

## **"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:

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