

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



**XVII GEOGRAPHY CONSULTATIVE MEETING
CARACAS, VENEZUELA 16 – 18 NOVEMBER, 2005**

RESOLUTION No. 1

APPROVAL OF THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the outgoing Chairman of the Geography Commission of the PAIGH has presented his report for the period 2001-2005 and;

That recommended by the First Plenary Session;

RESOLVES:

To accept the said report.

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RESOLUTION No. 2

**ELECTION OF AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMISSION
FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2009**

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That stipulated in the regulation of the Commission;

The presentation of candidates made by Member States, and,

That recommended by the First Plenary Session;

RESOLVES:

To present to the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH the election of Ing. Mario Alberto Reyes Ibarra and Ing. Antonio Hernández Navarro, of Mexico, for their ratification as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, for the period 2005-2009.

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RESOLUTION No. 3

SCIENTIFIC POLICY OF THE COMMISSION

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The current tendencies in geography;

The process of re-engineering that the PAIGH has embarked upon, and

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To present to the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH for their ratification the following objectives of the Commission:
2. To analyze the impact of the occupation of geographic space of the continent and its social, economic, environmental and cultural effects.
3. To generate methods of geographic analysis that permit the measurement of the quality of life of the settlements in America and to recommend orientations destined to prioritize actions of spatial planning.
4. To carry out studies that lead to an improvement in the quality of life of the inhabitants of the continent based upon the rational use and management of the natural resources and the defense of the natural and cultural patrimony.
5. To promote the application of policies that encourage regional development at its various spatial scales and its relations with the process of economic, social and cultural integration.
6. To propose mechanisms to improve and strengthen the teaching of geography at all its levels, especially in the formation and training of high level specialists.



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7. To facilitate interrelationships with the other Commissions of the PAIGH, while maintaining its own ends, oriented to the better carrying out of the Institute's objectives.
8. To promote cooperation between institutions dedicated to geographic studies in America and with related international organizations.

As well as the following lines of action:

1. Practical training in the field of Geography.
2. Study of the current situation of Geography: training and professional development in the countries of America.
3. Communication network of geographers in America.
4. Integral Program of geographic studies, concepts and methodologies for planning and environmental management, oriented towards the improvement of the quality of life of the population.
5. To seek alternate financial mechanisms to develop geographic research and training projects at the regional and sub-regional level.
6. To orient geographic research works to the needs of decision-makers in regional development and its interaction with the processes of social, economic and cultural integration.
7. To develop alliances with specialized institutions for the development of strategies oriented towards the generation of information that helps to reduce poverty levels and environmental deterioration in the continent.
8. To establish disaggregation levels as validation of geo-referenced data, levels of accessibility and eventual development of spatial data infrastructure of the Americas and its historical referent, in accordance with the necessities of studies and application of the geographic science.

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RESOLUTION No. 4

STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

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CONSIDERING:

That stipulated by the regulation of the Commission and

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

To establish the following Pan American Committees within the Commission:

Geography and regional development	Cynthia Simmons	USA
Geographic education	Ana María Wegmann Saquel	Chile
Techniques, methods, and geographic information	Nelly López Alfaro	Costa Rica
Land planning and Environment	Elizabeth Zarzalejo	Venezuela
Revista Geográfica	Héctor Pena	Argentina

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RESOLUTION No. 5

WORK PROGRAM

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That stipulated in the regulation of the Commission and

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the work program presented by the chairmen of the committees.
2. To analyze it periodically, adapting it to the need of developing the tasks of each Committee.

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RESOLUTION No. 6

PRIZES OF THE GEOGRAPHY COMMISSION

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the Pan American Geography Medal and the "Wallace W. Atwood" Prize are instruments to recognize professionals and institutions that have contributed in a significant way to geographic activity;

With the aim of giving transparency to the selection process, and given that members of the jury have the same nationality as the persons and institutions nominated to receive the prizes;

That mechanisms for the substitution of jury members do not exist;

That due to the existence of logistical problems in the receipt of documents to be evaluated;

The importance of being inclusive in considering all nominations and

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To analyze the current regulations for the evaluation of the Pan American Geography Medal and the "Wallace W. Atwood", and propose the necessary modifications, presenting them for consideration by the LXV Meeting of Authorities of the PAIGH that will make the corresponding decisions at the XXXIX Directing Council in 2006.
2. To postpone the evaluation and award of the said prizes, making those decisions during the Directing Council in 2006.

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RESOLUTION No. 7

PROJECTS APPROVED FOR 2006

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That during the XVII Consultative Meeting the following PAIGH projects were approved;

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

To approve the Projects listed below:

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<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Amount requested \$US</i>	<i>Amount recommended \$US</i>
Current tendencies of regional geography and land planning	Brazil	María Luisa Gomes Castello Branco	8,000	8,000
Guidelines for land planning and management of environmental and technological security	Chile	Reinaldo Börgel Olivares y Laura Börgel Aguilera	8,000	7,000
Biological corridors of America: alternative uses and experiences	Costa Rica	Carlos Morera Beita	8,000	6,240
XXXIV International Applied Geography course: Globalization and local impacts	Ecuador	Filemón Valencia Robayo	24,000	15,000
Contributions to land planning in the parishes of Cumbayá and Tumbaco, Quito, Ecuador	Ecuador	Nelson Gómez	8,000	8,000

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RESOLUTION No. 8

COORDINATION OF COMMISSIONS

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the limited interaction among distinct disciplines involved in the PAIGH is evident;

That the explanation of the existing problematic in the American continent requires the confluence of the four Commissions of the PAIGH, and

That recommended by the Technical Matters Committee;

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XVIII General Assembly that it pronounce in favor of inter-Commission tasks and promote the development of activities between them.

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RESOLUTION No. 9

THANKS

The XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the development of a successful Consultative Meeting requires much effort and organization;

The organization and assistance provided for the XVII Consultative Meeting by the Venezuelan National Section and the General Secretariat of the PAIGH;

The active participation of the Delegates of the National Sections;

That recommended at the Second Plenary Session;

RESOLVES:

1. To express the sincere thanks of the Geography Commission for the help and effort of the Venezuelan delegation in the organization of the XVII Consultative Meeting.
2. To offer to the Simón Bolívar Geographical Institute of Venezuela (IGVSB) recognition for its leadership and help in this effort.
3. To thank the General Secretariat of the PAIGH for the facilities provided in carrying out the tasks of the Commission.
4. To recognize and thank the active and enthusiastic participation of the Delegates.

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