. Pedro holds a rich academic profile, as well - he

taught law-related studies in Universidad Libre and Universidad Gran Colombia for more than 25 years and is the author of 13 books, such as: "Las Momias históricas" , " El Clima social", "La Resurreccion de los dioses Americanos" , "la impotencia de los Caudillos" , "Cruz de Boyaca" etc.

Pedro is still in contact with AIESEC and is source of inspiration for the young generations. He was an honorary guest for the American Exchange and Leadership Development Seminar in 2006 and received an award at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of AIESEC in Colombia in 2008. His continuous passion for AIESEC showed in his recently contributed written description of the early years of the existence of AIESEC in Colombia.

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