

## **6 Welcome of Major**

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Major of the Municipality of Tacoronte

In the name of the citizens of Tacoronte, as well as from me as its Major, it is an honor to us that our municipality has been chosen as the location for holding the 13th International Conference on Networking Entities (NETTIES 2015) which was set up by the International Association for eScience (IAFeS) and organized by the Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity. I want to express for all of us my thanks and my most honest congratulations to all the different organisations and institutions which, in the one or other way, have contributed with the effect, that something real has been created, constituting a reality which has deeply touched us who are living in and loving our town.

Tacoronte is a municipality with 24.000 inhabitants, situated in the North of Tenerife, originally devoted to agriculture and retail trade, profiting little from the streams of tourists coming to the Canary Islands. It is a quiet place, cozy and hospitable, and the town feels very grateful towards the Government of Tenerife (Cabildo) that it has been offered the convention building known as “La Casona”, which is located where the town was been founded 500 years ago.

This building in Tacoronte has been the place where, for a few days, prominent scientists from many universities of various continents have debated the impacts of the Digital Society, of Smart Cities and of Open versus Big Data. Such an event is an opportunity which we would like to be repeated in the future and to which we from the part of the town hall on disposition of the Tenerife Government as well as of the Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity would like to offer our humble support. This support shall serve to convert “La Casona” into a meeting facility, where scientists from Europe as well as from all over the world would like to decide to meet, to share their thoughts and to debate future science. And all of this at a special location which is profiled by its charm and tranquility, one of the precious places which is hard to find in today’s society.