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CARACAS, VENEZUELA 16 – 18 NOVEMBER, 2005**

RESOLUTION No. 1

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Chairman of the History Commission of the PAIGH has presented his Report on the period 2001-2005;

And that recommended by the Coordinating Committee of Consultation;

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Report presented by Dr. Zelaya.
2. To recognize the task carried out during the last eight years by Drs. Chester J. Zelaya and Raymundo Brenes in directing this Commission.

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RESOLUTION No. 2

AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMISSION

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

CONSIDERING:

That stipulated by the regulation of the Commission;

The presentation of candidates made by Member States, and

That recommended by the First Plenary Session;

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH the designation of Drs. María Cristina Mineiro Scatamacchia as Chairwoman and Fernando da Silva Camargo as Vice-Chairman of the History Commission, until the XIX General Assembly.

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RESOLUTION No. 3

SCIENTIFIC POLICY NORMS

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

CONSIDERING:

That in relation to the historiography in Latin America there have been noted new themes, the rise of new problematics and methodologies, but principally by the increasing importance that is being given to historical analyses as explanatory factors of reality, leaving aside the vision that history is only context. This is the clearest indicator of this phenomenon, beyond rhetoric, the sustained rise in publications of a historical type associated with economic growth, socio-environmental issues, ethnicity, local identities, marginality, poverty, and the comparative studies, among others. Hence one must promote and help new lines of research in the very varied fields of history;

That another topic that it is necessary to address during the next quadrennial is related to the extraordinary changes that have occurred in the techniques of historical research, that motivates an attempt to establish the bases for the priorities of teaching history in the next years;

That it is convenient to ratify the policy approved by the XV Consultative Meeting, as to the use of the contracting of researchers by the system of honoraria, that are cancelled at the handover of results, in those predominantly bibliographic works of research;

That it is convenient to ratify the policy of undertaking co-editions with prestigious commercial presses;

That one must continue with the policy of favoring historical research by means of calls for contests;

That during the present quadrennial relations with the International Historical Science Committee (CICH) have been strengthened;



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That it is necessary to spread the word about the content of the periodic publications of the History Commission via the Internet;

Consequently, the Scientific Policy Committee:

RESOLVES:

To approve the following scientific policy norms for the period 2005-2009;

1. To declare as priority objectives of the Commission the following activities: The collective and regional research, grants, the publications of books and specialized journals, the organization and participation in scientific meetings and contests.
2. To establish as priority collective projects of the History Commission for the quadrennial 2005-2009, projects with a global perspective on historical, cultural, anthropological, economic and social processes of the American countries.
3. To insist that the requests for financing projects clearly indicate the form in which the results obtained will be published. If an occasional publication of the PAIGH is involved, its cost must be included in the requested amount.
4. To attempt to ensure that the costs of each project are in accord with the available annual resources of the Commission. To avoid those projects whose main objective is the funding of personal trips.
5. Only in exceptional circumstances will honoraria be paid, and in all cases they will be symbolic, to authors of books co-edited and funded by the PAIGH. These honoraria, which mean the transfer of the copyrights, shall be determined by the General Secretariat based on a proposal of the Chairperson of the Commission and agreed upon via the corresponding contract between the PAIGH and the author.
6. To select projects based upon their scientific quality, pertinence and transcendence, those that will be highlighted in the presentation of the proposing National Section of the Member State, in helping the other National Sections, and in a favorable report of the Chairperson of the History Commission. The General Secretariat, in coordination with the History Commission will communicate to the



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- countries proposing the projects, the basic reasons as to why the said projects were accepted or rejected.
7. To favor those projects that contemplate effective co-financing on the part of the sponsoring institution or others.
 8. To call for contests to award prizes to original works on relevant, pertinent themes with a regional perspective.
 9. To ratify the principal that the Commission has an absolute priority to publish in its books and journals, the works that result from projects financed by it.
 10. To further policies that facilitate access to basic historical information and its diffusion, via new communication technologies.
 11. To proceed with the creation of a database of articles contained in the different periodical publications of the Commission, so that they can be made available to researchers via the webpage of the PAIGH. To this end a project will be developed.
 12. To continue with the help for Central and South American congresses of history, as meeting places, communication and exchange between researchers of the historical sciences in the American continent.
 13. To stimulate the creation of the North American congress of history with these same aims.
 14. To maintain the Pan American Symposia in order to comply with the objectives indicated in article 35 of the regulation of the History Commission for Technical Meetings.

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RESOLUTION No. 4

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Organic Statute and Regulation of the Commission establish the faculty to create within the Commission, Committees, Working Groups that may be necessary, subject to the ratification of the Directing Council or General Assembly;

That the Chairmen of Committees and Working Groups must plainly exercise the attributions that the Regulation of the Commission identifies;

That the Editors of the Journals must carry out a function that is intimately tied to the work of the Commission and of the respective Committees;

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate to those who function as Chairmen of Committees and Working Groups that among their attributions is that of structuring the Committee or Group under their care, involving in their activities the greatest number of possible countries.
2. To urge the Editors of the Journals that they be in permanent contact with the Chairmen of Committees and Working Groups so that the advances made may be demonstrated via the publications.
3. To approve the following structure of the Commission:

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<i>Committees</i>	<i>Working Groups</i>
<i>ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY Dr. Hernán A. Silva, ARGENTINA</i>	<i>REGIONAL HISTORY AND INTEGRATION IN THE SOUTHERN CONE OF AMERICA</i>
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY M.Sc. Francisco Enríquez, COSTA RICA</i>	<i>INTERDISCIPLINARY GROUP ON NATURAL DISASTERS</i>
<i>CULTURAL HISTORY Dra. Patricia Galeana, MEXICO</i>	<i>SPECIALIZED LIBRARIES AND HISTORICAL ARCHIVES</i>
<i>ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY M.Sc. Oscar Fonseca Zamora, COSTA RICA</i>	<i>UNIFORMIZATION OF AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERMINOLOGY</i>
<i>HISTORIOGRAPHY Dr. Boris Berenzon, MEXICO</i>	<i>HISTORY OF AMERICAN HISTORIOGRAPHY (1950-2000) TIME AND SPACE</i>
<i>TEACHING OF HISTORY Licda. Margarita Vannini, NICARAGUA</i>	<i>PERSPECTIVES ON TEACHING HISTORY IN THE NEW MILLENIUM</i>
<i>PUBLICATIONS FUND Dr. Chester J. Zelaya Goodman, COSTA RICA</i>	



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JOURNALS

REVISTA DE HISTORIA DE AMÉRICA

M.Sc. Francisco Enríquez Solano, Costa Rica

BOLETÍN DE ANTROPOLOGÍA AMERICANA

Dr. Felipe Bate, Chile

REVISTA DE ARQUEOLOGÍA AMERICANA

Dra. Maria Cristina Mineiro Scatamacchia, Brazil

M.Sc. Oscar Fonseca Zamora, Costa Rica (editor)

REVISTA ELECTRÓNICA

Dr. Boris Berenzon, México

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RESOLUTION No. 5

WORK PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2005-2009

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

CONSIDERING:

That the preliminary Work Plan presented for the next quadrennial as the basis for the Global Plan of the History Commission;

That now the Chairmen of Committees, Working Groups, and Editors of Journals have been designated;

RESOLVES:

1. To develop the following Work Plan that is aligned with the scientific policy for the period 2005-2009 which, in turn, takes into account the structure of the History Commission based on Committees, which include working groups that can also be divided into two tendencies: History and Anthropology responding to the necessities of developing discipline-wise. This wide vision of History envelops documentary as well as material sources.
2. The proposal presented here in a generis manner seeks to include the central aspects of the Commission, based on the following principles:

First: Internal lines of action

- a. The establishment of preferential lines of research:
 - Encounter between cultures / acculturation
 - Integrationist processes
 - Independence processes
 - And others that due to their transcendent nature receive this consideration by the History Commission.



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- b. Pan American character of the projects
- c. Internal articulation between the Committees and the projects
- d. The development of the History Commission's Symposium as a vehicle of diffusion and internal weighting.

Second: External lines of action

- a. Help the different academia activities such as:
 - Central American History Congress
 - South American History Congress
 - To stimulate the creation of a North American History Congress
- b. To expand the relations between History institutions, principally with national institutes of History
- c. To seek the articulation with other Commissions of the PAIGH

Third: publications

- To maintain up-to-date the objectives of the different publications: *Revista de Historia de América; Revista de Arqueología Americana* and *Boletín de Antropología*

Fourth: History Commission Project

- To develop a broad History Commission project:
- Historical Atlas of America: Contact and Independence

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RESOLUTION No. 6

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2006

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

CONSIDERING:

The requests for projects presented by the diverse National Sections, Committees and Working Groups of the History Commission, for consideration by the 63rd Meeting of Authorities and the XVI Consultative Meeting of History, celebrated in Caracas according to the criteria approved by the Scientific Policy Committee.

RESOLVES:

To support the following requests for projects presented for 2006:

New considerations in the study of American Ancient History II	5,000
Rafael Obregón Loría Scholarship, for graduate study in History	3,600
First regional workshop on Qualitative Research	3,000
Historical Relief model of the Andean Indigenous Culture applied to the Nono-La Concordia zone	3,000
Geophysical and archaeological study of pre-Hispanic habitation sites in Cotzumalguapa, Guatemala	3,000

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Latin American migration at the beginning of the 3rd millennium	4,000
The construction of time-space. Visions and revisions from America	4,000

Also, the following projects will be assisted:

Publication of the text: <i>El Unionismo Científico y los Intelectuales en la Vida Política Centroamericana, 1898-1921</i>	Publication fund up to 2,000
VIII Central American Congress of History	National funds
History of the Historiography of America, 1950-2000	Publication fund

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RESOLUTION No. 7

"RICARDO CAILLET BOIS" HISTORY PRIZE

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

CONSIDERING:

That the jury named in this Consultative meeting produced a verdict in relation to the "Ricardo Caillet Bois" history prize;

That the jury composed of Dr. Fernando da Silva Camargo and Dra. Patricia Galeana recommended the award of the prize to the author with the pseudonym Inés de Suárez;

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To award the prize for the work titled "De colonial a Nacional: La Carrera eclesiástica del Clero secular chileno 1650 – 1810", signed by the pseudonym Inés de Suárez, that corresponds to Dra. Lucrecia Raquel Enríquez Agrazar, of Chile.

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RESOLUTION No. 8

**MODIFICATIONS OF THE REGULATION OF THE PUBLICATIONS FUND OF THE
HISTORY COMMISSION**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the "Publications Fund of the History Commission" was created via Resolution No. 8, approved by the XIV Consultative Meeting of the History Commission, celebrated in Santiago, Chile, in November, 1997.

That the regulation of the Publications Fund of the History Commission was approved in the XXXVI Directing Council Meeting of the PAIGH (Mexico, 2002);

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

To approve the modification of Article 4 of the Regulation of the History Commission's Publications Fund so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 4. The Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Publications Fund Committee shall be responsible for analyzing the Works and making the pertinent consultations for which they shall designate evaluators that are specialists in the theme of the proposed publication, with the aim of guaranteeing the scientific and social relevance."

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RESOLUTION No. 9

**ASSISTANCE FOR CÁPAC ÑAN, PRINCIPAL ANDEAN ROAD NETWORK, TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE CULTURAL PATRIMONY
OF HUMANITY LIST**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the republics of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina have presented to UNESCO the candidature of Capac Ñan, Principal Andean Road network that it be included in the Cultural Patrimony of Humanity List;

That this project, of multinational reach, involves the participation of multidisciplinary research that will permit the deepening of knowledge of the history and geography of the region;

That the Cápac Ñan project, Principal Andean roadway is framed in sustainable development projects and the integration of member states of the PAIGH;

RESOLVES

1. To join, institutionally, with the proposal of the participating countries in this Project, and to help technically so that the proposal can count on indispensable scientific support.
2. To exhort the National Sections of the PAIGH to participate and collaborate in the proposal of the Declaration of Cultural Patrimony of Humanity of Capac Ñan, Principal Andean Roadway.

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RESOLUTION No. 10

**COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE LIBERATING
EXPEDITION OF DON FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA IN AUGUST 2006, AS
INITIATION OF THE REVOLUTIONS OF
INDEPENDENCE IN LATIN AMERICA**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the 3rd August 2006 will commemorate 200 years from the arrival on American soil of the expedition of Don Francisco de Miranda, an event that constitutes an episode of great significance for all America, since from that date the independence of Latin America was initiated;

That in the acts programmed to commemorate such key dates, it is important to rescue the memory of the peoples and diffuse in publications, conservation of documentary sources and restoration of the monuments referred to in this event.

RESOLVES:

1. To commemorate the bicentenary of the liberating expedition of the Precursor of Independence, Don Francisco de Miranda, as the initiation of Latin American independence.
2. To recommend the elaboration of projects for the conservation, restoration and/or rebuilding of monuments, works, and places that are related with this event.
3. To recommend the elaboration of historical, geographic, cartographic and educational projects related to the emancipatory exploit.

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RESOLUTION No. 11

WIDENING OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAIGH PUBLICATIONS

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

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to widen the distribution of the PAIGH publications.

RESOLVES

1. To exhort and request the General Secretariat that they carry out a redistribution of the publications of the PAIGH with the objective of including at least three new institutions indicated by each Commission, as well as those indicated in article 26 of the "Regulation of Publications of the PAIGH."
2. In those countries that for geographical difficulties impede a knowledge of the Works of the PAIGH it is recommended that extra examples be sent to qualified university libraries as strategies for the diffusion of scientific knowledge.
3. In relation to the diffusion, the General Secretariat and the Commissions proceed to send pamphlets with brief abstracts of the publications of the PAIGH to scientific journals that may be interested and to centers and institutions with specialized websites.

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RESOLUTION No. 12

THANKS

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

CONSIDERING:

That from 16 to 18 November of the present year the XVI Consultative Meeting of the PAIGH was held in the Military Circle of the city of Caracas;

The excellent results obtained in its meetings;

That recommended by the Consultative Coordinating Committee;

RESOLVES:

To thank the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the National Section of the said country of the PAIGH, its President, Ing. Nora Delgado, the representative of Venezuela before the Consultative Meeting of History, Alejandro Mendible and Chairman of the Scientific Policy Committee, Dr. Boris Berenzon, Licdo. Reymundo Gurdian, Vice-Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Scientific Policy Committee, to Dr. Juan José Marín, Secretary of the Meeting, to the personnel of the General Secretariat, and to the personnel of assistance to the organizing committee, for their valuable help and their kind attentions provided for the greater success of the meeting.

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