

THE MINERVA PROGRAM: THE MINERVA CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Minerva Program is co-administered by the Minerva Cultural Institute, located in Rio de Janeiro, and the Institute of Brazilian Issues in Washington, DC. The Minerva Cultural Institute was founded in 1994 by Eng. Sérgio Lins Andrade and Dr. Roberto Campos to address the need for advanced training of Brazilian civil servants in the modern techniques of public administration. This need has been met through the establishment of the Minerva Program. The Minerva Cultural Institute has developed an impressive network of supporters in Brazil from the private and public sectors, providing it with a strong foundation for building private sector backing for the education of Brazilian public sector employees.

The Minerva Cultural Institute has the primary responsibility for all administrative functions of the Minerva Program within Brazil, including fundraising, public relations, and the coordination of applications and interviews from prospective Minerva Program participants. Its operations are organized and directed by Dr. Celso Quintella and Dr. Gilberto Paim.

The Board of Directors of the Minerva Cultural Institute, whose members are committed to providing quality training opportunities for Brazilian government employees in order to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Brazilian public sector, provides advice and assistance to the Institute. The current Board of Directors of the Minerva Cultural Institute is comprised of the following:

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Dr. Marcílio Marques Moreira currently serves as President of the Board, while Eng. Sérgio Andrade serves as the Board's Vice-President.

The Minerva Cultural Institute welcomes inquiries from those in Brazil who support the goal of providing advanced training opportunities for Brazilian civil servants. For further information, please contact D. Gilberto Paim by phone (21-2509-6330) or email (gilberto.paim@agnet.com.br).

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