

## **“Leopoldo Zea” Thought of America Prize, 2005 – 2007 edition**

Leopoldo Zea (México, 1913-2004) “the most universal thinker of Mexico”, within the PAIGH was Chairman of the Committee “History of Ideas”, later called Cultural History for more than fifty years. Winner of the “Belisario Domínguez” Medal of Honor (2000) of the Mexican Senate among many other international distinctions.

### **1. Merits**

The prize is awarded biennially to the original work recognized by the jury as of great value and significance and that constitutes a relevant contribution to the development of **Thought of America**. The works submitted to evaluation must be elaborated by persons of the Member States of the PAIGH.

### **2. Of the work**

Contemporary works may participate on **Thought of America** related to the independent, national or republican period. They must constitute contributions to American historiographic research and include a critical, documentary and bibliographic apparatus.

For the prizes of the PAIGH only original works are accepted that correspond to the first edition in the original language; no re-editions, re-impressions nor works critical of others may be presented. Works submitted for academic degrees corresponding to Master’s and higher may participate in any format in one of the Members States of the PAIGH.

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For each biennial call for submissions the General Secretariat will fix the period of publication applicable to the contestants.

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, 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 History 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 in Mexico City.

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 of 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 History 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.

In 2008 the prize will be given in Mexico City during the ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PAIGH, in the month of June; in the case that the winner cannot be present, the prize will be handed to the Ambassador in Mexico of the country involved who will in turn, send it to the Chairperson of the respective National Section who will make the award to the winner in a special ceremony or act for that purpose.

If the characteristics of the work permit, a synthesis of the winning work will be published in the *Revista de Historia de América*, 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 31 January, 2008, at the following address:

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