

“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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