

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:

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