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18th GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TECHNICAL CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History will hold its main statutory meetings in Caracas, Venezuela. The Technical Consultative Meetings will take place from 16 to 18 November, 2005:

- XX Technical Consultative Meeting on Cartography
- XVII Technical Consultative Meeting on Geography
- XVI Technical Consultative Meeting on History
- X Technical Consultative Meeting on Geophysics

<http://www.ipgh.org/english/assembly/agenda-consultations.htm>

The **18th General Assembly** will take place from 20 to 23 November, 2005: <http://www.ipgh.org/english/assembly>

On the occasion of celebrating the 18th General Assembly of the PAIGH and the Consultative Meetings of its Commissions in Caracas, as President (E) of the Venezuelan National Section and of the Simon Bolívar Institute of Geography (IGVSB), it is an honor to welcome the Authorities and the Representatives of Member Countries of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, and to have once more the opportunity of exchanging experiences of the attainments of each nation, as well as strengthening the mechanisms of regional cooperation.

In celebrating these meetings we must develop not only initiatives and commitments but also decisions that will deepen even more the ties and relations between the countries of the Americas, and that contribute to the development and equilibrium of our nations; with this objective we await you and from this blessed land we salute you.

*Eng. Nora Josefina Delgado Lugo
President (E) IGVSB, President Venezuelan National Section*

More information: <http://www.ipgh.org/english/assembly>

DEATH OF WILLIAM WOOD, DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN GEOGRAPHER

Geography lost a great practitioner when Bill Wood, Geographer of the Department of State, passed away on July 04, 2005.

Dr. Wood served concurrently as The Geographer of the United States, providing guidance to federal mapping agencies on the proper depiction of international boundaries and foreign place names for U.S. cartographic products.

He conceived the Geographic Information for Sustainable Development project, which was a most successful project bringing much geographic data and science to Africa during the World Summit on Sustainable Development. He was a prime mover in incorporating geographic information systems into the Department of State. He recognized the value of remote sensing and geographic information to diplomacy and humanitarian efforts and worked constantly in the diplomatic community to expand their use.

He negotiated tirelessly for the release of Shuttle Radar Topography Mission data for humanitarian uses. The Humanitarian Information Unit, which he conceived of and established, has used geographic data, science, and tools to help humanitarian efforts, for instance, after the Sumatra-Andaman Earthquake and Indian Ocean Tsunami and during the genocide in Darfur and identify the nations with most critical humanitarian needs. His many accomplishments benefited people throughout the world

PAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL NETWORK (PAPN)

A live and dynamic community of specialists in the sciences that comprise PAIGH

With the intention of increasing ties between the PAIGH and interested professionals in related sciences, and to propitiate actions to stimulate their development, the Pan American Professional Network (PAPN) has been established that will be administered by the General Secretariat of the Institute.

More information: <http://www.ipgh.org/english/papn>

ANALYZING THE FUTURE AND RENEWING THE OFFICIALS OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC COMMITTEE OF THE CARTOGRAPHY COMMISSION OF THE PAIGH

On the successful eleventh occasion, the Hydrographic Committee of the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH met in the Navy Club in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, during the period 4-6 of July, 2005. The event was able to count on the presence of the Director of the International Hydrographic Organization, Capt. Hugo Gorziglia Antolini. Also, the departing President of the Committee, Capt. Roberto Garnham, of the Chilean Hydrographic Service, presented his report on activities. Those present paid special attention to the theme of new technologies and the updating of the hydrographic charts, in particular regarding the acquisition, processing and use of Multihaz data. Finally, the Committee elected as entering President, the Director of the Oceanographic Institute of the Ecuadorian Navy, Capt. Mario Proaño Silva, who will take to the Technical Meeting of the Cartography Commission the results of the deliberations and its contribution to the goals of the Commission for the next four years.



The Hydrographic Committee of the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH: <http://www.shoa.cl/ipgh/ipgh.htm>

17 GEOGRAPHIC NAMES COURSES HAVE NOW BEEN OFFERED IN THE REGION



From 22 August to 2 September, 2005, in the offices of the National Geographic Institute "Tommy Guardia" of Panama, the 17th "José Joaquín Hungría Morell" course on Geographic Names of the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH was successfully held. The inaugural act was presided over by the Vice-Minister of Public Works of Panama, Luis Manuel Hernández. Also, the inaugural act counted on the presence of geographer Alberto McKay, Vice-President of the PAIGH, as well as the President of the National Section, and President of the "Tommy Guardia" National Geographic Institute, Ing. Carlos Laguna, and the coordinator of the course and the working group on Geographic Names, Mr. Roger Payne.



One of the objectives of the activity is to contribute to the strengthening of the "Tommy Guardia" Institute as the National Authority in Panama in matters of all types concerning Geographic Names

The final report of the 17th "José Joaquín Hungría Morell" International Course on Geographic Names, can be consulted in:

<http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/XVII-Curso-Int-Nom-Geog.pdf>

Opening act of the 17th "José Joaquín Hungría Morell" International Course on Geographic Names. In the photo are found, from left to right: Alberto McKay, Vice-President of the PAIGH; Luis Manuel Hernández, Vice-Minister of Public Works; Carlos Laguna, President of the National Section of the PAIGH and Director of the IGN "Tommy Guardia"; Juan Segura, Advisor of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic, and Consuelo Tempone, professor of the University of Panama

PAIGH PUBLISHES THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GSDI FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

As charged by the directorate of the GSDI (Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association), from July of 2005, PAIGH is publishing on a monthly basis, in Spanish and English editions, the Newsletter of the GSDI for Latin America and the Caribbean.

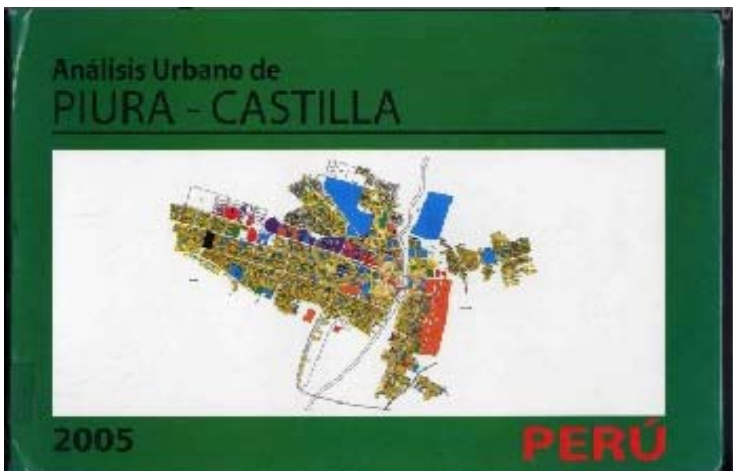
The Newsletter of the GSDI-LAC focuses on the theme of spatial data infrastructures (SDI) and publishing it in Spanish aims not only to reach specialists in their language, but also to integrate the scientific community about a matter that is essential to optimizing the role of spatial data in decision-making, the improved formulation of projects, education, and citizens' access to geographic information.

The General Secretariat designated Eng. Nancy Aguirre Gutiérrez cnaguirre@ipgh.org, as editor of the publication, a professional with wide-ranging experience, currently a doctoral candidate in geography at the University of Texas (Austin).

http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/GSDI/SDI_LAC_Oct05English.pdf

ANÁLISIS URBANO DE PIURA-CASTILLA, PERU (2005)

New book by Clarence Minkel, Chairman of the National Section of PAIGH in the United States



In July, Dr. C.W. Minkel travelled to Peru for the dedication of a book/atlas entitled Analisis Urbano de Piura-Castilla, Peru, 2005. This publication summarizes the results of a five-year research project conducted by him and his Peruvian colleagues designed to facilitate planning in this fifth-largest urban center in Peru and largest in the Peru-Ecuador boundary region. Topics include population-migration, urban land use, industrial development, commerce, government and socio-cultural institutions. Partial support for the research was provided by the PAIGH, by the National University of Piura and by the University of Tennessee.

GEOMATICS WEEK, 2005

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the IGAC, seat of the national section of PAIGH in Colombia, diverse events were organized among which an outstanding one was the "Geomatics Week of 2005", and the inauguration of Colombia's National Geography and Cartography Museum.

Report on the "Geomatics Week of 2005": http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/Rep_Semana-Geomat-2005.pdf



8th CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE OF THE UN FOR AMERICA



In the United Nations building in New York, a new Regional Cartography Conference for Latin America was held from 27th June to 1 July, 2005. On this occasion the focus was on the theme of spatial data infrastructure at the continental level. With the participation of the principal international organizations in the fields of geography and spatial information, and an outstanding number of experts and delegates of Member States of the UN (although the regional representation was limited), the conference evaluated aspects related to information policies, institutional and economic aspects of the use of information for various ends, giving emphasis to themes related to sustainable development and especially the production, management, and dissemination of geographic information via the development of spatial data infrastructures truly sustainable by countries involved.



The Secretary General of the PAIGH, Santiago Borrero, conceded the presidency to Mexico in the person of the Director of Geography of INEGI, Mario Reyes, who was elected unanimously by the delegates and who very successfully directed the deliberations that followed. In his presentation the Secretary General of PAIGH referred to aspects related to institutional development in the region and the construction of capacities for the development of the regional infrastructure of geographic information.

Presentation of Sec. Gen. Santiago Borrero: http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/Borrero_UNRCC_A_05.pdf

The program, resolutions adopted and the presentations are available via the UN page:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/eighthunrccadocuments.htm>

THE CHANGING WORLD OF CARTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE, ICA 2005

With the suggestive title "Cartographic Initiatives for a World in Transformation", the International Cartographic Association (ICA) held its 2005 conference in La Coruña, Galicia, Spain. The event brought together more than 2000 delegates who attended the numerous technical presentations, specialized exhibits, and professional and social events that developed in parallel to make this one of the main meetings of the present year.

The PAIGH made its presence felt in several ways. On one hand the attending delegation was headed by the President of the PAIGH, Juan Francisco Lucio Sanmarco, the Secretary General, Santiago Borrero, and by the presidents of the national sections of PAIGH in Argentina, Chile and Perú, Alfredo Stahlschmidt, Luis Alegría Matta and Francisco Vargas Vaca, respectively, all directors of geographical institutes in their countries.

It should be noted that in the frame of the conference attention was given to the scope of the activities that in 2006 will permit the implementation of the agreements subscribed to between the ICA and the PAIGH in 2005. The Secretary General also presided over various sessions and intervened with a paper in the special session on spatial data infrastructures in which he presented various reflections on the manner in which cultural diversity might permit an enrichment of the development of such infrastructures.



Ramón Lorenzo, President of the Congress ICA 2005, speaking to the participants during the inaugural ceremony



The delegation of the PAIGH to the Congress ICA 2005 in La Coruña, counted on the presence of the presidents of the national sections of Argentina, Chile and Peru, headed by the President of the PAIGH, Juan Francisco Sanmarco and the Secretary General, Santiago Borrero

Presentation of Sec. Gen. Santiago Borrero:

http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/Borrero_ICC_ICMT_LC-ESPANA-2005.pdf

REGIONALIZATIONS OF AMERICA: THE BOLIVARIAN COUNTRIES

Contribution of the Vice-President of the PAIGH, Alberto Arturo McKay

Motivated by the sense and scope of the statutory four-year events of the PAIGH, the Vice-President of the Institute, Alberto McKay, has written a new essay of historical and political geography on the Bolivarian countries, whose text draws certain conclusions concerning aspects related to the formation of modern blocs of integration, and the 3rd Summit of South American Presidents during which the 2004 Declaration of Cuzco was signed.

See complete text: http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/Region-Amer-Pais-Boliv_A-Mackay.pdf

CULTURE AND SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

During the period August 17-19, 2005, the Atlantic Institute, GSDI and MIT held a workshop in Boston focusing on the cultural variable in the development of spatial data infrastructures (SDI) from the local to the global level, corresponding to the GSDI. The Secretary General of the PAIGH, a member of the organizing committee, intervened with a presentation containing specific references to the American arena.

Presentation of Sec. Gen. Santiago Borrero: http://www.ipgh.org/english/paigh-news/2005-08-17_infra-dat-espacial_EN.htm

ESSAY COMPETITION WITH THE HELP OF FIG

With the assistance of FIG (International Federation of Surveyors) an essay competition is being held with the purpose of helping the diffusion of student research related to Geomatics, Geography and Topography, in countries where Spanish is the language of education. In parallel form, the competition will serve to demonstrate the quality of academic production and the limitations existing on its publication on account of the fact that the majority of specialized technical journals are published in English. *More information:* <http://www.ensayos.org>

LAUNCH OF THE ATLAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE



Speech of Director of the Military Geographical Institute, Col. Luis Alegría Matta



Handover of the Chief Commandant of the Army, General Juan Emilio Cheyre Espinosa to the Minister de Housing, Urbanism and National Goods, Mrs. Sonia Tschorne B..

Press release:

<http://www.ipgh.org/download-file/noticias/Atlas-Rep-Chile.pdf>

FIRST PAN-AMERICAN MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC EDITORS

Source: SDI LAC September 2005

Source: Ana María Flores

The First Pan-American Meeting of Scientific Publishers "New paradigms in Scientific Edition" will be carried out the 6 and 7 of October, 2005, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Objective: It will treat 1) the fast transition towards virtual edition and challenges posed to scientific magazines; 2) the influence that this modality will have on these publications, written in Spanish and Portuguese, which are at present "sub-represented" in indexes and international databases of developed countries; and 3) the repercussion to authors in these magazines and consequences of its evaluation on the part of the agencies of science and technology (at the respective countries) that should value their production.

The event is organized by CAYCIT. Summaries will be online as of September 8, 2005. Later on, the conclusions will also be available.

Benefits expected: 1) to integrate efforts of participating countries to improve editorial and academic quality of magazines, in order to achieve better positioning within main stream research publications; 2) to disseminate the use of standards and their application to new alternatives of editorial production, such as electronic publications, open files, and initiatives like SciELO; and 3) to analyze cost-benefit of paper and electronic publications, and the marketing that should be applied to obtain a greater distribution.

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For further information: <http://www.caicyt.gov.ar/eidec2005/>

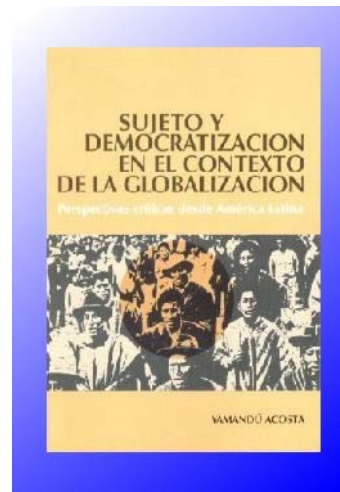
HISTORY COMMISSION REACTIVATES THE AMERICAN FOLKLORE JOURNAL

With the decision to name Dr. Boris Berenzon as editor of the American Folklore journal whose last printed issue was No. 61 (January-December, 2000), and with the formation of a new editorial board under the presidency of Dr. Miguel León-Portilla (Mexico), and aiming to publish No. 62 as an online information service, a new stage is set for this publication that dates to its origins in 1953. The editorial office will be under the care of María Luisa Flores Garduño (Mexico), and the following will serve on the editorial board:

- Dra. Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico)
- Dra. Georgina Calderón (Mexico)
- Dr. Boris Berenzon (Mexico), Editor
- Dra. Catherine Walsh (Ecuador)
- Dr. Walter Mignolo (United States)
- Dr. Carlos Barros (Spain)
- Dr. Norman Simms (New Zealand)
- Dr. Nelson Maldonado (United States of America)

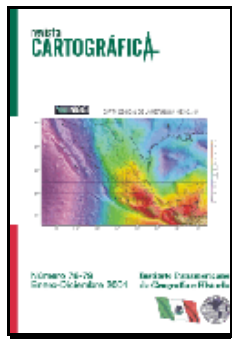
**NEW PUBLICATION OF PROFESSOR
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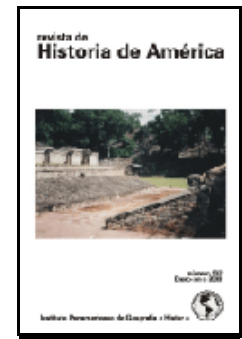
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Revista Cartográfica No. 78/79
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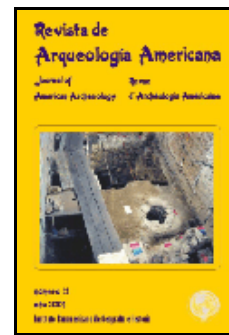


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