

“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be awarded biennially to an author of a Member State of the PAIGH under the age of 35 at the time of presenting an **unpublished work** in any of the four basic areas of the PAIGH: Cartography, Geography, History, and Geophysics and related sciences, considered by the jury as of great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 80th 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:

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