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PADF Elects Ramsey to Board of Trustees

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The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) has elected ETS Senior Vice President Paul A. Ramsey to its Board of Trustees.

Founded in 1962, PADF's mission is to increase opportunity for the disadvantaged in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Foundation seeks to help people and communities achieve economic and social progress and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. It does this through innovative partnerships with private, public, and nonprofit organization in support of the priorities of the Organization of American States. In 2006, PADF, affiliated with the Organization of American States and with headquarters in Washington, D.C., served 2.13 million beneficiaries through various programs and partnerships, and donated more than \$4 million in equipment and training tools throughout the region.

The Foundation has a budget of \$44 million and offices in seven countries. One of its largest programs is in Colombia where it assists families displaced by violence, particularly Afro-Colombians and other vulnerable populations. It provides support for employment generation, job training, social services, protecting national parks, and helping farmers develop alternative crops to replace illegal coca cultivation. Members of PADF's distinguished board of trustees come from several countries in the Americas, including Colombia, Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador, and include corporate executives, former diplomats, international development experts and others.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Ramsey to our Board," notes Ambassador Alexander Watson, president of the PADF Board of Trustees. "He is an established leader in education whose lifelong commitment to human empowerment matches the values and mission of our foundation."

Ramsey was elected as Trustee during PADF's Board meeting in April. He is responsible for ETS's Global Division, which provides products and services outside of the United States. He has served on the National Advisory Board for the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University, the Advisory Council for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, the Summer Institute for the Gifted Advisory Board, and two boards for ETS subsidiaries: ETS Global BV and ETS Canada. Ramsey holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Notre Dame, and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan.

Ramsey will begin his three-year term as PADF Trustee July 2007.

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About PADF

PADF is an international non-profit organization affiliated with the Organization of American States. The Foundation has a 45 year record of assisting the least fortunate in Latin America through local civil society groups and other private and public sector mechanisms. As an affiliate of the OAS, the Foundation donates tools to technical training institutes and medical-dental equipment to civil society groups and municipalities that serve needy people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2006, this long-standing In-Kind program alone donated over US\$4 million in tools and materials and helped over 127,000 people in nine countries.

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