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**XXXIX Reunión del Consejo Directivo**  
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## RESOLUTION I

### ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMISSIONS

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The Reports of Activities presented by the Secretary General and by the Chairpersons of Commissions of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics;

That recommended by the First Plenary Session and by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To accept the Reports presented by the Secretary General and by the Chairpersons of the Commissions of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics, and to congratulate the Authorities for the completed management.

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## RESOLUTION II

### **RATIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS (AAG) AND THE PAIGH**

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes among the functions of the Secretary General: 14) “to sign Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and their equivalents with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must be later ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The text of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

To ratify the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) and the Secretary General of the PAIGH that was signed in Chicago, Illinois, USA, 10 March, 2006.

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## RESOLUTION III

### **RATIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (AGS) AND THE PAIGH**

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes among the functions of the Secretary General: 14) “to sign Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and their equivalents with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must be later ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The text of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the American Geographical Society (AGS) and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 66th Meeting of Authorities and of the Scientific Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

To ratify the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the President of the American Geographical Society (AGS) and the Secretary General of the PAIGH that was signed in Mexico City, 13 July, 2006.

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## RESOLUTION IV

### TECHNICAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSIONS OF THE PAIGH-2007

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That stipulated under letter m) of Article 12 of the regulation of each of the Commissions of the PAIGH that notes as one of the functions of the Commission Chairpersons that of “to propose to the Directing Council, by way of the Secretary General, the dates and place of the meetings programmed by the Commission”;

Article 36 of the regulations of the Commissions that states that “The Consultative Meetings and the Technical Meetings shall not imply extraordinary financial obligations for the country that so organizes them, with the exception of the costs of the local organization, thus delegations of Member Countries must cover the costs corresponding to their participation. The Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General shall include in the budget of the corresponding year the funds necessary for their carrying out. (...)”;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meetings of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee,

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### RESOLVES:

1. In 2007 the Technical Meetings of the PAIGH's Commissions will be held together, and the event will be held from 27 to 29, June, 2007.
2. The site of the meeting will be the Municipality of Itú, Sao Paulo, Brazil, with Venezuela as substitute.

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## RESOLUTION V

### PROJECTS OF COOPERATION PAIGH - SPAIN, 2007

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The permanent help and the activities undertaken in 2006 as part of the program of cooperation of Spain as a Permanent Observer Country of the PAIGH;

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To thank Spain and the entities that represent it, the Spanish International Cooperation Agency (AECI), and the National Geographic Institute (IGN), for the effort and the continuous assistance provided to the PAIGH to achieve its objectives.

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## RESOLUTION VI

### CANCELATION OF THE JOURNAL *FOLKLORE AMERICANO* OF THE HISTORY COMMISSION

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That in the XVI Consultative Meeting of the History Commission (Venezuela, 2005) it was agreed to evaluate the future of the journal *Folklore Americano*;

That at a meeting of the editors of the publications of the History Commission held on June 28, 2006, in Mexico City, it was thought convenient to cease publication of the journal *Folklore Americano* in the interests of the Commission;

The recommendations of the 66th Meeting of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

To cancel publication of the journal *Folklore Americano* in Article 5 of the Regulation of Publications and Documents, which reads in the following manner:

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“Article 5. The periodic publications shall be the following and they will be published with a circulation in agreement with the necessities of distribution of each publication.

*Revista Cartográfica*

*Revista Geográfica*

*Revista de Historia de América*

*Revista Geofísica*

*Boletín de Antropología Americana*

*Revista de Arqueología Americana”*

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## RESOLUTION VII

### FINANCIAL REPORT 2005

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The revision made to the Financial Report corresponding to the year 2005;

That recommended by the 65th Meeting of Authorities, by the Financial Policy Committee, and the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To approve the 2005 Financial Report, without observations.
2. To give a vote of recognition to the General Secretariat for their financial management.
3. To recognize the effort of Member States with the payment of their obligations to the Institute.
4. To underline the positive result observed in the distinctive accounts that make up the Financial States of the PAIGH.

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## RESOLUTION VIII

### AUDITORS REPORT 2005

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report presented by the company “Despacho Munir Hayek, S.C.”, dated 1 January to 31 December, 2005;

That recommended by the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Authorities, by the Financial Policy Committee, and the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Auditors’ Report corresponding to the year 2005.
2. To receive the recommendation contained in the Audit Report regarding the prudent management of the profit of that period, so that investments in later years could be guaranteed.
3. To authorize the Secretary General of the PAIGH to contract the services of auditors for the Institute corresponding to the year 2006.

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## RESOLUTION IX

### 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAIGH

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That in 2008 the PAIGH will celebrate its 80th anniversary;

That it will be a propitious occasion to present to the Panamerican community the achievements, the plans, and the significance for the continent to be able to count on a regional organization like the PAIGH;

That for such effect it is appropriate to allocate some minimum resources to permit the execution of the program of activities designed for such an end;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meetings of Authorities and of the Financial Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the General Secretariat that it organizes with an initial sum of US\$ 10,000, the program of activities on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PAIGH, in accord with the report presented and the resources available in the Special Uncompromised Fund.

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2. To authorize the simultaneous call in 2007 for the award of the “Leopoldo Zea” and “Silvio Zavala” prizes of the History Commission, and the “Pan American Geography Medal”.
3. To establish as the date for the celebration of the anniversary, the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, at the same time as the Meeting of Authorities of the PAIGH.

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## RESOLUTION X

### BUDGET PROGRAM 2007

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The Draft Budget-Program presented by the General Secretariat for the year 2007;

That recommended by the Financial Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

To approve the Budget-Program for the year 2007.

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## RESOLUTION XI

### ANNUAL QUOTAS FOR THE PERIOD 2007-2009 AND MAXIMUM LIMITS OF ANNUAL QUOTAS

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That in order to carry out the orders of the PAIGH it is necessary to have the resources that their execution demands, and that since 1996 the quota scale has remained unchanged;

That the OAS, in an extraordinary meeting of 31 January, 2006, approved a new scale of quotas of the Regular Fund;

The recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee and of the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To maintain in 2007 the same scale of quotas as in 2006.
2. To request the PAIGH National Sections of each Member State, that it seek opinions for consideration of the corresponding level, to submit the proposal to adjust the quotas for the year 2008 presented by the General Secretariat that will be included in the program of the XL Directing Council (Colombia, 2007).

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## RESOLUTION XII

### AUTHORITIES OF THE PAIGH

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That it is convenient to simplify the administrative organization of the PAIGH;

That Article 15 of the Organic Statute indicates that “(...) Authorities of the PAIGH shall be the President, his Vice-President, the Chairpersons of its Commissions and the Secretary General (...)”;

That Article 27 of the Organic Statute indicates that the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of Commissions are elected;

The recommendations of the 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

1. The Authorities of the PAIGH are those indicated in Article 15 of the Organic Statute: the President, the Vice-President, the Chairpersons of Commissions and the Secretary General.

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- 2 The Vice-Chairpersons of Commission shall be Authorities in so far as they substitute in a temporary or permanent manner for the respective Chairperson.

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## RESOLUTION XIII

### TAKING POSSESSION OF OFFICE OF ELECTED AUTHORITIES

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That the Organic Statute in its Article 32 delegates to the Commissions the election of their Authorities, without establishing the moment or the procedure by which the elected Authorities take up their office;

That in the absence of a specific disposition, traditionally the elected Authorities have taken possession once their election has taken place and after the ratification on the part of the Directing Council or General Assembly, as indicated in Article 27 of the Organic Statute;

That, for reasons of efficiency, it is convenient for the PAIGH that the works of the respective Consultative Technical Meeting be headed by the elected Authorities in order to establish the outline of projects that will be executed in the following quadrennial, as a development of the program proposed by the elected Authority and the Resolutions adopted in the respective Consultative Meeting;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meeting of Authorities and the Administrative Policy Committee,

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### RESOLVES:

1. To have the Presidents elected by the Member States take possession immediately after their election.
2. To establish that when the election of a Chairperson of Commission is the result of applying the extraordinary procedure indicated in the third paragraph of Article 18 of the Organic Statute, the Chairperson take possession of his office once his designation has been communicated by the Secretary General.
3. In whichever of the events indicated in the earlier numerals the ratification of the elections by the General Assembly or the Directing Council, according to the case, shall proceed with attention to that indicated in the Organic Statute.
4. In the eventuality that the ratification is not given in the case of one or various Authorities, the General Assembly will take up the facts and apply that which is indicated in Article 18 of the Organic Statute, in which case, for the new election accepted current electronic media may be used.

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## RESOLUTION XIV

### REGULATION OF COMMISSIONS

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That the Directing Council of the PAIGH in its Meeting XXXVII (Guatemala, 2003), by way of Resolution XXI “Project of Budget-Program for 2004” decided to undertake a wholesale re-engineering of the organization, based on principles of efficiency, innovation and organizational relevance, in order to make it appropriate to the current necessities, to position the PAIGH in a capacity to respond to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to be a leader in regional activities for the development of the sciences related to the Institute;

That the Directing Council of the PAIGH in its Meeting XXXVIII (Costa Rica , 2004) via Resolution XI “Revision of the Organic Statute, Regulations and other norms of the PAIGH”, agreed: “To instruct the Secretary General of the Institute so that, together with the re-engineering, he proceed to evaluate, with a long-term view, the modifications that may be necessary to affect the Organic Statute, Regulations, and other normative instruments of the PAIGH”, in such a way “(...) that the new norms be congruent with other international organizations and that take into account the technological advances in the distinct areas of competence of the PAIGH”;

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Resolution 21 “Revision of the Internal Regulations of National Sections” approved by the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) that resolved: “(...) the General Secretariat shall send to National Sections the nomenclature that extends that which is noted in the Organic Statute and in the Regulations of the Commissions”;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

### RESOLVES:

1. To summarize in a single regulation that which is set out for the functioning of the Commissions of the PAIGH.
2. The said single regulation shall read thus:

# REGULATION OF COMMISSIONS

## CHAPTER I OF THE COMMISSIONS

*Article 1.* The Commissions are charged with designing and executing the scientific and technical programs approved by the General Assembly or by the Directing Council, and for coordinating the development of their respective fields of action in the Member States.

The Commissions are organs of the PAIGH and have their base in the country of its elected Authorities. Commissions are:

- 1) That of Cartography, created under Resolution X adopted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly celebrated in Lima, Peru, in April, 1941.
- 2) That of Geography, created under Resolution IV adopted in the 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly celebrated in Caracas, Venezuela, in August, 1946.
- 3) That of History, created under Resolution XXVII adopted in the 4<sup>th</sup> General Assembly celebrated in Caracas, Venezuela, in August, 1946.
- 4) That of Geophysics, created under Resolution I, adopted at the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly celebrated in Washington, DC, USA, in June, 1969.
- 5) Those that in the future may be established by the General Assembly with a two thirds favorable vote.

## CHAPTER II THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSIONS

*Article 2.* The Commissions, within their fields, shall elaborate and execute the scientific and technical programs of the PAIGH approved by the General

Assembly or the Directing Council that will be oriented to the promotion and the coordination of the activities proper to their tasks, thus:

### **Cartography Commission**

- 1) Promote the upkeep and extension of the existing cartographic infrastructure.
- 2) Aid in the transfer and exchange of technology and education in the disciplines of the area.
- 3) Stimulate the efficient use of technology, the cartographic processes and products, in combination with any other adequate type of information.
- 4) Develop the normalization of procedures and techniques in all activities of cartographic production.
- 5) Promote the automation of cartography to make it adequate for the real needs of Member States.
- 6) Promote the coordination and the development of geo-referenced systems of information.
- 7) Promote the formation of high-level specialists in the diverse fields of cartography.
- 8) Promote cooperation among and between institutions dedicated to cartographic studies in the Americas and with related international organizations.
- 9) Promote the formulation and presentation of "Technical Assistance Projects" among the Committees and Working Groups, for the development of regional level specialized studies, via the different disciplines incorporating cartographic works.

### **Geography Commission**

- 1) To establish the spatial impact of the processes of urbanization in the continent and its effect on economic, social and environmental development.
- 2) To generate methods of geographic analysis that allow the measurement of the quality of life of the urban settlements and recommend orientations destined to prioritize the actions of spatial planning.
- 3) To undertake studies that lead to an improvement in the quality of life of the continent's inhabitants based on the rational and harmonic use of natural resources.
- 4) To investigate regional development at its diverse spatial scales and their relations with the processes of economic, social and cultural integration.
- 5) Search for the means of improving the teaching of geography at all levels, especially the formation and training of specialists at the higher level.
- 6) To promote cooperation between the institutions dedicated to the geographical studies in America and with related international organizations.

### **History Commission**

- 1) To study the different processes that the American peoples have followed, their current realities and their repercussions for the future.
- 2) To promote the preservation and study of archaeological remains and historical monuments in the American continent.
- 3) To contribute to the study and dissemination of the objects and documents relative to the History of America that are conserved in other parts of the World.

- 4) To sponsor research, contests and publications of scientific value, as well as the re-edition of scarce works and of evident interest for Member States.
- 5) To develop mutual knowledge and collaboration among the peoples of the American Continent.
- 6) To promote the formation of high-level specialists in the different branches of the historical sciences.
- 7) To contribute to the academic-scientific interchange among specialists of the Member States and their link to organizations of an international character.
- 8) To promote cooperation among the institutions dedicated to historical studies in America and with related international organizations.

### **Geophysics Commission**

- 1) To study the physical properties and dynamics of the Earth, especially those that tend to mitigate the damages that the natural phenomena could bring to the settlements of Member States.
- 2) To promote the development of knowledge in the field of geophysics and seek its application for the economic and social wellbeing of Member States.
- 3) To promote the formation of specialists at a high level in the diverse fields of geophysics.
- 4) To contribute to the academic-technical exchange among geophysicists of Member States and their link to organizations of an international character.
- 5) To develop regional research projects in which the common problems of Member States are identified and which contribute to the standardization of observations and geophysical studies.

- 6) To promote cooperation among the institutions dedicated to geophysical studies in America and with related international organizations.

*Article 3.* In the execution of their works the Commissions will be assisted by the General Secretariat of the PAIGH and the National Sections.

*Article 4.* The Commissions shall not tackle any work of a political or sectarian nature. In controversial questions by Member States, the studies of the PAIGH shall in no case have probative value.

*Article 5* The Commissions may carry out fieldwork that is of interest of Member States, with the consent of the interested States and always when they provide the funds and materials for the case.

### **CHAPTER III OF THE MEMBERS**

*Article 6.* The Commissions are constituted by the National Members designated by the Governments of Member States, to those who will correspond to name the respective substitute. These National Members must be of recognized competence in one of the specific specialties of the Commission and, whenever possible, they will be chosen from among the persons who, in their country, discharge duties related to the task. Their nomination shall be for four years and they may be re-elected.

*Article 7.* It is within the competence of National Members of each Commission to:

- a) Advise their respective governments in matters proper to their specialty related to the Institute;
- b) Serve as a link between the Commission and the government of their respective country;
- c) Procure the carrying out of the resolutions and recommendations of the corresponding Commission in their respective country;
- d) Diffuse the findings of the Commission via governmental organizations and corresponding entities of their specialty in the respective country;
- e) Coordinate the activities, within their National Section, of the Active and Substitute Members of the Committees and Working Groups of their Commission;

- f) Promote national meetings (congresses, workshops, symposia, seminars, etc.);
- g) Maintain the Chairmanship of the Commission informed of the development of the respective national programs and coordinate them in their own country, in order to facilitate the international work of the Commission;
- h) Offer advice and help to the members of the Committees and Working Groups of the Commission in their respective country, to facilitate the completion of the missions that have been commended to them;
- i) Form part of the National Section in their respective country, providing for that all that is convenient for the ends of the Commission and its Committees and Working Groups;
- j) Direct the activities of the corresponding Commission in their respective country, integrated by the Active and Substitute national Members of each Committee, who shall collaborate in the carrying out of the resolutions, thus facilitating the scientific-technical work of the Commission, and
- k) Propose to the National Section in their respective country for its transfer to the Chairmanship of the Commission and the Secretary General, the list of the Active and Substitute Members of each of the Committees and Working Groups of which their country wish to form a part.

*Article 8.* In each Member State those who comprise the National Section shall act as organs of the Commission.

#### **CHAPTER IV OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION**

*Article 9.* Each Commission shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the nationals of the same Member State for the period of two ordinary meetings of the General Assembly, who may not be re-elected, nor succeeded by persons of the same nationality. Those who aspire to occupy the Chairmanship of the Commission must prepare a proposed plan of work for the corresponding quadrennial which should be sent to the Secretary General to be distributed together with the documentation of the Consultative Meeting.

Exceptionally, and when it meets the interests of the PAIGH, by a vote of two thirds of the parts of Member States, the period of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each Commission may be extended until the next General Assembly.

The office of Chairperson shall be incompatible with any other within the National Section of the Member State to which they belong. In the proper functions of their office, they will act in the name of the PAIGH and for the performance of such functions they will receive no salary whatever.

*Article 10.* The Vice-Chairperson shall be a collaborator obliged to the Chairperson in the exercise of his functions and shall assume the attributions and responsibilities that he charges and delegates to him. He will substitute for the Chairperson in the case of temporary or definitive absence.

In the case of the permanent absence of the Vice-Chairperson or serious non-accomplishment of the functions assigned to him, the Chairperson of the Commission shall request of the National Section of his country, the designation of a substitute, whose name must be communicated to the General Secretariat via the respective Foreign Ministry and must be accompanied by his curriculum vitae. The General Secretariat will officiate the substitution before the governments of the Member States.

*Article 11.* In the cases in which the election of the Authorities may be included in the agenda of the Consultative Meeting, the Secretary General shall invite the governments to propose candidates for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Commission under discussion, indicating the commitment pertaining to a government in taking charge of the transfer and maintenance of the Commission's base.

*Article 12.* The attributions of the Chairperson are the following:

- a) To extend the call for Technical Meetings of the Commission;
- b) To promote the necessary measures so that the Commission carries out the resolutions of the meetings, of the General Assembly and of the Directing Council;
- c) To prepare, in collaboration with the Coordinators of Committees and Working Groups the biennial plans of the Commission's work;
- d) To approve the work programs of the respective Committees and Working Groups of the Commission;
- e) To manage technical and scientific national and international advice as well as help with sources of financing for the Commissions' projects;
- f) To promote relationships with specialized international organizations in related sciences, to stimulate exchange at the continental and global levels;
- g) To present to the Directing Council of the Institute reports on the Works undertaken by the Commission which shall contain an analysis of the results obtained in each Project;
- h) When the case arises, to receive and administer, according to that established in the Financial Regulation, the funds destined to the internal costs of the Commission, and to render accounts with the accompanying original receipts in the name of the PAIGH, that justify the expenditures incurred;
- i) To propose to the Directing Council, via the General Secretariat, the creation of new Committees and Working Groups;
- j) To designate and substitute members of the Working Groups, prior consultation with the respective National Section, taking into account the respective National Members;

- k) To designate or substitute in the case of absence of deficient attention of their obligations, the Coordinators of Committees and Working Groups;
- l) To maintain a close relationship with the Coordinators of Committees and Working Groups as well as with the National Members of the Commission in order to achieve the creation of agile mechanisms of communication, coordination, evaluation and exchange;
- m) To propose to the Directing Council, by way of the General Secretariat, the dates and places of the programmed meetings of the Commission;
- n) To suggest to the Secretary General the representation of the Commission in international meetings;
- o) To designate the Secretary of the Commission;
- p) To designate the editor and members of the editorial board of the periodic publications of the Commission;
- q) When it becomes necessary, to name and remove technical and administrative personnel who with honorary title collaborate with the progress of the Commission;
- r) To carry out the remaining functions that are assigned by the Organic Statute and the regulations of the PAIGH.

## **CHAPTER V OF THE SECRETARY**

*Article 13.* The Secretary of the Commission, designated by the Chairperson of the Commission, shall be a technician and will not hold the office of National Member. He/she will work in direct collaboration with the Chairperson of the Commission and with the Secretary General of the Institute and will inform him in the times and forms indicated by the Organic Statute about the workings of the Commission, with prior approval of the Chairperson of the same.

*Article 14.* To the Secretary of Commission corresponds the following:

- a) To serve as a link between the National Members and the dependent organs of the Commission;

- b) To render to the Chairperson of the Commission, when the case arises, the regulatory reports on incomes and expenditures;
- c) To take the convenient measures for the best adjustment of the administration of the Commission, in accordance with the Chairperson of the same;
- d) To assume all responsibilities assigned to him in the regulations of the Commission.

## **CHAPTER VI OF THE COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

*Article 15.* Each Commission may establish Committees and Working Groups that are necessary for the success of its activities, subject to the approval and ratification of the Directing Council.

*Article 16.* The Committees of each Commission shall have as their object the facilitation of the technical-scientific work of the same, becoming occupied with the themes that are assigned to them.

*Article 17.* Each Committee shall be constituted with the National Members of those Member States that show themselves to be interested in forming part of one or more of the same, having to gain the approval of the respective National Section. Their nomination shall extend for four years and they may be reelected for a period. The Active Member shall have voice and vote. Alternate Members shall have only voice, except in the case of them replacing an Active, in which case they will have voice and vote. Both the Active and Alternate Members shall be nominated by the Chairperson of the Commission, prior recommendation of the National Section.

*Article 18.* Each Committee shall have a Coordinator and if necessary a secretary. The Coordinator shall be nominated from among the Active Members by the Commission Chairperson. Each Working Group that is established shall also have a Coordinator who will facilitate things for the effective carrying out of the specific work charged by the Commission

Chairperson, or in his shortcoming, by the Coordinator of the respective Committee.

*Article 19.* The Coordinators of Committee have the responsibility of preparing biennial work plans in which they must follow the guidelines of policy established in the meetings of the Commission or by the Chairperson of the Commission. The said plans will detail the activities to be undertaken, the objectives that are hope to be obtained and the cost of their execution.

*Article 20.* Those responsible for approved projects as part of the Technical Assistance Program of the PAIGH shall be considered Active Members of the Commission in question and of the respective National Section.

*Article 21.* The Chairperson of the Commission, based on the technical-scientific capacity of the Active and Alternate Members of each National Section and the help that they might bring to the work program, shall select the members of each Committee and, if it were necessary, of each Working Group.

*Article 22.* The Committee Coordinators shall communicate directly with the members of the same for the execution of the work program. The participants will have the responsibility of keeping the National Member of each country informed of the development of the works of the Committee.

*Article 23.* The Coordinators of the Committees shall render accounts of the expenditures made, in those cases in which they receive funds to administer.

*Article 24.* The Working Groups that are formed for a specific task shall have a Coordinator designated by the Chairperson of the Commission, and will comprise of specialists designated by the Chairperson of each Commission or in their absence, by the Committee Coordinator, in consultation with the respective National Sections.

The approval of the said Working Groups corresponds in the first instance to the Chairperson of the Commission who shall present the same to the Directing Council, by way of the Secretary General, for its definitive approval.

## CHAPTER VII OF THE MEETINGS

*Article 25.* Each Commission shall establish its program of activities by way of the following instances:

- a) Meeting of Authorities of the PAIGH
- b) Consultative Meeting
- c) Technical Meeting, and
- d) Meeting of Committees and Working Groups

*Article 26.* Each Commission shall celebrate ordinary Consultative Meetings every four years in the country where the Assembly General is held, for among other things, to elect the Authorities of the Commission, to review the structure of the Commission, to evaluate the activities completed during the quadrennial ending, and to establish the scientific policy and the plan of work for the following quadrennial. There shall be extraordinary Consultative Meetings when half plus one of the Member States in the Directing Council meeting agrees to it, the same shall establish the site of that meeting. In the case of no country offering itself as the site, the meeting shall be held in the country where the Commission is based.

*Article 27.* The Consultative Meeting will be formed by the delegations designated by the Member States, to each one corresponds one vote. The Chairperson of the Commission, the National Members who do not head the delegation, the members of Committees and Working Groups and Observers shall only have the right to voice.

*Article 28.* The government of the country where the said meeting is to take place shall name an Organizing Committee that will be charged, in coordination with the Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General, with undertaking the preparations of a national order relative to that meeting.

*Article 29.* The projected program of the Consultative Meeting must be prepared by the Chairperson of the Commission, prior consultation with National Members of the Commission and with the Coordinators of the Committees and Working Groups. The said projected program shall be communicated by the Chairperson of the Commission, by way of the Secretary

General, for its consideration, to the Directing Council. Once approved, the Secretary General will send it to Member States.

*Article 30.* The projected calendar of activities of the Consultative Meeting must be prepared by the Organizing Committee, with prior consultation with the Commission's Authorities to ensure that an adequate distribution of sessions have been arranged, between technical-scientific and administrative ones.

*Article 31.* The draft program and calendar of activities must be distributed by the General Secretariat of the PAIGH at least two months before the Consultative Meeting.

*Article 32.* No matter that does not figure on the program shall be taken into consideration, save that with the agreement of two thirds of the parts of Member States represented they approve to incorporate them into the work agenda.

*Article 33.* The Consultative Meeting shall be presided over by the Commission Chairperson; it will elect its Secretary and will follow its internal regulation in conformity with the Organic Statute of the Institute and the regulation of the Commission.

*Article 34.* The Secretary General, in common accord with the Chairperson of the Commission, shall announce to the Member States and Permanent Observers the call for Consultative Meetings, and shall extend the same to all National Members of the Commission, to Members of Committees and Working Groups. Likewise he will invite official and private organizations of Member States, with notice to the National Section. Invitations will also be extended to regional international organizations to be represented by Observers.

*Article 35.* The Technical Meetings of the Commission shall be held in the period included between two General Assemblies, with the purpose of evaluating on the one hand, the progress of the projects of the Commission, for which the Chairperson of the Commission and the Coordinators of the Committees and Working Groups must present reports of what has been accomplished in the previous biennial and the work plans for the following biennial. Nevertheless, the decisions of the Technical Meeting cannot go against that established by the Consultative Meeting for the quadrennial. On the other hand, via the participation of highly qualified specialists, an attempt will be made to obtain real contributions of the PAIGH to resolve problems or fill gaps in the field of sciences related to each Commission. The Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General will arrange before Member States, the site of the said meetings.

*Article 36.* The Consultative Meetings and the Technical Meetings will not imply extraordinary financial obligations for the country that organizes them, with the exception of costs that the local organization involves, thus the delegations of Member States must cover the costs associated with their participation. The Chairperson of the Commission and the Secretary General will include in the corresponding budget year the funds necessary for its undertaking. Priority will be given in the invitations with funding to the Coordinators of Committees and Working Groups, as well as those responsible for projects. The meetings of committees and working groups shall be proposed by the respective coordinators, their financing shall be requested in accordance with the procedures established in the Annual Call for Technical Assistance Projects. Priority will be given to the development of those meetings that can count on important contributions of National Sections and specialized organisms.

## **CHAPTER VIII OF THE QUORUM AND VOTING**

*Article 37.* The Commissions will be controlled in relation to the quorum and voting by that established in Articles 6 and 7 of the Organic Statute.

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*Article 38.* In the sessions of the Consultative Meetings in which they analyze matters related to the administration and functioning of the Commission, the presence of half plus one of the National Members of the Commission shall be required or, in default, of the delegates specially accredited by the Member States to substitute for them. Nevertheless, all the delegates shall have rights to voice, but the exercise of the right to the vote corresponds only to the National Members or those who represent them.

The conclusions of the ordinary Consultative Meetings shall be passed for the consideration of the General Assembly and, when they are extraordinary, the conclusions shall be communicated to the Directing Council.

*Article 39.* Any Head of Delegation or their accredited representative may abstain from voting and request that note be taken of it in the respective Act.

## **CHAPTER IX OF THE PUBLICATIONS**

*Article 40.* By means of the editors named by the Chairperson, each Commission shall exercise technical supervision over the publications in the care of the General Secretariat of the Institute and shall attend to their own technical publications that may be of a periodic or occasional nature.

## **CHAPTER X OF THE REFORMS AND MODIFICATIONS**

*Article 41.* This regulation shall enter into force from the date on which it is approved by the Directing Council and may only be modified by that entity or by the General Assembly after a prior diffusion with two months anticipation of the proposals of amendments to the Member States, attempting to obtain the observations that the National Sections formulate.

*Article 42.* In matters not foreseen in the present regulation procedures shall be in conformity with the applicable norms of the Organic Statute.

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## RESOLUTION XV

### NATIONAL SECTIONS

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That the Directing Council of the PAIGH in its XXXVII meeting (Guatemala, 2003), via Resolution XXI “Budget-Program Project, 2004”, moved to undertake a complete re-engineering of the organization, based on principles of efficiency, innovation and organizational relevance, with the intent of making it prepared for current necessities, to provide the PAIGH with the capacity to respond to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and become a leader in regional activities for the development of sciences related to the Institute;

That Resolution 21 of the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) voted for an up-dating of the internal regulations of the National Sections to make them coherent with the set of up-dates introduced into the Organic Statute and the current regulations;

That to such end it is necessary to consolidate the decentralization as the basis of operations of the PAIGH and for that it is necessary that the National Sections channel the needs in an effective manner, promote multidisciplinary participation in their projects and a dialogue among the principal actors of the related sciences in each Member State;

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That arranged by the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) via Resolutions 8 “Renewal of nomination of members of National Sections”, and 21 “Revision of the internal regulations of National Sections”;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

### RESOLVES:

1. With the aim of stimulating more possible participation in the National Sections of the PAIGH, to recommend that, in future, no one may occupy more than one office at the same time.

*Transitory Article.* The responsibilities of a scientific nature that are found in the care of the same member of a National Section, shall continue temporarily during the time that they are in the care of that person, so that the progress of the National Section will not be affected. Once the referred task has been completed, that indicated in number 1 shall be applied.

2. The Chairpersons of National Sections shall transmit the project requests of Member States, but they may have no initiative themselves over the Technical Assistance projects, nor manage or administer funds stemming from the PAIGH budget. Nor may the members of the National Sections manage funds coming from more than one project with resources of the PAIGH budget.

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3. With regard to that stated in Articles 26, 36, and 37 of the Organic Statute of the PAIGH, to recommend that in each National Section there be as representatives designated by the governments of the Member States, the following: a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a National Member for each Commission who, in the performance of their functions shall be identified as such.
4. In order to carry out their functions and count on representatives on each of the distinct committees and working groups that make up the National Sections of the PAIGH, these may link their activities to the specialists that they require.
5. The organization of each National Section shall be for imperative reasons of a practical order, simple and oriented to obtain results. To each office must correspond a specific responsibility that aids the efficacy of the National Section in attaining its goals.
6. Each National Section shall meet periodically in function of its work plan; however, at a minimum it must have an annual meeting that results in a formal record, a work plan, and the annual projects that are developed, and send an official copy to the General Secretariat.

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## RESOLUTION XVI

### MODIFICATION OF THE REGULATION OF PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS “AUTHORS RIGHTS IN PERIODIC PAIGH PUBLICATIONS”

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That in the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, Article 26 referring to the regulated and free distribution was modified;

That Article 21 of the same regulation is found to be closely related to the previous one;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

To modify Article 21, section 21.1, paragraph b) second paragraph and section 21.2 so that they read as follows:

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- 21.1 (...) Written contracts must be prepared in which it is clearly established that the author yields the rights to the first edition in a totally free form to the PAIGH. The General Secretariat will provide the author the number of copies of the publication that the Meeting of Authorities indicates.
- 21.2 In the publication of original articles in the journals of the PAIGH no economic compensation shall be recognized for authors' rights. Nevertheless, the PAIGH compromises to donate to the author the number of off-prints that the Meeting of Authorities decides.

Likewise, the author recognizes that upon the acceptance of his article to be included in whichever periodic publication that the Institute publishes, he yields the author's hereditary rights in favor of the PAIGH, and authorizes it to publish the same according to the editorial criteria and publishing characteristics current at that moment.

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## RESOLUTION XVII

### MODIFICATIONS TO THE REGULATION OF THE APEF COMMITTEE

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That Resolution 25 “Reform of the Regulation of the Advisory Committee on Planning and Financial Evaluation (APEF) of the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) indicated “To request the President of the PAIGH that, with the help of the delegates of Member States that are current with their payment of quotas, prepare a proposed modification of the regulation of the Committee to be considered by the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Authorities (June, 2006), and afterwards by the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council for its decision”;

The report presented by the President of the PAIGH on the replies received from some National Sections and ex-members of the APEF Committee;

The recommendations of the 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To modify Article 1 of the Regulation of the APEF Committee so that it reads as follows:

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“Article 1. The Advisory Committee on Planning and Financial Evaluation (APEF) shall have as its functions the study in detailed form of the financial reports, the audit, and the budget, preferably based on the scientific policy and the technical assistance projects executed, and exercise an adequate financial advisory function to serve as an orientation for the Authorities of the Institute.”

2. To modify Article 4 of the Regulation of the APEF Committee to read as follows:

“Article 4. The Secretary General shall make available the electronic media to ensure that the members of the Committee have remote and regular access to financial information and the execution of projects, necessary for the carrying out of the charge of the Committee, and to guarantee that they themselves can request whatever information that they consider pertinent for the carrying out of their functions.

Based on the identified electronic media of communication, the President of the PAIGH will coordinate the analysis of the existing documentation and, two months ahead of the meeting of the Directing Council or General Assembly, shall prepare the report for the Directing Council or General Assembly.

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When exceptional circumstances merit the case, the President may call a meeting of the Committee in person in the offices of the General Secretariat of the PAIGH in order to define the terms of the Report indicated for the General Assembly or Directing Council. In this case, charged to the Unforeseen Regular Fund budget, the costs of travel and accommodation of its members will be covered up to a maximum of three days and two nights.”

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## RESOLUTION XVIII

### **MODIFICATION TO THE BASES OF THE PRIZES AND QUADRENNIAL RECOGNITIONS OF THE PAIGH AND A SPECIAL CALL FOR THE “PANAMERICAN GEOGRAPHY MEDAL” AND THE “WALLACE W. ATWOOD” PRIZES**

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

That for a variety of reasons it is pertinent to bring up-to-date and modify the current bases in order to evaluate and award the prizes of the PAIGH, so that the community's participation may be stimulated and to increase the guarantee in terms of quality and objectivity, always attempting to recognize the technical, professional and scientific merits of the persons, institutions and works under consideration;

That in the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) it was not possible to award the “Pan American Geography Medal” and the “Wallace W. Atwood” prize for the period 2001-2005;

The recommendations of the 65th and 66th Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

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### RESOLVES:

1. To establish from 2009 the quadrennial “Pan American Medal of the PAIGH” as a form by which the Institute recognizes the specially distinguished trajectory of a scientist of a Member State of the PAIGH, in each of the four Commissions, in the development of the sciences related to the PAIGH in the continent.
2. To establish that from 2009 the following prizes be awarded for a specific work undertaken by a person (or persons) or institution(s), that contributes to the development of the sciences related to the PAIGH in the continent:

Cartography Commission: *“Carlos A. Carvallo Yáñez” Prize*

Geography Commission: *“Arch C. Gerlach” Prize*

History Commission: *Colonial History of America “Silvio Zavala” Prize, and the Thought of America “Leopoldo Zea” Prize*

Geophysics Commission: *“Luiz Muniz Barreto” Prize*

3. As a means of stimulating new generations of specialists in the related sciences of the PAIGH, to establish the “Wallace W. Atwood” prize to be awarded biennially from 2008 for the original work of an author of a Member State of the PAIGH no older than 35 years, which because of its technical and scientific characteristics contributes to the development of the related sciences of the PAIGH in America.

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4. To declare the “Wallace W. Atwood” prize for 2005 annulled for the reasons and circumstances indicated in Resolution 6 approved by the Technical Meeting of the Geography Commission and in Resolution 34 approved by the General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005).
5. To suspend the awarding of the “Ricardo Caillet-Bois” prize until the conditions for its award are met, according to the scientific parameters and economic characteristics that gave rise to it.
6. Temporarily to put out a call for the award of the “Pan American Geography Medal”, permitting the direct participation of the persons who were nominated in 2005, in equal conditions, to be considered by the Jury of the prize. The call shall be simultaneous with that corresponding to those of the Colonial History of America “Silvio Zavala” and the Thought of America “Leopoldo Zea” prizes, so that they may be awarded in a special ceremony on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PAIGH in 2008.
7. In each prize and for each edition juries comprising at least three specialists will be established, always keeping the number of members odd, designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the respective Commission. In all cases the call must permit the identification of the candidate works, persons, or institutions for the prize involved, so that the make-up of the jury be independent of the corresponding nationalities of the candidates’ origin, and that the jury has the time and necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

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8. The administration of the prizes and recognitions will be undertaken by the General Secretariat of the PAIGH.
9. During the performance of the proper functions of their offices the Authorities act in the name of the PAIGH and thus cannot be nominated for the said prizes and recognitions.
10. The specific bases of each contest may be modified by agreement of the Authorities of the PAIGH, prior to each call, at the request of the General Secretariat. The said bases are the following:

## **Pan American Geography Medal, transitional edition, 2008**

The Pan American Geography Medal (hereafter Pan American Medal) will be awarded for the last time in 2008 in concurrence with that indicated in numeral 6 of Resolution XVIII "Modification to the Bases of the quadrennial Prizes and Recognitions of the PAIGH and the special call for the prizes "Pan American Geography Medal" and the "Wallace W. Atwood" prize approved by the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council (Chile, 2006).

### **1. Merits**

The Medal shall be awarded to the researcher that the jury considers has contributed in a significant manner to the development of the geographical science in America. For the effect of the evaluation of the merits of the candidates, the jury will give preference to the period 2001-2007.

### **2. Presentation of candidates**

The persons who were nominated in 2005 will participate directly to be considered by the jury of the prize under equal conditions as the rest. In the remaining cases the nominations will be presented by the National Sections of the PAIGH, preferably by a brief electronic note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute indicating the merits of the candidate and his/her contribution to the activities of the PAIGH in the field of Geography, accompanied by his/her *curriculum vitae*. The candidate must be from one of the Member States of the PAIGH though not necessarily from the country that nominates him/her.

The General Secretariat will inform in good time, via its Internet portal, concerning the nominations received and finally who will compete according to the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the Geography Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

### **4. Of the prize**

The prize will consist of a medal and diploma. The news of the prize will be circulated via the different media that the PAIGH has.

In 2008 the prize will be awarded in Mexico City during the ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PAIGH in the month of June; should the prizewinner be absent, the award will be made to the Ambassador in Mexico of the country to whom he/she belongs, who will in due course send it to the Chairperson of the respective National Section who will present it to the winner in a ceremony or special act arranged for such purpose.

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

## **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The applications will be received only in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 23 February, 2008, at the following address:

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Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

## **“Wallace W. Atwood” Prize**

This prize was created to the memory of Wallace W. Atwood (USA, 1872-1949), Emeritus President of Clark University, President of the PAIGH (1932-1935) and President of the Association of American Geographers (1933-1934).

### **1. Merits**

The prize will be awarded biennially to an author of a Member State of the PAIGH under the age of 35 at the time of presenting an **unpublished work** in any of the four basic areas of the PAIGH: Cartography, Geography, History, and Geophysics and related sciences, considered by the jury as of great value and importance at the continental level. The candidates can be of any one of the Member States of the PAIGH and not necessarily of the country which makes the nomination.

### **2. Of the work**

Works that are developed to obtain academic degrees corresponding to masters and doctorates may be included. When the merits of the presented work is based on a specific scientific achievement, the applicant must note this fact in the note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute and present the pertinent summary information of the investigation or the achievement involved. In the first edition of the new stage of the Wallace W. Atwood prize, 2008, the jury will accept works finished in the period 2006-2007.

At least 5 copies of the work must be sent to the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, accompanied by a note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute, with copy to the corresponding National Section, including a brief biography of the author.

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The process described can be completed electronically, including the presentation of the work in pdf format. The work must be written in one of the official languages of the PAIGH (Spanish, English, French, and Portuguese). Compilations or works of multiple authors may not be submitted.

The General Secretariat will make available in good time, via the Internet portal, the number, title, author and nationality of the candidate works finally submitted in accordance with the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the respective Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

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#### **4. Of the prize**

The prize that will be awarded based on the decision of the jury can be given to any one of the four Commissions that make up the PAIGH and will consist of:

- A diploma
- The publication of the work by the PAIGH respecting the specifications of the General Secretariat, which will be made known prior to each biennial call for applications. It will be the responsibility of the winner to adjust the work to those specifications should that be the case.
- News of the prize by the different media that the Institute controls

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

In 2008 the prize will be awarded in Mexico City during the ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PAIGH in the month of June; should the prizewinner be absent, the award will be made to the Ambassador in Mexico of the country to whom he/she belongs, who will in due course send it to the Chairperson of the respective National Section who will present it to the winner in a ceremony or special act arranged for such purpose.

In later editions and when they coincide the prize will be given in the Closing Session of the Consultative Meetings.

#### **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The applications will be received only in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 23 February, 2008, at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia

Premio "Wallace W. Atwood"

Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D. F.

Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172

Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

## **Pan American Medal of the PAIGH**

This prize is created with the purpose of recognizing the especially significant trajectory of scientists of Member States of the PAIGH that have been outstanding in the development of the related sciences of the PAIGH.

### **1. Merits**

The prize will be awarded every four years, starting in 2009, to a **scientist** of a Member State of the PAIGH who is outstanding for his/her trajectory in one of the fields of interest of the PAIGH: Cartography, Geography, History, and Geophysics. A medal may be awarded for each of the four Commissions.

### **2. Presentation of candidates**

The candidates must be presented by the National Sections of the PAIGH, preferably by means of an electronic note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute. Should it be the case each National Section may present more than one candidate who may be of any Member State of the PAIGH, although not necessarily of the country that nominates him/her.

The presentation of each candidature must contain a brief summary biography of the applicant, the description of his scientific trajectory and a report of the works, studies and research or books that have been published. In relation to articles, preferably should be cited those that have been published in international or national peer-reviewed journals. Also, the activities of the applicant in the formation of human resources will be taken into account and the diffusion of scientific knowledge in his/her area of interest.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

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Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the respective Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

### **4. Of the prize**

The prize consists of a medal and a diploma. The news of the prize will be given via the media controlled by the PAIGH.

The prize will be awarded in the Closing Session of the Consultative Meetings.

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In the case of the winner being absent, the said prize will be handed to the Head of the Delegation of the country involved who, in turn will present it to the winner in a special ceremony or act arranged for such purpose.

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

## **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

In the first edition of the Medal, applications must be sent up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 15 June, 2009, and will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia

Premio "Medalla Panamericana del IPGH"

Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D.F.

Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172

Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

## **"Carlos A. Carvallo Yáñez" Prize**

This prize was established to memorialize Carlos A. Carvallo Yáñez (Chile, 1940-2003), who was Director of the Military Geographic Institute and Chairperson of the National Section of Chile (1990-1991), Secretary General of the PAIGH (1998-2003), and principal promoter for the creation of the Center for Tactile Cartography of the Universidad Tecnológica Metropolitana, Chile.

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded every four years for the original work recognized by the jury as of great value and importance for the development of the Cartography of America, that constitutes a relevant contribution to scientific development without the theme mattering, always and when it deals with the disciplines covered by the Cartography Commission. The works submitted for evaluation must be done by persons or institutions of the Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

The elements to be considered in the evaluation will be:

- The up-to-date nature and clarity of the concepts expressed
- Independence of specific brands of equipment and commercial software for its implementation
- Methodological and technological development
- Real implementation possibilities or use in Member States
- Legal restrictions on use (copyright)
- Originality of the work
- Scientific and technical rigor, theoretical bases

In the case of atlases, maps, cartographic series and digital cartographic products, documents that describe the methodology employed for their generation must be included, these being the basis for the jury's evaluation.

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For the PAIGH prizes only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in their original language; no re-editions, re-printings nor critical editions of other works can be presented. Works developed to obtain academic degrees corresponding to the Master's or higher may be presented, published in any format in one of the Member States of the PAIGH. When the merits of a submitted work is based upon a specific scientific achievement, the applicant must note this fact in the note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute and present the pertinent summary information of the investigation or the achievement involved; the date of its publication must be within the period between the previous General Assembly and the present one.

The General Secretariat must be sent at least five (5) examples of the work, accompanied by a note to the Secretary General of the Institute with a copy to the corresponding National Section of the PAIGH, including a brief biography of the author. Works may be presented by the authors themselves, sponsoring institutions, or publishing houses belonging to any of the Member States of the PAIGH.

The process described above may be done via electronic means. The work must be written in any of the four official languages of the PAIGH (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French). Works of multiple authors may be submitted and works that form part of compilations; in the case of a winner of this type the prize will be awarded to the original author(s) and not to the responsible editor or compiler.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

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Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the Cartography Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

### **4. Of the prize**

The prize, based on the decision of the jury will consist of:

- A diploma
- A recognition in cash established for each edition as part of the budget of the Cartography Commission
- News of the prize will be announced via the different media of the PAIGH

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

The prize will be awarded in the Closing Session of the Consultative Meetings.

In the case of the winner being absent, the said prize will be handed to the Head of the Delegation of the country involved who, in turn will present it to the winner in a special ceremony or act arranged for such purpose.

If the characteristics of the work so permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista Cartografica*, prior approval of the editor, as well as other non-winning works.

## **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The works will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 15 June, 2009, at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia

Premio "Carlos A. Carvallo Yáñez"

Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D. F.

Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172

Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

## **“Arch C. Gerlach” Prize**

Arch C. Gerlach (USA) was Head of the Map Department of the Library of Congress of the USA (1950-1967), Head of Geography of the U.S. Geological Survey (1967-1972) and President of the PAIGH (1969-1973).

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded every four years for the original work recognized by the jury as of great value and importance for the development of the Geography in America, that constitutes a relevant contribution to scientific development without the theme mattering, always and when it deals with the disciplines covered by the Geography Commission. The works submitted for evaluation must be done by persons or institutions of the Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

For the PAIGH prizes only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in their original language; no re-editions, re-printings nor critical editions of other works can be presented. Works developed to obtain academic degrees corresponding to the Master's or higher may be presented, published in any format in one of the Member States of the PAIGH. When the merits of a submitted work is based upon a specific scientific achievement, the applicant must note this fact in the note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute and present the pertinent summary information of the investigation or the achievement involved; the date of its publication must be within the period between the previous General Assembly and the present one.

At least 5 copies of the work must be sent to the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, accompanied by a note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute, with copy to the corresponding National Section, including a brief biography of the author. Authors themselves may submit works, sponsoring institutions, or editorial houses belonging to any of the Member States of the PAIGH.

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The process described above may be done via electronic means. The work must be written in any of the four official languages of the PAIGH (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French). Works of multiple authors may be submitted and works that form part of compilations; in the case of a winner of this type the prize will be awarded to the original author(s) and not to the responsible editor or compiler.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the President of the Geography Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

#### **4. Of the prize**

The prize, based on the decision of the jury will consist of:

- A diploma
- A recognition in cash established for each edition as part of the budget of the Geography Commission
- News of the prize will be announced via the different media of the PAIGH

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

The prize will be awarded in the Closing Session of the Consultative Meetings.

In the case of the winner being absent, the said prize will be handed to the Head of the Delegation of the country involved who, in turn will present it to the winner in a special ceremony or act arranged for such purpose.

If the characteristics of the work so permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista Geografica*, prior approval of the editor, as well as other non-winning works.

#### **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The works will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 15 June, 2009, at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia  
Premio "Arch C. Gerlach"  
Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D. F.

Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172  
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## **Colonial History of America "Silvio Zavala" Prize edition 2006-2007**

Doctor Silvio Zavala (Mexico 1909-) is a distinguished historian associated with the activities of the PAIGH for more than sixty years, founder of the *Revista de Historia de América* (1938), Chairman History Commission (1947-1965), "Príncipe de Asturias" Prize (1993).

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded biennially to the original work recognized by the jury as of major value and important in the development of the Colonial History of America, that constitutes a relevant contribution to the development of the theme. Works submitted to evaluation must be elaborated by persons of Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

Publications on the Colonial History of America may participate, that contain contributions to the historical knowledge of the continent, including critical documentary and bibliographic apparatus.

For the prizes of the PAIGH only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in the original language; no re-editions, re-impressions nor works critical of others may be presented. Works submitted for academic degrees corresponding to Master's and higher may participate in any format in one of the Members States of the PAIGH.

For each call for submissions the General Secretariat will fix the period of publication applicable to the candidates.

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The General Secretariat must be sent at least five (5) examples of the work, accompanied by a note to the Secretary General of the Institute with a copy to the corresponding National Section of the PAIGH, including a brief biography of the author. Works may be presented by the authors themselves, sponsoring institutions, or publishing houses belonging to any of the Member States of the PAIGH.

The process described above may be done via electronic means. The work must be written in any of the four official languages of the PAIGH (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French). Works of multiple authors may be submitted and works that form part of compilations; in the case of a winner of this type the prize will be awarded to the original author(s) and not to the responsible editor or compiler.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the History Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work in Mexico City.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

#### **4. Of the prize**

The prize, based on the decision of the jury will consist of:

- A diploma
- A recognition in cash established for each edition as part of the budget of the History Commission
- News of the prize will be announced via the different media of the PAIGH

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

In 2008 the prize will be given in Mexico City during the ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PAIGH, in the month of June; in the case that the winner cannot be present, the prize will be handed to the Ambassador in Mexico of the country involved who will in turn, send it to the Chairperson of the respective National Section who will make the award to the winner in a special ceremony or act for that purpose.

If the characteristics of the work permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista de Historia de América*, prior approval of the editor, as well as other non-winning works.

#### **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The works will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 31 January, 2008, at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia  
Premio de Historia Colonial de América "Silvio Zavala"  
Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D. F.  
Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172  
Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

## **“Leopoldo Zea” Thought of America Prize, 2005 – 2007 edition**

Leopoldo Zea (México, 1913-2004) “the most universal thinker of Mexico”, within the PAIGH was Chairman of the Committee “History of Ideas”, later called Cultural History for more than fifty years. Winner of the “Belisario Domínguez” Medal of Honor (2000) of the Mexican Senate among many other international distinctions.

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded biennially to the original work recognized by the jury as of great value and significance and that constitutes a relevant contribution to the development of **Thought of America**. The works submitted to evaluation must be elaborated by persons of the Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

Contemporary works may participate on **Thought of America** related to the independent, national or republican period. They must constitute contributions to American historiographic research and include a critical, documentary and bibliographic apparatus.

For the prizes of the PAIGH only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in the original language; no re-editions, re-impressions nor works critical of others may be presented. Works submitted for academic degrees corresponding to Master’s and higher may participate in any format in one of the Members States of the PAIGH.

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For each biennial call for submissions the General Secretariat will fix the period of publication applicable to the contestants.

The General Secretariat must be sent at least five (5) examples of the work, accompanied by a note to the Secretary General of the Institute with a copy to the corresponding National Section of the PAIGH, including a brief biography of the author. Works may be presented by the authors themselves, sponsoring institutions, or publishing houses belonging to any of the Member States of the PAIGH.

The process described above may be done via electronic means. The work must be written in any of the four official languages of the PAIGH (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French). Works of multiple authors may be submitted and works that form part of compilations; in the case of a winner of this type the prize will be awarded to the original author(s) and not to the responsible editor or compiler.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the History Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work in Mexico City.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusively to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus of majority of the members.

#### **4. Of the prize**

The prize, based on the decision of the jury will consist of:

- A diploma
- A recognition in cash established for each edition as part of the budget of the History Commission
- News of the prize will be announced via the different media of the PAIGH

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

In 2008 the prize will be given in Mexico City during the ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PAIGH, in the month of June; in the case that the winner cannot be present, the prize will be handed to the Ambassador in Mexico of the country involved who will in turn, send it to the Chairperson of the respective National Section who will make the award to the winner in a special ceremony or act for that purpose.

If the characteristics of the work permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista de Historia de América*, prior approval of the editor, as well as other non-winning works.

#### **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The works will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 31 January, 2008, at the following address:

Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia  
Premio Pensamiento de América "Leopoldo Zea"  
Ex Arzobispado No. 29, Colonia Observatorio, 11860 México, D. F.  
Tels.: (5255) 5515-1910, 5277-5888 and 5277-5791 / Fax: (5255) 5271-6172  
Premios@ipgh.org y/o SecretariaGeneral@ipgh.org

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## **“Luiz Muniz Barreto” Prize**

This prize, formerly called “Pan American Geophysics Medal” changed its name in honor of the Brazilian scientist Luiz Muniz Barreto (1925-2006) who for decades was a collaborator in the Geophysics Commission of the PAIGH, winner of the Pan American Geophysics Medal in the X Technical Consultative Meeting celebrated during the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH (Caracas, Venezuela, 2005).

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded every four years to the original work that the jury recognizes as of great value and importance for the development of American Geophysics that constitutes a contribution relevant to scientific development without identifying the theme confronted, anytime it relates to the disciplines covered by the Geophysics Commission. The works submitted must be by persons or institutions of Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

For the PAIGH prizes only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in their original language; no re-editions, re-printings nor critical editions of other works can be presented. Works developed to obtain academic degrees corresponding to the Master’s or higher may be presented, published in any format in one of the Member States of the PAIGH. When the merits of a submitted work is based upon a specific scientific achievement, the applicant must note this fact in the note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute and present the pertinent summary information of the investigation or the achievement involved; the date of its publication must be within the period between the previous General Assembly and the present one.

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At least 5 copies of the work must be sent to the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, accompanied by a note sent to the Secretary General of the Institute, with copy to the corresponding National Section, including a brief biography of the author. Authors themselves may submit works, sponsoring institutions, or editorial houses belonging to any of the Member States of the PAIGH.

The process described above may be done via electronic means. The work must be written in any of the four official languages of the PAIGH (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French). Works of multiple authors may be submitted and works that form part of compilations; in the case of a winner of this type the prize will be awarded to the original author(s) and not to the responsible editor or compiler.

The Secretary General will, in good time, announce via the Internet portal, the applications received and who finally compete according to the bases of the prize.

Once the corresponding documentation has been delivered, the nominees may not withdraw it, nor resign from the contest before the jury's decision.

The material received will not be returned.

### **3. Of the jury**

The jury shall have international representation and be integrated by an odd number of at least three specialists of nationality distinct from the nominees, always preserving the odd number of members who will be designated by the Secretary General in consultation with the President of the PAIGH and the Chairperson of the Geophysics Commission. Its composition will be made known opportunely via the webpage of the PAIGH.

Once formed, the General Secretariat will take the case into account so that the jury has sufficient time and the necessary circumstances to carry out its work.

The decision of each member of the jury will be made known via an electronic communication exclusive to the General Secretariat.

The prize will be awarded based on the majority decision of the jury. The Secretary General of the PAIGH will coordinate the tasks relative to the verdict by consensus or majority of the members.

#### **4. Of the prize**

The prize, based on the decision of the jury will consist of:

- A diploma
- A recognition in cash established for each edition as part of the budget of the Geophysics Commission
- News of the prize will be announced via the different media of the PAIGH

In the judgment of the jury the prize may be declared null and void.

The prize will be awarded during the Closing Session of the Consultative Meetings.

In the case of the winner not being present the said prize will be given to the Head of the Delegation of the country to which it belongs who, I turn, will present it to the winner in a special ceremony or act designed for that purpose.

If the characteristics of the work permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista Geofísica*, prior approval of the editor, as well as other non-winning works.

#### **5. General dispositions**

The fact of entering this contest implies the acceptance of the present bases, and of the jury and the verdict pronounced, without recourse to appeal. On unforeseen matters in the current bases, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH can introduce as many decisions as it considers pertinent, against which applicants will have no right whatsoever to any claim.

The works will only be received in the General Secretariat of the PAIGH up until midnight (12:00 pm) Mexico City time (-6 GMT) on 15 June, 2009, at the following address:

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## RESOLUTION XIX

### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF NATIONAL SECTIONS

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)

#### CONSIDERING:

That Article 38, section 5 of the Organic Statute of the PAIGH establishes that among the functions of the National Sections is that of rendering an annual account of its activities to the Directing Council or General Assembly;

That the National Sections of the following countries have presented their respective Reports to the Directing Council: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, USA, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To thank the National Sections of the countries that have presented their reports to the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council.

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2. To reiterate the importance of including in the report the list of names and addresses of the members of the National Section.
3. To insist upon the requirement that National Sections gain access to the benefits of Technical Assistance Projects, only when having complied with the commitment to present the Report on activities of the National Section of the respective country.

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## RESOLUTION XX

### THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

#### CONSIDERING:

The extraordinary help of the Government of Chile for the undertaking of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To charge the Secretary General that, in the name of the Country Members of the PAIGH and of those present, to present the thanks of the same to the Government of Chile and to the Ministry of Foreign Relations, for the outstanding collaboration and assistance provided for the holding of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, and to make clear our expressions of affection and gratitude for the Chilean people and their official institutions for all the attention received.

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## RESOLUTION XXI

### RECOGNITION OF DIVERSE CHILEAN ENTITIES

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)

#### CONSIDERING:

The collaboration provided for the holding of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, by diverse entities of Chile;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To give a vote of recognition to the following Chilean entities for their valuable contribution to the organization of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council:

- Ministry of Foreign Relations
- Directorate of Multilateral Policy
- Illustrious Municipality of Viña del Mar
- Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service, Marine of Chile
- Chilean Army

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## RESOLUTION XXII

### RECOGNITION OF THE MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, THE CHILEAN NATIONAL SECTION, AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)

#### CONSIDERING:

The collaboration provided by the Chilean National Section of the PAIGH and the Organizing Committee for the celebration of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To give a vote of recognition to the Military Geographic Institute, to the Chilean National Section, to the Organizing Committee presided over by Col. Luís Alegría Matta, for the important and effective collaboration and help provided for the celebration of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH.

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To extend this recognition to the personnel who made the Meeting the success that it was:

Luís Alegría (Chairman of the Organizing Committee)

Rodrigo Barriga (Chairman of the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH)

Carlos Neira Méndez

Hermann Manríquez

José Compan

Juan Carlos Montero

Moisés Navarro

Marisol Barros

Edwin Hunt

Evelyn Barros

Javier Mathías

Francisco Riquelme

Juan Villagra

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## RESOLUTION XXIII

### VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)

#### CONSIDERING:

That the deliberations of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council have ended;

The work undertaken by the personnel of the General Secretariat during the organization and development of the meeting;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

#### RESOLVES:

To express to the personnel of the General Secretariat recognition for the efficient and polished work that they demonstrated for the undertaking of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council.

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## RESOLUTION XXIV

### EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEATH OF DR. LUIZ MUNIZ BARRETO

The XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)

#### CONSIDERING:

That Dr. Luiz Muniz Barreto died on 12 April, 2006 in the city of Río de Janeiro, Brazil;

That Dr. Muniz Barreto was for decades an outstanding collaborator of the Geophysics Commission;

That Dr. Muniz Barreto, in recognition of his scientific and personal merits was awarded the Pan American Geophysics Medal during the X Technical Consultative Meeting, in the context of the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH (Venezuela, 2005);

That it is the wish of the Directing Council to render posthumous homage to Dr. Luiz Muniz Barreto;

That recommended by the Administrative Policy Committee,

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### RESOLVES:

1. To honor the memory of Dr. Luiz Muniz Barreto by distinguishing with his name the VI School of Geomagnetism sponsored by the Geophysics Commission of the PAIGH.
2. To designate with the name of Dr. Luiz Muniz Barreto the quadrennial prize "Pan American Medal" of the Geophysics Commission of the PAIGH.
3. To commend the Secretary General to communicate this resolution to the National Section of Brazil, and distribute it to the family members and collaborators of Dr. Luiz Muniz Barreto, expressing the condolences of the members who comprise the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

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