Enrique Bolaños is INCAE’s new rector following his investiture on the Walter Kissling Gam campus in Costa Rica last night. In his first speech as rector of INCAE, Mr. Bolaños focused on innovation and quality in programs, research with impact, and excellence in operations.

Enrique will be the first non-academic rector in the history of INCAE and one of the few in business schools worldwide. Following a successful career of more than 30 years in industry he was appointed as INCAE’s Executive Vice President in 2012 and since then has been leading the transformation of the institution on an organizational and operational level.
Addressing the more than 500 business people, students and politicians who attended the event, Bolaños commented,

“Today we are competing in a global world, students and executives choose INCAE from a handful of the best business schools in the world. INCAE must compete on excellence in all areas: professors, programs, research, facilities, technology and reputation… So that all of this can contribute to a positive impact on the development of the region and the role of Latin America in business.”

In this way he showed his commitment to INCAE’s values and mission, which he has lived not only over his three years as Executive Vice President, but also when he studied his MBA at INCAE.

During his speech, Bolaños also focused on various specific initiatives that he will focus on over the next 4 years: Increased engagement with alumni; more connection with international businesses; new entrepreneurship initiatives; and excellent external reputation. Similarly, he highlighted that he will continue to lead the fundraising and campus renovation projects.

Outgoing rector, Arturo Condo, thanked, faculty, staff, business people, friends and family who have supported him over his eight-year mandate and who made possible the significant advances achieved during this period.

President of the INCAE board, Roberto Artavia, thanked Ex-rector Condo on behalf of the institution, especially for his unswerving commitment to the INCAE Project and his legacy, particularly in areas such as new research centers, fundraising and corporate governance.

Closing Rector Bolaños said, “We have come far. Now by consolidating the rigor, innovation and quality of our programs, boosting research with impact and focusing on excellence in operations, we’ll go even further.”