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Mission

- Encourage, coordinate and distribute studies pertaining to its areas of interest, which are: Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences for the benefit of the Americas.
- Support initiatives, innovation and the creation of knowledge in matters of its competence, by means of studies, tasks and trainings of its Commissions.
- Encourage interdisciplinary cooperation among related institutes in America and with international organizations.

Vision

- Becoming an organization of excellence that is made up of specialists and researchers of its areas of interest.
- Operating as an institution that facilitates and supports research that provides scientific-technical assistance to its Member States, to the Organization of American States, and to all those entities which request it within the limits of the possible and of the PAIGH instruments.
- Articulating and promoting relationships concerning its areas of interest among Member States, civil society, as well international scientific, academic, and private initiative organizations.

Principles

- The PAIGH prioritizes scientific activities, through its Technical Assistance Program, as well as the dissemination of specialized knowledge through its Publications Programs, or those programs established for these purposes in the future.
- The PAIGH encourages attention to the relationship among disciplines in its studies, projects and publications, with an emphasis on science, technology and critical thinking.
- The PAIGH stimulates activities of multinational interest.
- The PAIGH recognizes the importance of equality, non-discrimination, respect and tolerance for all human beings.
- The PAIGH respects the freedom of expression of its authors, who bear sole responsibility for their respective contents.
- The PAIGH does not start up nor encourage any work that is considered to be biased towards political or religious proselytism.
- The PAIGH supports open access to its studies and research produced by its programs.



The **PAIGH**, its **Functions** and its **Organization**

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) was founded on the 7th of February, 1928, through the resolution approved at the Sixth International American Conference, which took place in Havana, Cuba.

In 1930 the Government of the United Mexican States built for the use of the PAIGH the building at 29 Ex Arzobispado street, Tacubaya, in Mexico City.

In 1949, an agreement was signed between the Institute and the Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), which established it as the first specialized agency of the OAS.

Only the American States may be members of the PAIGH. At the same time, there is the category of Permanent Observer, a status currently held now by Spain, France, Israel, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

The PAIGH is made up of the following Pan American organs:

- General Assembly.
- Authorities.
- Commissions.

Moreover, each Member State officially designates and creates a National Section, this being the body established for the fulfilment of the mission, vision and scientific strategy of the PAIGH at the national level, having the financial support of its government available for this.

Member States

Argentina	
Belize	
Bolivia	
Brazil	
Chile	
Colombia	
Costa Rica	
Dominican Republic	
Ecuador	
El Salvador	
United States of America	
Guatemala	
Haiti	
Honduras	
Mexico	
Nicaragua	
Panama	
Paraguay	
Peru	
Uruguay	
Venezuela	

Observer States

Those States that have been proposed by a PAIGH Member State with the right to vote or by the General Secretariat of the PAIGH may request the status of Permanent Observer State of the PAIGH.

The creation of the status of Permanent Observer was approved in 1993, through Resolution XV of the 15th General Assembly.

In 1991, Jamaica was named as the first Observer State of the PAIGH through the Resolution approved by the 18th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council, at Aguascalientes, Mexico.

In 1994, at the 30th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council, the inclusion of the Kingdom of Spain in this status was authorized.

In 1997, for their part the State of Israel and the Republic of France entered the PAIGH, through Resolution VII of the 16th General Assembly.

Finally, at the 49th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council, in 2019, the inclusion of the Republic of Korea as a Permanent Observer State of the PAIGH was authorized.



Spain



France



Israel



Jamaica



Republic of Korea

Invited Guest State



Canada

Strategic Modernization Plan of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History 2022-2025

Purpose: The Strategic Modernization Plan of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) has as its purpose making available strategies and lines of action for strengthening the central guiding concepts of the three areas of action of the General Secretariat: Scientific, Financial and Administrative, which, all together, are aligned with the Organic Statute and the procedures now in force of this institution itself.



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	Central Guiding Concepts	Strategies
Scientific	I. Encourage scientific research in the fields of Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences, specifically in studies that are of interest to the Member States, with the objective of contributing to the peace of the American states.	1.1 Encourage, publicly support, coordinate and check for the studies carried out by the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions to be the result of the scientific and technical programs set up and approved by the Institute itself.
		1.2 Encourage scientific and technical development in the areas of interest to the Institute in the PAIGH Member States, by means of support for the National Sections.
	II. To publish or distribute those scientific studies in Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences that are of interest for the American Continent, in accordance with the scientific and technical programs approved by the Institute and in coordination with the General Secretariat and the Commissions.	2.1 Distribute or publish the studies performed by the various component bodies of the Institute, resulting from the work of its Commissions, also from its Committees and Working Groups; with the aim of contributing to the development of Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics, and related sciences within the Member States and to the goals of the Institute itself. This is under the concept that various technological tools will be used in communication matters.
		2.2 Disseminate, by means of special editions and co-editions of printed and digital books, those works that may be considered as classics in Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences and which, due to their value, are judged as currently relevant for scientific development.
Financial	III. Keep the finances in a healthy state, in order to guarantee their correct operational functionality, the scientific research projects given priority and the objectives for which the Institute was created. At the same time, the accounts and the state of the funds will be assessed and checked annually, with the support of internal and external auditors.	3.1 The General Secretariat will seek to keep the Institute operating adequately, by means of a healthy and balanced management of the income and expenditures, of the correct use of the Budget and of its financial state.
		3.2 The General Secretariat will ensure that the accounts and the state of the funds be checked, also that the budget and its budgetary items be used suitably, all with the support of internal and external auditors.
Administrative	IV. Strengthen the presence at global level of the Pan American Institute for Geography and History, emphasizing its relations with international organizations, such as the Organization of the American States (OAS), and with the States of the continent.	4.1 Make relations with the OAS closer, as is appropriate for one of its specialized agencies with technical autonomy.
		4.2 Strengthen its image and its relations with the Governments and the societies of the Member States of the Institute, and, in the same way, with the Observer States.
	V. The Pan American Institute of the Geography and History will strengthen its relations with the country hosting the central office of the Institute and the Commission Presidencies, including those countries that host the General Assembly and the meetings of the Commissions, with the aim of supporting a finer performance by these component bodies, which will lead to benefits for the correct operational functionality and improved image of the Institute.	5.1 The General Secretariat will seek to maintain good relations with the country hosting the Institute's central office, and in the same way with the States to which the Commission Presidents are attached.
	VI. Work towards ensuring that all of the human and material resources, the infrastructure, the fixed, movable and historic assets, the archive, artistic, bibliographic, and journal library stocks, and the map library of the PAIGH are all maintained in a good state of conservation, also that the regulations are updated in accordance with the new Organic Statute, with the aim of sustaining a correct operational status for the exact fulfillment of the goals for which it was created.	6.1 Maintain a polite and friendly working environment among the personnel and all component bodies of the PAIGH, also keep the headquarters office in the best possible state of working conditions and of good maintenance, conserving also the fixed and movable assets and the archive and historical materials that are kept within these premises.
		6.2 Analyze and put into effect the proposals and modifications necessary for aligning the procedures and rules contained in all of the regulations of the PAIGH with that set out in its current Organic Statute.
		6.3 Conserve the library, journal, map and documentation library holdings that belong to the Institute in good condition, with the purpose of ensuring that they stay in a good state of conservation for being consulted.

Priority Objective: The Pan American Institute of Geography and History shall encourage, support, coordinate and distribute the studies belonging to its areas of interest, which are: Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences for the benefit of America; moreover, it shall support the creation of knowledge in its areas of interest, through studies, training and the work of its Commissions, encourage interdisciplinary cooperation among the institutes of America, related international organizations, Member States, civil society, and also international scientific, academic, and private initiative organizations.

Lines of action

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| 1.1.1 | Push for both progress and public outreach in the research work being performed within the various Committees and Working Groups, approved and proposed by each one of their respective Commissions. |
| 1.1.2 | Coordinate and ensure, through the several Commissions, that the work performed by the Committees and Working Groups be performed in accordance with the scientific and technical programs, with a rational use of the time, also of the human and financial resources. |
| 1.2.1 | Coordinate with the Commissions the performance of the work carried out by their Committees and Working Groups, in order to contribute to the development of Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences within the Member States. |
| 1.2.2 | Support, from the General Secretariat, the several Commissions in order for both entities to approach and contribute to the development of the various National Sections, also their work within the Member States. |
| 2.1.1 | Put into effect a schedule of publications and communication, in coordination with the Commissions, that enables the release and dissemination of the results and of the progress made in the scientific research work performed by the Institute; this program should include distribution in printed and digital media (including the web pages, social networks, digital platforms and cyberspace); also by means of cultural events that include conferences, presentations, exhibitions, etc. |
| 2.1.2 | Coordinate between the General Secretariat and the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions, those work programs that, due to their scientific and technical value, contribute to the purposes of the Institute, to make them known to all humanity, by means of both periodic (journals) and occasional (special edition or co-edition in printed and digital book format) publications. |
| 2.1.3 | Strengthening the scientific journals of the PAIGH by means of work coordinated between the General Secretariat, the Commissions, the Committees and the Working Groups. All of this by means of their publication through printed and digital media. |
| 2.2.1 | Publish in book format those classic works that are considered as contributing to developments in the areas of interest to the Institute due to their historic and scientific value. |
| 3.1.1 | The General Secretariat will seek to ensure that all the Member States pay their annual membership quotas and that they keep these quotas up to date, as far as possible avoiding arrears with payments outstanding; in addition to managing strictly the rest of the income and existing funds, with the purpose of ensuring that it sustains the financial operations of the Institute. |
| 3.1.2 | Keep the finances of the Institute to a healthy balance, by means of the application of the principle "do not spend more than you have", and by ensuring the viability of the Institute in the near future, thanks to a rational use of the financial resources, to which a strict economy is applied. This is with the aim of achieving an adequate distribution of the budget items and ensuring the performance of the programs in accordance with their scientific importance and value. |
| 3.2.1 | A healthy management of the finances will be established, based on the elimination of unnecessary expenses and budget items, which will make it possible to finance more scientific projects and studies of priority status. |
| 3.2.2 | The General Secretariat will make use of the powers granted to it by the Statutes and Regulations of the Institute, in order for an audit to be performed each year to check and submit an accounting report, by means of internal and external auditors who guarantee transparency in the financial resources. This measure will be applicable to all the component bodies subject to authority or the supervision of the General Secretariat. |
| 4.1.1 | Check that the recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Councils of the OAS are taken into consideration. |
| 4.1.2 | Encourage participation in technical advice and provision of information to the General Assembly, to the Councils and to any other component body of this international organization. |
| 4.1.3 | Coordinate and strengthen the Mixed Commission of the PAIGH and of the OAS, for the exchanges at the level of the General Secretariats; this will meet every two years. |
| 4.2.1 | Urge and work towards better relations and scientific and technical exchanges with each of the National Sections, with the objective of strengthening the importance of these both within the States of these Sections and, also, along with this, for the Institute itself. |
| 4.2.2 | Encourage a greater scientific and technical exchange with each one of the delegations of the Observer States. |
| 4.2.3 | Establish relations for cooperation with inter-governmental organizations and other entities whose activities are compatible with the mission of the Institute, using the status of Permanent Observer. |
| 5.1.1 | The General Secretariat will seek to improve its relations with the authorities of various levels of the government of the United Mexican States, with the aim of facilitating the tasks of all of the personnel who work at the building of the central office of the Institute, also, in the same way, at the "José Toribio Medina" Bibliographic Resource — held at the "Bonfil Batalla" Library in the National Anthropology and History School — and at the map library of the Institute held in the "Manuel Orozco y Berra" Map Library — managed by the Agricultural and Fisheries Information Service (SIAP) of Mexico.. |
| 5.1.2 | The General Secretariat will develop its scientific and technical relations and exchanges with the countries that house the headquarters of the Commissions, including the countries that host the General Assembly and the meetings of the Commissions, in order to support and collaborate with the Presidencies of these component bodies in their relations with the authorities at various levels of the government, institutions and organizations of the Member State to which they belong. |
| 6.1.1 | Analyze and take the necessary measures for improving and strengthening the quality of life and the professional and workplace development of the personnel of the General Secretariat; on the basis of respect for personal dignity and inclusiveness, free of discrimination and with equality between genders; taking into consideration human resources as the most valuable asset that PAIGH possesses. |
| 6.1.2 | Run a diagnostic analysis of the state of conservation of the headquarters building and of all the premises that it possesses and take care of the fixed and movable assets of the Institute, in order to take the measures that are appropriate for their adequate conservation. |
| 6.1.3 | Perform a study on the state in which the stocks of historical, archive and artistic materials of the Institute are currently to be found, in order to take suitable measures for ensuring their control and classification in accordance with international standards for archive and historical documentation, together with being in good conditions of conservation. Moreover, the necessary restoration tasks required for protecting this institutional heritage would be planned. |
| 6.2.1 | Analyze, in detail, the regulations of the PAIGH, in order to propose the changes necessary for it to be updated and aligned with the Organic Statute currently in force. |
| 6.2.2 | Review the procedures and rules of the PAIGH, with the aim of making those proposals and modifications that are necessary for their appropriate running. |
| 6.3.1 | Make an analysis of the situation in which the book and journal stocks of the "José Toribio Medina" Library Store are held in the "Bonfil Batalla" Library at the National School of Anthropology and History; perform the tasks required for their conservation and take the measures necessary for enriching it, ensuring that the content is used for consultation and dissemination. |
| 6.3.2 | Perform a diagnostic analysis of the state of conservation of the cartographic stock of the Institute kept in the "Manuel Orozco y Berra" map library, managed by the Agricultural and Fisheries Information Service (SIAP) of Mexico; carry out the work required for its conservation and take the measures necessary for enriching it and ensuring that its contents are made widely known. |



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Introduction



Illustration: "Building on "Ex Arzobispado" street in Tacubaya (1868)". Complex where the PAIGH headquarters building is located.
Author: General & Eng. Adrián Cravioto Leyzaola. Published in Cravioto Leyzaola, Adrián,
"Documented History of the Heroic Military School, Book II. Mexico: Publishers: "Costa-Amic Editores, S. A.", p. 234.

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), with a wide humanitarian spirit, every day fulfils the mission which was entrusted to it at the time of its foundation 96 years ago, performing science in the service of peace. In this sense, the year 2024 was full of achievements significant for the Earth sciences and for the History of the American continent; nevertheless, it has also been substantially difficult for the women and men who make up the Pan American scientific community.

We regret to announce the passing away of two scientific figures who, with their achievements, contributed to the development of America: Juan Esteban Hernández Quintero PhD, deceased in Mexico, on the 25th of June; and also Claudia Nancy Aguirre Gutiérrez, PhD in Colombia, on the 1st of October. Both of them were major figures who made significant contributions in the spheres of Geophysics and Geography throughout their lives. In their memory, the General Secretariat raised the flag of the PAIGH to half-mast in the Palace headquarters building in Mexico City, as part of the mourning that the Pan American community has undergone. Through these lines here, we send our most sincere condolences to their relatives, friends, colleagues and students. May they rest in peace.

Concerning the achievements of this institution, this General Secretariat is pleased to have reported these to the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH, held in the city of Santiago, Chile, from the 19th to the 21st of November 2024, in its annual report on activities.

The General Secretariat, led by MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales continues to apply the Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH 2022-2025; this plan is divided into three fundamental areas:

- Scientific.
- Financial.
- Administrative.

In the Scientific area, there are two central guiding concepts; the first has as its objective encouraging and supporting research and the second, the dissemination of studies.

In the Financial Area, there is the third central guiding concept about keeping the finances of this institution in a good, healthy state. Concerning the Administrative Area, this has three central guiding concepts indicated as follows; the fourth guiding concept involves strengthening the presence at global level of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History; the fifth concerns strengthening relations with the country hosting the headquarters of the Institute. The last guiding concept involves ensuring the maintenance in good condition of all of the resources of this institution and its rules and policies, where the most valuable is its scientific and administrative staff. Finally, there are the updates to the rules of procedure in accordance with the new Organic Statute.

Consequently, the Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH 2022-2025 started to be applied from



the 7th of February 2022, alongside the early stages of the current administration. On that date, the work of this re-engineering began; this has been in progress for three years, with arduous tasks of continuous work, under the concept of performing all of this gradually so as to avoid affecting the operational running of this institution.

This re-engineering has been the cause for the overhaul of the entire PAIGH system; this has been the origin of the analysis, update and modernization of the scientific, financial and administrative institutional processes. It is estimated that progress has been about 85%, and that this will be completed up to 100% in 2025. Through all parts of this report, the restructuring can be seen in detail.

It is important to point out that close communication and collaboration has been

maintained with all the Authorities of the PAIGH: President, Vice President, and the Presidents of the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions; with the objective of coordinating the tasks in the various spheres of their competence.

To finalize this introduction, we can allow ourselves to reflect thus: the progress that is presented in this report are the result of the strategic vision, leadership and work in synergy of those who are members of the Meeting of PAIGH Authorities, a collectively professional body that has had available to it, at all times, the backing and authorization of the General Assembly, the upper body of the PAIGH; in the same way, they are the result of the effort of this team of this General Secretariat, being ordinary people doing extraordinary things for the benefit of the Americas.

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales
Mexico City, December 2024



Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept I:

Encourage scientific research in the fields of Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences, specifically in studies that are of interest to the Member States, with the objective of contributing to the peace of the American states.



Article 2 of the Organic Statutes of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), specifies that the fundamental mission of this international organization is the creation of scientific knowledge by means of serious studies

and research; moreover, in fulfilment of this judicially valid order and in accordance with Central Guiding Concept I of the 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH, the actions that are detailed as follows were taken.

Strategy 1.1:
Encourage, publicly support, coordinate and check for the studies carried out by the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions to be the result of the scientific and technical programs set up and approved by the Institute itself.

Americas SDI

Work was carried out jointly with the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations and its Americas regional committee (UN-GGIM: Americas) and with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in order to press onwards with work on the web site of the “SDI Americas” Spatial Data Infrastructure. Work has continued for updating and transferring the information related to the Climate Change Atlas of the Americas (ACCA), developed in the years 2017 and 2019, under the supervision of Patricia Snaider PhD (Argentina) and Oscar Luis Pyszcsek PhD (Colombia) and with representatives of the National Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN).

Along the same lines, there was the work of MSc. Luis Andrés Valenzuela Olivares, concerning “Analysis of scientific sources from the 16th and 17th centuries for making climate maps of America”. These have been projects that were financed by the PAIGH through its Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and some universities.

It should be pointed out that the support of MSc. Max Lobo, President of the Cartography Commission was made available.

Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM)

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales attended, as representative of the PAIGH, the 14th Session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations, held and recorded in the United Nations building, in the city of New York, from the 4th to the 7th of August 2024. His direct participation in the four thematic sessions listed as follows should be pointed out:

- Geodesic Reference Frame.
- Integrated Geospatial Information Frame of the United Nations.
- Geospatial Information for the Climate and Resilience.
- Collaboration with the Group of Experts in Geographic Names of the United Nations.

During the event and at all stages, the leader of the PAIGH General Secretariat reported on the activities that are being run in scientific matters, and he confirmed the support of this institution to the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM), also to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.





Eleventh Session of the Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas)

Patricia Solís PhD, President, and MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General, attended as representatives of the PAIGH at the 11th Session of the Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas), on the 7th of October 2024, which was held in Mexico City. The venue for this significant event was the premises of the National Institute for Geography and Statistics (INEGI). During the inauguration, the welcoming speeches were undertaken by Paloma Merodio PhD, Vice President of the INEGI; Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo PhD, President of UN-GGIM: Americas; Court Clerk Rolando Ocampo, Director of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

(ECLAC); and Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Statistics Division of the United Nations.

It should be pointed out that, in addition to the delegations from 28 countries, the presidents of the Regional Committees also attended this session; these were: Antonius Bambang Wijanarto (UN-GGIM: Asia-Pacific), Mohammed Yahya Al Sayel (UN-GGIM: Arab States), David Henderson and Frank Tierolff (UN-GGIM: Europe), and Maroale Mimi Martha Chauke (UN-GGIM: Africa).

The participation of the PAIGH at this event is a milestone in the international and inter-institutional cooperation that this scientific organization encourages in its daily labors, which will result in benefits for the Pan American community.

During the event, the President and the Secretary General re-affirmed the commitment of the PAIGH with the management of geospatial information in the region, in addition to the support for sustaining the Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas).

The PAIGH as host for the reception event of the UN-GGIM: Americas

In the evening of last October 7th, the Palace Headquarters building of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) was set up specially for the event upon proudly receiving the participants of the 11th Session of the Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas).

This reception marked an important date in the history of this institution, as this is the first occasion on which the contributors to the UN-GGIM: Americas have gathered at this site of a diplomatic level, with representatives of 28 countries, also the presidents of the Regional Committees for Asia - Pacific, Arab States, Europe and Africa.

After a day of intense work at the National Institute for Geography and Statistics (INEGI), the participants moved to the headquarters of the PAIGH General Secretariat, to share an honorary toast and enjoy some time for cocktail socializing and comradeship.

The head of the PAIGH General Secretariat welcomed everyone and acted as master of ceremonies; here, he told the guests about the honor that this event meant for this Institute to receive them at the Palace Headquarters building. For her part, the President of our institution, as host, received the participants of this significant event,



and along the same lines repeated the constant support for the UN-GGIM: Americas from this international scientific organization. Finally, the President of UN-GGIM: Americas, upon giving her own speech, thanked the PAIGH for its hospitality, in addition to the support for putting into effect the activities of this regional group of experts and called for the special toast.

Within the framework of this cordial and satisfying event, the PAIGH Secretary General used the occasion to invite the following figures to sign the Book of Distinguished Visitors: Sofía Nilo PhD, President of the UN-GGIM: Americas; Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Statistics Division of the United Nations; and Deirdre Bishop PhD, President of the PAIGH National Section in the United States of America.

Meeting with the Academic Network of UN-GGIM: Americas

The Secretary General of the PAIGH had a work meeting with Eng. Surveyor Rosario Casanova PhD, Vice President of the Regional Network of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) and President of the Academic Network of the Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas), during the 11th Session of that regional committee, which was held in Mexico City, in October, 2024. At this meeting, it was agreed to continue with the joint, collaborative work on various tasks and international forums of a scientific nature in our continent.

Participation in the 7th High Level Forum of the Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM)

On the days 8th, 9th and 10th of October, the 7th High Level Forum of the Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM) took place in Mexico City, organized by the National Institute for Geography and Statistics of Mexico (INEGI); this year its theme was “Accelerating implementation: achieving resilience”.

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History participated in this global event through the representation by its President and its Secretary General, Patricia Solis PhD, and MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales respectively, who attended the sessions held on the premises of the (INEGI).



During the inauguration of the Forum, the participants included: Mr. Peter Grohmann, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Mexico, Paloma Merodio PhD, Vice-President of the INEGI (Mexico), Alicia Bárcena PhD, Secretary for Development and Natural Resources of Mexico, Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, Ambassador Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Mr. Li Junhua, Secretary General of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations.

The presence of Geographer Álvaro Monett, one of the major scientific personalities of America and representative of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), should be pointed out.

The President of the PAIGH participated in the panel discussion *“Development of geospatial capacity, tools and alliances for improving climatic resilience”*.

The collaboration of the PAIGH in events of high and global levels makes it possible to open dialogues among the scientific organizations of our continent and in the world, contributing to the global agenda and to geospatial information, and proposing improvements for the management of information about events and phenomena on the Earth. The participation of this institution is framed within the actions contained in Central Guiding Concept IV of the 2022-2025 PAIGH Strategic Modernization Plan; thanks to this, the Institute is being consolidated as a relevant participant in the scientific community of the world.

Relations with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales held a meeting with court clerk Rolando Ocampo, Director of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in the city of Santiago, Chile, in the month of November. During the encounter, the PAIGH Secretary General thanked the latter for the support given for running the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH, held at the premises of the ECLAC. At the same time, they both confirmed their mutual support for jointly run work and projects.

Geodesic Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS)

The PAIGH and SIRGAS have continued working jointly to benefit science in America, so the leaders of

these entities, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales and Col. Gustavo Caubarrère, President of SIRGAS, have held meetings at various international forums.

Both institutions have cooperated to find a solution concerning the hosting and the dilemma about where to conserve, store and make available to the users the information of the geodesic reference system. About this point, talks have been started with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in order to analyze the possibility that the latter organization can receive the information mentioned here.

Considering the above, support is being given to SIRGAS through its official web site, with the provision of hosting and subdomain services: <https://sirgas.ipgh.org>. Moreover, as a result of the tasks performed jointly and with the authorization of the PAIGH General Assembly, the support by means of financial resources has been increased, so that, through the PAIGH Technical Assistance Program, 16,000 USD shall be assigned, coming from the Commissions for Cartography, Geography and Geophysics, for the setup and running of the following events:

- “Real Time” School, from the 12th to the 15th of November 2024, in the Faculty of Engineering of the “Francisco José de Caldas” District University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- SIRGAS Symposium, from the 18th to the 21st of November, 2024, in Bogotá, Colombia.

Concerning the second of these, the Secretary General of the PAIGH participated via virtual media.





Relations with the Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE)

The Secretary General of the PAIGH over the whole year ran various work meetings in virtual media with Eng. Nelson Ortega, Director of the CEPEIGE, for, among other matters, organizing the inter-American course corresponding to the year 2024, which meant 56 grants to benefit the Pan American community; this was financed with resources from the Commissions for Cartography, Geography and Geophysics.

Along the same lines, for the second year running, the running of the Geophysics School was coordinated, which made it possible to consolidate this international training project, with the support of the Geophysics Commission. This meant obtaining a total of 30 more grants to benefit the scientific community of the area of geophysics in America.

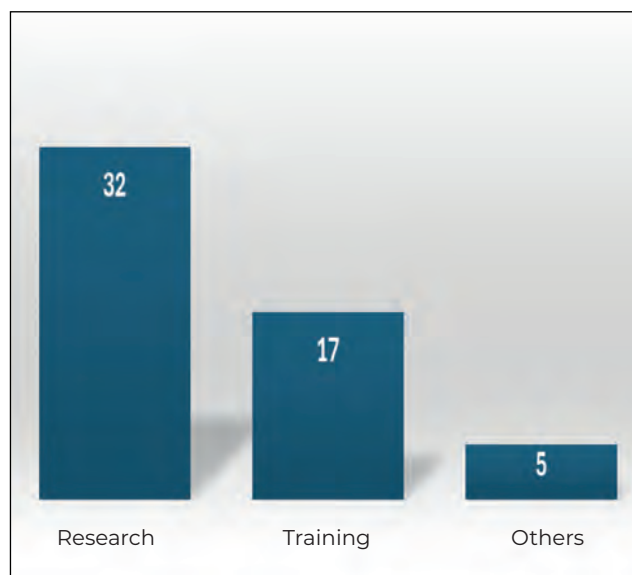


Technical Assistance Program - "Projects"

For the period 2023-2024 of the Technical Assistance Program (PAT), 54 projects were submitted through their four Commissions, while those submitted for the 2024-2025 period had been 27.

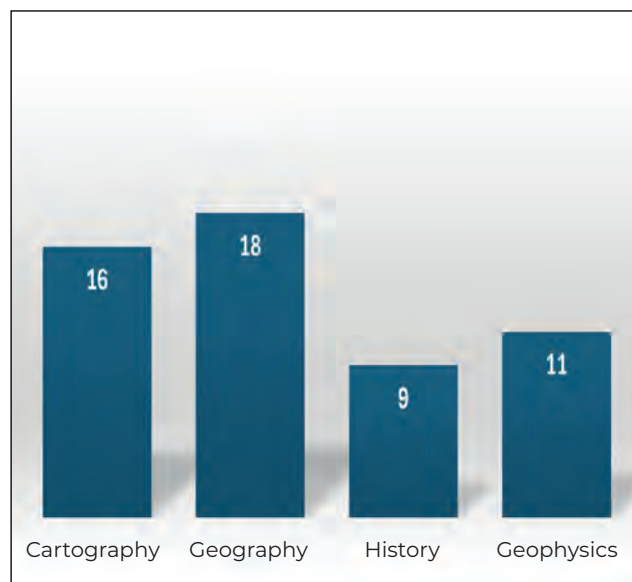
For the first period, the projects received were separated and classified in the following way:

- 32 research projects.
- 17 training projects.
- 5 unclassified projects.



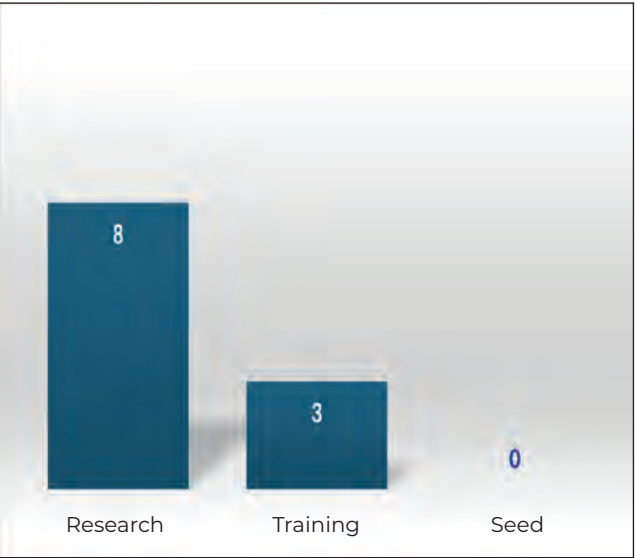
For their assessment, they were distributed thus:

- 16 Cartography projects.
- 18 Geography projects.
- 9 History projects.
- 11 Geophysics projects.



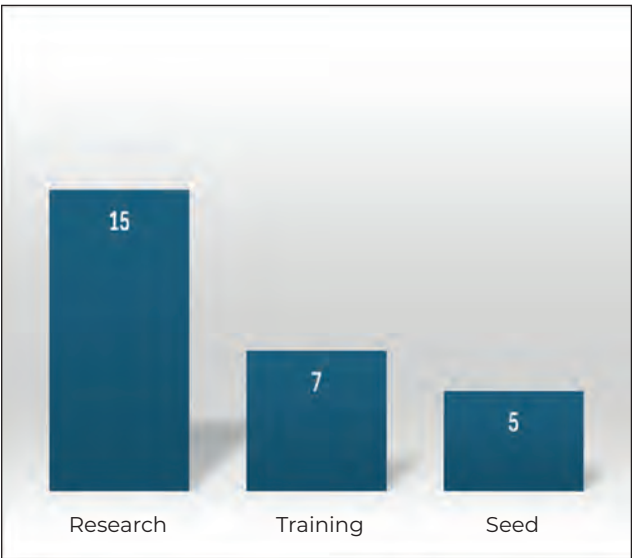
Of these, 11 were approved, in the following classifications:

- 8 research projects.
- 3 training projects.



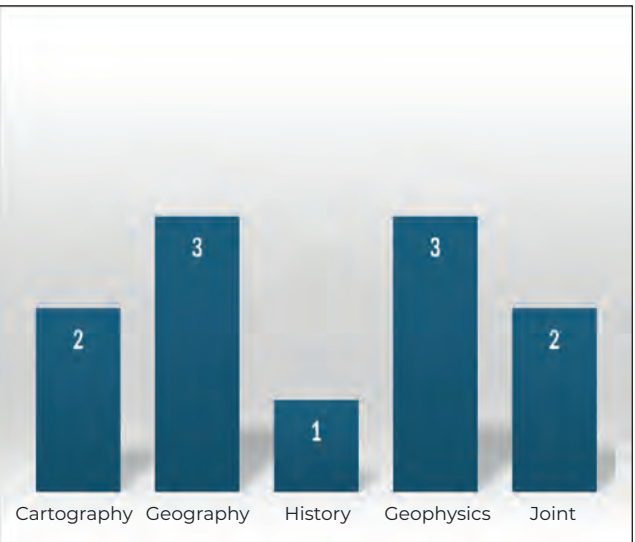
For the second period, 2024-2025, the projects submitted were grouped in the following way:

- 5 research projects.
- 7 training projects.
- 5 seed projects.



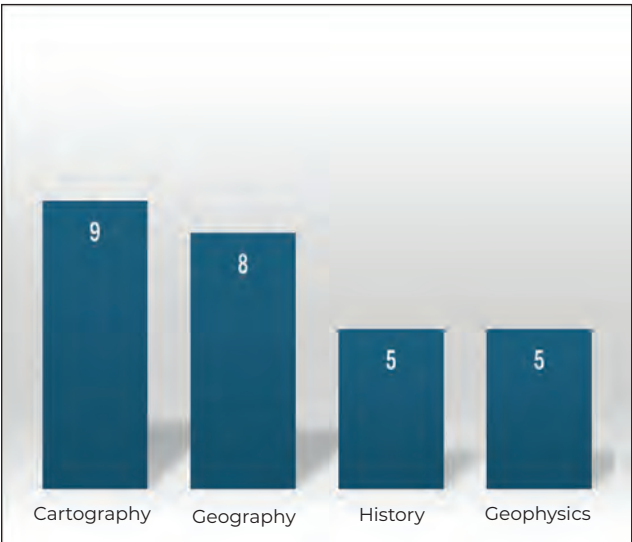
Of the total of the projects approved, these are distributed in accordance with the Commission that financed them, in this way:

- 2 of the Cartography Commission.
- 3 of the Geography Commission.
- 1 of the History Commission.
- 3 of the Geophysics Commission.
- 2 of two Commissions, jointly.



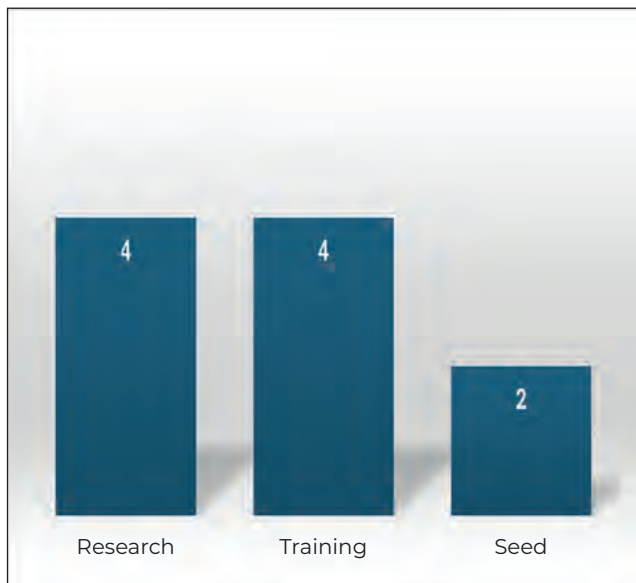
These, for their assessment, were distributed among the Commissions in the following way:

- 9 Cartography projects.
- 8 Geography projects.
- 5 History projects.
- 5 Geophysics projects.



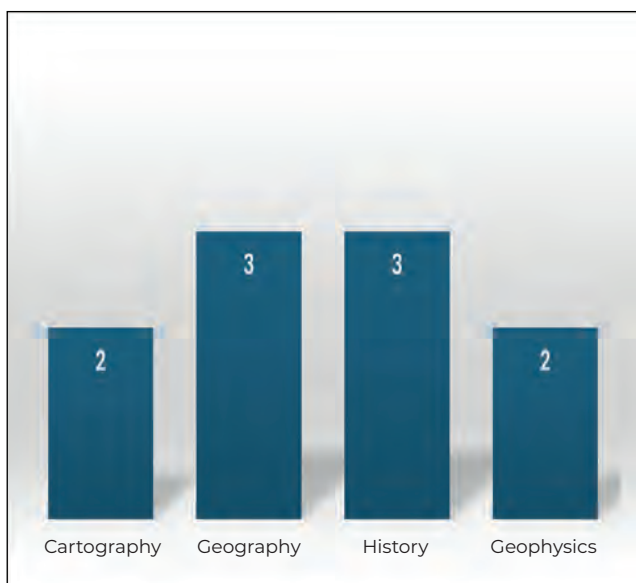
Of the above-indicated projects and in accordance with their type, the following were approved:

- 4 research projects.
- 4 training projects.
- 2 seed projects.



Of the total of the projects approved, these are distributed in accordance with the Commission that financed them, in this way:

- 2 Cartography projects.
- 3 Geography projects.
- 3 History projects.
- 2 Geophysics projects.



It should be mentioned that the objective of the seed projects is to establish the basis and components for the formulation of projects that have the potential for being given a greater external finance.

It should be pointed out that one of these approved projects was withdrawn from the PAIGH by the decision of its own author and leader, who argued that the finance offered was not enough.

It is important to mention that, of the total of all the projects, two of them (one from the Geography Commission and the other from the History Commission) were suspended on the instructions of the General Secretariat, due to the fact that the researchers responsible for them did not comply with the respective policies of the call for project proposals and regulations and procedures of the PAIGH.

The PAIGH is an institution that is serious and of great scientific and academic prestige at Pan American and global levels; in consideration of this, the General Secretariat, from the beginning of the current administration and as part of the re-engineering of this institution that has been performed over the last three years (2022-2024), has carefully and exactly made follow-up checks on all and each one of the projects that are authorized and financed.

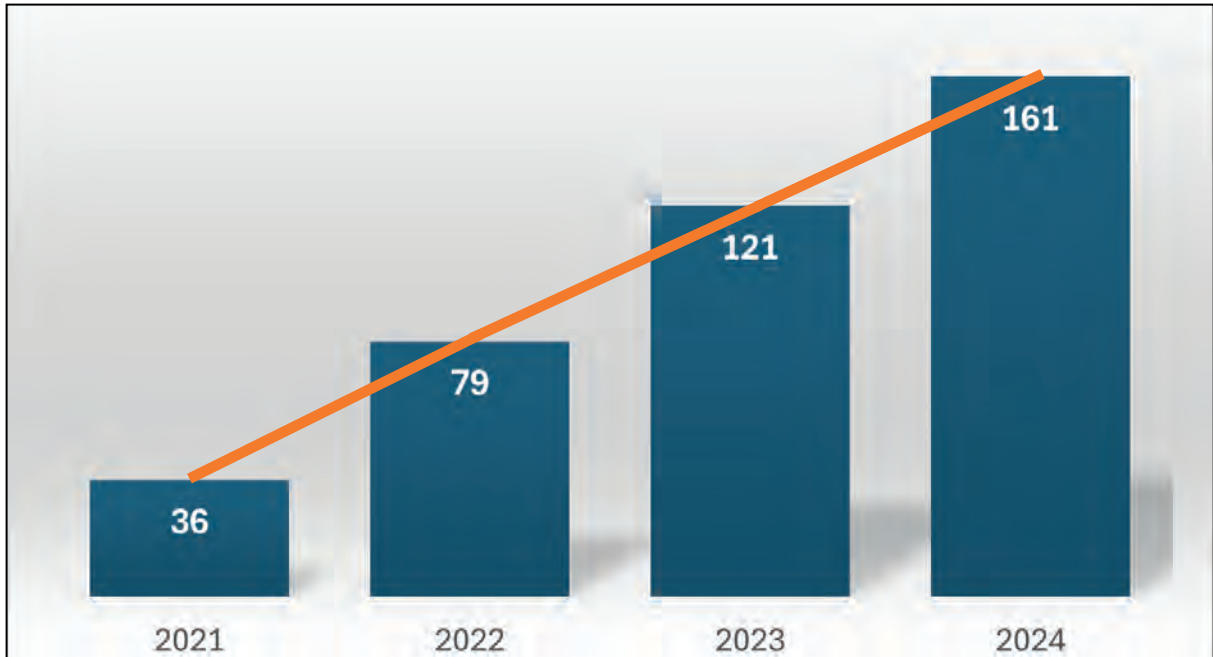
The action stated here continues to be taken now in fulfillment of the resolution that was issued and approved by the 25th General Assembly in Santiago, Chile, in November 2024: *the Regulations of the Technical Assistance Program*, a document that provides certainty to the participation and acts of each one of those involved in our Technical Assistance Program.

Technical Assistance Program “Grants”

The Technical Assistance Program has continued to be strengthened in the aspect of grants. For this reason, support has been requested from strategic international allies such as:

- National Geographic Institute (IGN) of the Kingdom of Spain.
- National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of the Republic of Korea.
- Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE), Ecuador.
- “CentroGeo” of Mexico.
- Latin America and Caribbean Research Center (CIALC) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
- National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI), of Mexico.

Totals of grants provided by the PAIGH, 2024



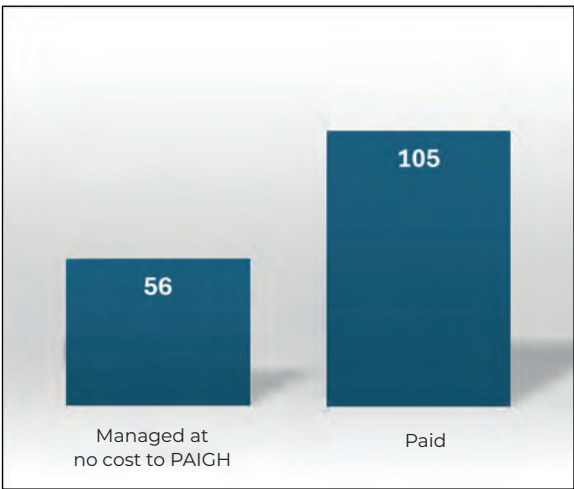
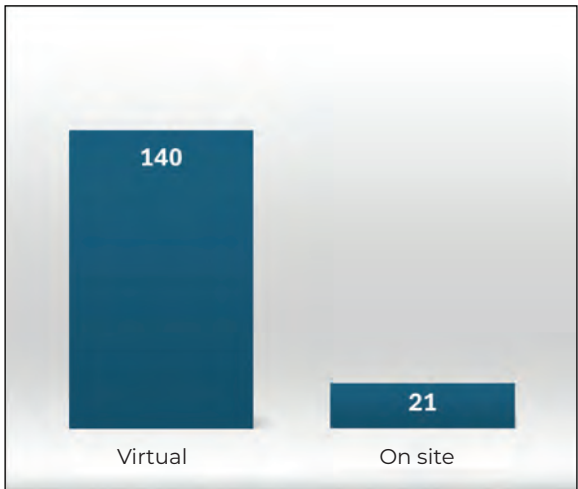
The above has made it possible, for the third year running, to increase the number of grants, without affecting the budget of this institution. We are making an effort to keep up this trend for the year 2025.

It is important to stress that, concerning the training provided by the PAIGH through its four commissions, work has been done from the General Secretariat in coordination with the presidencies of the Commissions for Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics in order to manage the establishment of grants for courses and diploma courses; for this reason, two fundamental aspects were analyzed: the format and the way for them to be granted.

Of the total of the grants managed and /or financed by the PAIGH in 2024, we can determine that 87% were in virtual mode, while the remaining 13% were through in-person modes.

Of these grants, we find that 75% was paid by the PAIGH and 25% was managed without cost for this international organization.

The 295 people of El Salvador who received special training through the courses run by the (INEGI) of Mexico should be added to the above-mentioned grants. This makes up a total of 456 people who have received training thanks to the work and tasks of the PAIGH.



Grants of the Cartography Commission

Diploma course “Geospatial Information Analysis”, on-line

A formal cooperation agreement was signed with the Geospatial Information Sciences Research Center (CentroGeo), the fourth of its type, which made it possible for seven grants to be provided for those taking the Diploma course in Geospatial Information Analysis.

Courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), basic and advanced levels, on-line

The General Secretariat of the PAIGH, at the start of the year, held talks with the representatives of the National Geographic Information Center (CNIG) of the National Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN), with the intention of defining policies and actions

for mutual institutional collaboration in the period of 2024. Thanks to the generosity of the Spanish through the CNIG and the good arrangements made by this General Secretariat; the following grants were obtained with no cost at all:

- 11 grants for the Basic Course in Geographic Information Systems.
- 11 for the Advanced Course in Geographic Information Systems.
- 10 for the Course in High Value Geospatial Data Geolocation.
- 5 for the Course in Spatial Data Infrastructures.

Once again, we give thanks to the authorities of the IGN of Spain and of the CNIG, the generous and altruistic support that they have provided in this period to the Pan American community; this has been reported to the 25th General Assembly.



Grants of the Geography Commission

Concerning the grants that were managed and obtained for studies through the Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) of Ecuador, these were a total of 56 grants for the 50th Pan American Course in Applied Geography. The Member States which benefited from the training were: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and the Dominican Republic.

Grants of the Geophysics Commission

The grants that were obtained, processed and assigned for the Geophysics Commission were 30 in number and were granted for the 2nd Pan American School in Geophysics.

The PAIGH Member States which sent specialists were: Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay.

It is important to comment that the total number of grants awarded by the CEPEIGE was 86, for the Geography and Geophysics Commissions. Along the same lines, the consolidation of the Pan American School in Geophysics should be highlighted, thanks to the efforts made by the Geophysics Commission, with the support of the General Secretariat and to the cooperative stance of the CEPEIGE.

Grants of the History Commission

The PAIGH has a formal agreement for collaboration with the Latin America and Caribbean Research Center (CIALC) National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), which has made it possible to run the 3rd Diploma course titled “History of America”, and which has a widespread reputation at international level.

The diploma course started in November of 2023 and finished satisfactorily in the month of November 2024.

The high demand should be pointed out, as 185 applications were received from 15 countries of the American continent. Finally, 10 grants were assigned.



In-person grants for the 3rd Training Workshop on Geographic Names and Geospatial Information, Republic of Korea

Thanks to the good relations that the National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of Korea has with the PAIGH General Secretariat, for the third year consecutively, the Training Workshop on Geographic Names and Geospatial Information has been run, with in-person mode in the month of September, at the premises of the NGII in the city of Suwon, Republic of Korea. The participants present, from PAIGH 17 Member States (Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay) and included scientific staff and two PAIGH authorities.

It should be pointed out that the grants offered are for the 21 countries that make up the Institute.

MSc. Max Lobo, President of the Cartography Commission, had an outstanding participation, officially representing the PAIGH for the third time.

The General Secretariat of the PAIGH thanks the NGII of the Republic of Korea for this valuable contribution with these grants of free participation. It should be pointed out that the Republic of Korea offered this sponsorship within the framework of its category of Permanent Observer Country of the PAIGH.

To conclude this section on "Grants" of the Technical Assistance Programs (TAP), it should be mentioned that an increase in the number of these for the Pan American community has been achieved, without this resulting in any greater cost to or outlay from our budget, which means a significant achievement for our institution, as it is able to provide greater opportunities for training.



Courses run by the National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI)

The General Secretariat del PAIGH worked on the provision of 22 courses, without any cost, through the National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, for the Geographic and National Cadaster of El Salvador, during the whole year.

The courses cover 24 subjects with the participation of 39 speaker-presenters and an attendance of, on average, 13 people on each course, which adds up to a total of 295 persons having received training. We thank the INEGI for the support provided to the PAIGH, and in particular to the Member State of El Salvador.

Collaboration with the Joint Action Plan and the Aguascalientes Declaration

PAIGH continues to work on and collaborate with the Joint Action Plan as it has done over the last 13 years, with the objective of strengthening, harmonizing and speeding up the development of the Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) of the Americas. For this important initiative, SIRGAS, UN-GGIM: Americas, AmeriGEO, ECLAC, CLARA Network, ESRI, INEGI and the Aguascalientes Declaration are also contributing as collaborators.

This international organization was committed to carrying out 12 activities when the latest update to the Joint Action Plan 2021-2022, put into effect by PAIGH / SIRGAS / UN-GGIM: Américas / AmeriGEO themselves. In this aspect, our institution has complied with these 12 commitments over 2024, so the following activities are reported here:

1. UN-GGIM: Americas: Collaboration with the Americas regional committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas) has continued the work of the integration of the Cartography and statistics of the continent. At the same time, projects of this professional area have been given finance.
2. GEOSUR GeoPortal, or SDI-Americas: cooperation with the CEPAL on the group for management of the platform and on its updates has continued; along the same lines, arrangements have been made with the various geographic institutes to act as guarantor and facilitator of the information for the Integrated Map of America.
3. Production and Exchange of GI: the PAIGH is working permanently with various cartographic organizations and institutions of America for the production and Exchange of Geospatial Information.
4. Ethics in the handling of IG: to the Member States, it was confirmed that their geospatial information shall be used in an ethical way, and it was confirmed to them that this use shall in no way affect their national Security.
5. Geographic atlases: the work of recovering geographic atlases in the Member States of our community has continued. At the General Secretariat, currently the two hundred of them that it has been possible to rescue are being cleaned mechanically. Moreover, tasks are being performed among the various interested parties and strategic allies of our community so that, in 2025, a course about the creation of geographic atlases can be implemented, with the aim of updating their information and publishing them.
6. National Geographic Information Center (CNIG) of Spain: the PAIGH General Secretariat has intensified its collaboration with this entity; this has resulted in obtaining a greater number of grants for running training courses throughout 2024. On this point, MA Antonio Campuzano Rosales successfully made arrangements, before the 25th General Assembly, held and recorded in Santiago, Chile, a public expression of thanks to and recognition of that institution for its support towards the Pan American community.
7. Integrated Geospatial Information Framework: support continues to be provided for the implementation of this program in the PAIGH Member States. For this reason, finance is



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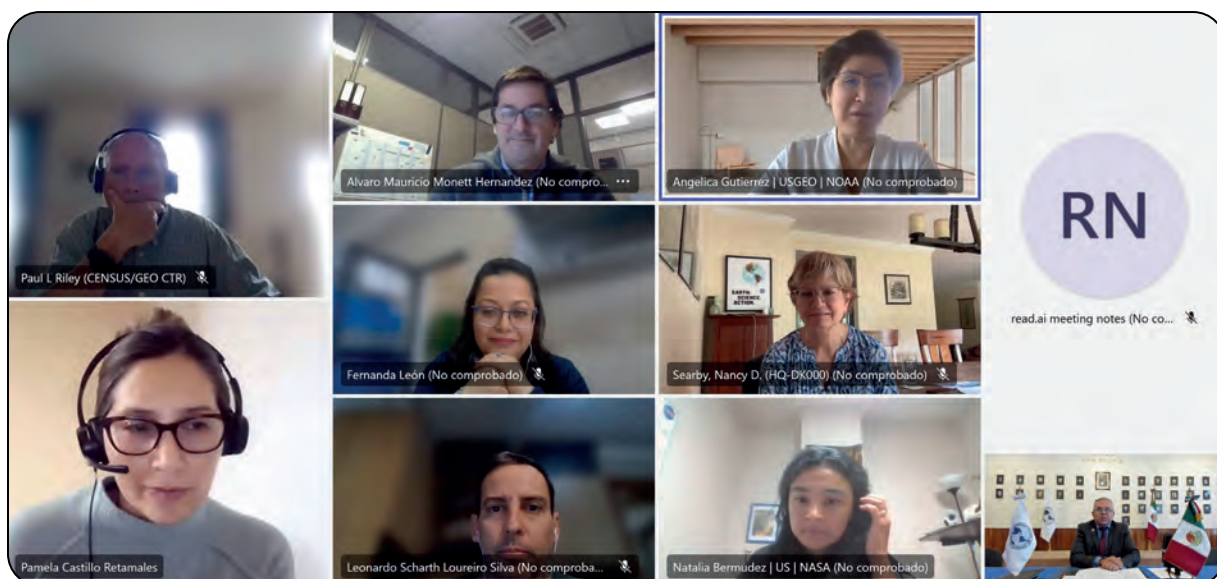
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still being given to projects for the creation of Geospatial Information in the Americas.

8. Journals and scientific publications: the General Secretariat continues the intensive work of its periodic publications and scientific journals, with the aim of maintaining their quality in their contents and keeping them as a model and benchmark in matters of the dissemination of specialized knowledge of the earth sciences. This cooperation has been made more extensive in the publications of historical content.
9. Pan American Professional Network (RPP in Spanish initials) and social networks: these continue to be the object of strengthening and are also a vehicle for the dissemination of knowledge in the field of Geospatial Information (GI).
10. Program of grants: the grants program was increased and strengthened, as were the awards, in the areas of Geospatial Information. These have been among the greatest achievements attained in the last three years. The success was achieved thanks to the collaboration of strategic allies and to the ethical, rational, and transparent management of the resources of this institution.
11. Implementation of the Latin American Metadata Profile: by means of the scientific publications, permanent support is given to the ISO standards, with the aim of facilitating interoperability and standardizing the terminology in the use and creation of metadata.
12. Geographic Names: from the General Secretariat, encouragement and support for the collaboration with the United Nations Organization (UN) has continued. Along the same lines, training in this subject has been increased, thanks to the intense work of the "José Joaquín Hungría Morell" Geographic Names Committee with its center attached to the PAIGH National Section in the Dominican Republic, and to the collaboration with the Republic of South Korea.



In this way, the PAIGH fulfilled completely its commitments acquired in the Joint Action Plan and the Aguascalientes Declaration, within the framework of its procedures and rules, and in full compliance with its PAIGH 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan.

The General Secretariat and the Commissions for Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics have fulfilled these commitments and shall continue to do so during the next year.

In addition to the above, the following actions that have been performed permanently should be added:

1. Financial support for international organizations: the General Secretariat, with the authorization of the PAIGH General Assembly, increased the financial support.
2. Presence in international forums: the PAIGH has increased its participation in the various international forums that are fundamental in the creation and distribution of geospatial data.
3. Pan American Agenda for 2023-2030: the PAIGH Authorities completed the draft of the Pan American Agenda for scientific content, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda of the UN. This document was authorized by means of a resolution of the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH. The above was a significant achievement, due to the fact that it provides certainty and viability to the scientific work of the PAIGH.
4. Climate emergency and climate change: finance is given, and work is currently being done involved with these priority issues for the Americas.
5. Institutional re-engineering of the PAIGH: work on these matters has intensified, within and on the exterior aspects of our institution, with the progress made being approximately 85%. It is expected to complete it successfully in 2025.
6. Technical Assistance Program: the General Secretariat completed its work on drafting the Rules of Procedure for this program, a document that was authorized by means of a resolution of the 25th General Assembly. This major achievement makes it possible to give clarity and certainty to the Technical Assistance Program across its three types of activity: projects, grants and formal agreements. In this way, the heart and reason for being of the PAIGH are strengthened and protected, with the aims of enabling follow-up actions, also of facilitating and making its procedures more transparent.

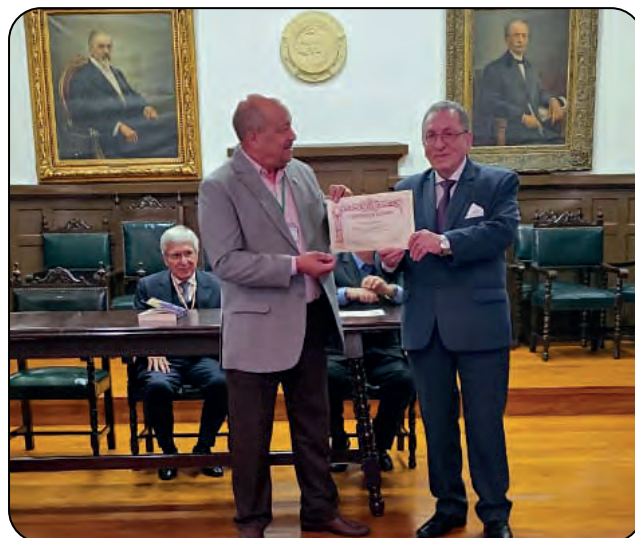
The Secretary General, on the 13th of last June, participated in a virtual meeting with representatives of AmeriGEO and UN-GGIM: Americas, with the intention of reporting on the fulfilment of the agreements entered into in 2021 by the PAIGH, which has been reported previously; also, of confirming the support of this institution and the follow-up actions for the agreements concerning the Aguascalientes Declaration and the Joint Action Plan, these being documents that shall guide the activities to be carried out in the following years.

In this session of work, the head of the PAIGH confirmed his willingness to continue the close collaboration with these international entities, whose representatives attending the meeting were: Paul L. Riley, Pamela Castillo, Álvaro Monett, Fernanda León, Nancy D. Searby, Leonardo Loureiro and Natalia Bermúdez.

American Congress of Liberty

The third Academic Sessions of the American Congress of Liberty, organized by the Colombian Academy of History, the National Academy of History of Ecuador and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (through the History Commission and the General Secretariat), took place in the city of Bogota, Republic of Colombia, on the days 25th and 26th of April.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Mr. Armando Martínez Garnica, President of the Colombian Academy of History (Colombia); Mr. Franklin Barriga, President of the American Congress of History (Ecuador); Mr. Filiberto Cruz, President of the History Commission of the PAIGH (Dominican Republic) and MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General of the PAIGH.





This annual meeting of outstanding and distinguished historians of America also consolidates the work run jointly between institutions of various countries of America and this specialized organization of the OAS.

As the event took place and progressed, the presentation of the book titled *"Second Academic Session of the American Congress of Liberty -Proceedings"*, was done, carried out by the PAIGH Secretary General. The book represents the fruit of the inter-institutional labors and is evidence of the academic event of the year 2023, with the participation of important historians from 14 countries of America (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ecuador, United States of America, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic), where the central topic discussed was about "The independence of Latin America, Monarchy or Republic?".

The book *"Proceedings..."*, has a small set of web pages within the web site of the PAIGH (www.ipgh.org), at which it is possible to download this published work in .pdf format; moreover, there are, hosted there, the video recordings of each of the 26 presentations. The production for this was done by the Latin-American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE), being a closely linked international organization to which we give thanks for its support.



In this way, everyone interested in the “*Proceedings...*”, may gain access on-line to the resources that the PAIGH places at their disposal.

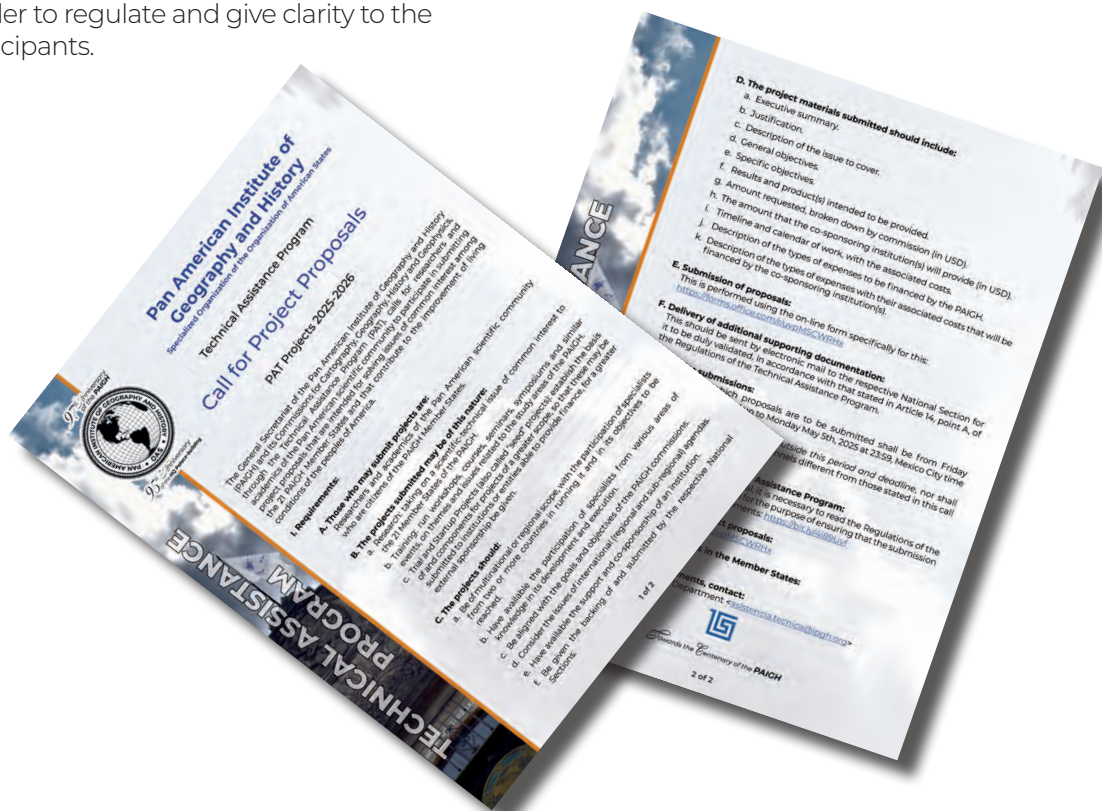
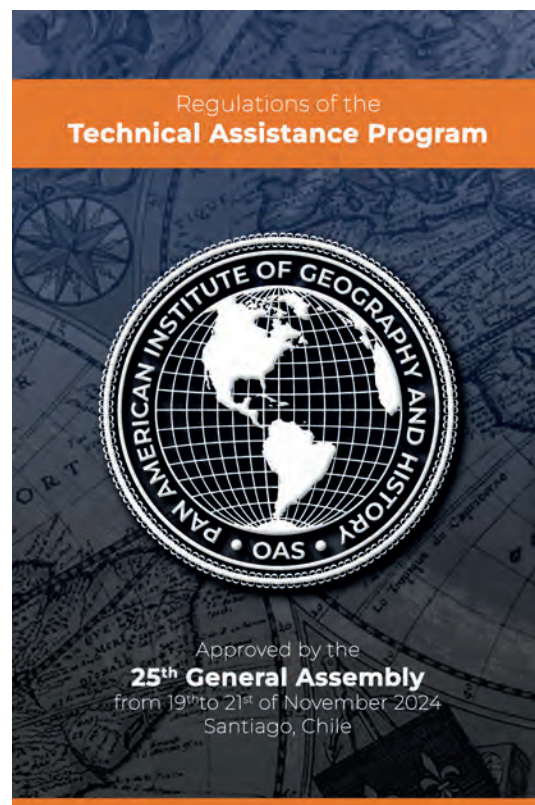
It may be mentioned that, in the same way, the set of web pages for the *Third Session..* is active and may be consulted at the same web site, and the corresponding publication shall be included at the same place.


1.2 Encourage scientific and technical development in the areas of interest to the Institute in the PAIGH Member States, by means of support for the National Sections.

Technical Assistance Program

Concerning the Technical Assistance Program for “Projects”, this program has been strengthened, through the following actions:

- Meticulous follow-up actions for the projects being executed, monitored by the General Secretariat continually.
- The call for submissions and applications has been updated.
- Greater participation has been requested of the National Sections.
- The Rules and Procedures of the *Technical Assistance Program of the PAIGH*, being a document that makes more systematic the projects of this institution, among other aspects, in order to regulate and give clarity to the process and its participants.





Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept II:

To publish or distribute those scientific studies in Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences that are of interest for the American Continent, in accordance with the scientific and technical programs approved by the Institute and in coordination with the General Secretariat and the Commissions.

The process of changing the Department of Publications to the Department of Social Communications has finished. This was through various measures such as: checks on and modifications to the procedures, the hiring of new staff, who co-exist alongside the senior staff that have experience and intellectual capital in this area, the training and the incorporation of tools and technological media which make it possible to satisfy the needs for dissemination, communication and visibility of the PAIGH.

The actions and results during the period of 2024 are presented as follows.

2.1 Distribute or publish the studies performed by the various component bodies of the Institute, resulting from the work of its Commissions, also from its Committees and Working Groups; with the aim of contributing to the development of Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics, and related sciences within the Member States and to the goals of the Institute itself. This is under the concept that various technological tools will be used in communication matters.

Through the Publications Program, visibility for scientific and research articles of quality is achieved. It should be mentioned that the internal dissemination of the PAIGH refers to the occasional and periodic publications.

Internal Dissemination

Occasional publications

One of the permanent tools that the PAIGH has had available for presenting its published products is the web site of this Institution. In the area of History and related sciences, the book *Second Academic Session of the American Congress on Liberty – Proceedings*, has been published in digital and printed format; this is a compilation of the articles of the presentations made at the event of the same name.

More over, an original project has been started and is in progress, now in the graphic layout stage: *Third Academic Session of the American Congress on Liberty*.



Periodic publications

The continuous work of the six editors of the scientific journals of the PAIGH achieved the following output for the period of 2024; it should be remembered that this is available in the open access web site: www.revistasipgh.org.

- *Cartographic Journal* issue N° 108 (January-June, 2024).
- *Cartographic Journal* issue N° 109 (July-December, 2024).
- *Geophysics Journal* issue N° 70 (2020).
- *History of America Journal* issue N° 167 (January - April, 2024).
- *History of America Journal* issue N° 168 (May-August, 2024).
- *History of America Journal* issue N° 169 (September-December, 2024).
- *American Anthropology* issue N° 17 (January - June, 2024).
- *American Anthropology* issue N° 18 (July - December, 2024).
- *American Archeology Journal* issue N° 41 (2023).

In these publications, a total of 66 scientific articles, three documents, 15 summary articles or reviews, an obituary and the final technical report for a project of the Technical Assistance Program have been published.

Currently, the following are in the process of production: *Cartographic journal* issue N° 110, *Geographic Journal* issue N° 167, *History of America Journal* issue N° 170, *American Archeology Journal* issue N° 42.

During the first semester of the year, *Cartographic Journal* again suffered some difficulties in the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform; this was reported to the business entity that administers the platform, and corrective action was taken for this unfortunate situation. Currently it is allowing the publications work to flow.

Concerning the *History of America Journal*, the Exchange of announcements and notices between this publication and others has continued, involving the following publications: "*Archipiélago*" *Journal*, *American Compendia of Notes*, "*Legajos*" (Newsletter of the General Archive of the Nation, Mexico), *Mexican History*, with the objective of taking advantage of this type of dissemination in other media, so in each publication the announcements of the PAIGH are renewed.

In the month of April, some *plugins* were installed in the OJS in order to improve the reading of the contents of the journals and to obtain additional measurement statistics for each one of them.

With the objective of giving visibility to the scientists who collaborate with the PAIGH, also to the results of the research sponsored by this organization, this year, emphasis was placed on the lead researcher responsible for a research Project of the Technical Assistance Program (PAT) of the PAIGH having the duty to present an article referring to that project and based on the final technical report of the project, the article being for one of the six scientific journals of this organization. Due to this, the article should comply with the standards for quality, such as the double blind review and the verification of the authenticity of the texts in order to check their originality, among others.

Resulting from the query to the editors about whether they had received any document with these characteristics, the *History of America Journal*, identified the following articles as projects of the TAP:

- In issue number 163 (July-December, 2022), in the section Documents, *“Characteristics of the sources in the study of the climate of America, 16th and 17th centuries”*, by Luis Andrés Valenzuela Olivares and Gerardo Alonso Cabrera Jiménez; from the project of the year 2022 titled *“Assessment of scientific sources of the 16th and 17th centuries for the drafting of climatic maps of America”*.
- In issue number 164 (January-April, 2023), in the section Documents, *“The New World and the science of the climate: contributions of Spanish cosmographers and chroniclers in the 16th and 17th centuries”*, as the second part of the study mentioned previously.

Concerning the Geophysics Journal, the report on the project *“Seismogenic potential of faults with dextral directions in trans-arc and intra-arc zones of the southern Andes: the cases of the faults “El Tigre” (Argentina) and the “Liquiñe-ofqui” system (Chile)”*, from the researcher Joaquín Cortés Aranda and others, was published in the Technical Reports Section.

Editors

On another aspect, the Geographic Journal named BSc. María Jesús Leyva (Chile) as the new editor of this journal.

We are sad to announce the unfortunate decease of Juan Esteban Hernández Quintero PhD, who passed away in the month of June; he had acted as editor of the Geophysics Journal from the year 2011 up until the date of his decease.



M. Ester Gonzalez PhD



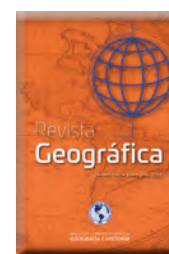
Juan Esteban Hernández PhD



Cristina Oehmichen PhD



MA María Jesús Leyva



Alexandra Pita PhD



Mario A. Rivera PhD



External Dissemination

For the release and dissemination of the work and the activities that are performed in the PAIGH, also of the scientific knowledge created by the article authors of our journals, this organization has available several media for the external distribution of these materials, such as its web site and the social networks, which are being constantly updated to present recent, useful information to our followers and readers.

Website

In the second semester of the year, the web site of the institution was updated, so the following tasks were carried out:

- Insertion of institutional documents, for example, the financial and audit reports.
- Organic Statutes in English and Portuguese, approved regulations and rules of procedure.
- Updates to the lists and contact details for the National Sections and the Principal Members of the Commissions for each country.
- The form for the Pan American Professional Network.
- The work agenda of the Secretary General has been added.
- Moreover, the structure of the site has been reorganized for better viewing.

About our web site, the sections most used were those about: the 25th General Assembly; Programs; Commissions; the Gallery of Historians and Geographers of America, and the National Sections. It should be pointed out that, for the second year running, in accordance with statistics recorded for January to June 2024, the most searched-for item on the web site was the atlas of America, in its three volumes.

Finally, the countries from which the web site was queried and searched with greatest intensity are: Mexico, United States of America, Colombia, Ecuador and Argentina.

Social networks

The release and publication of specialized scientific matters and of the activities of this organization itself has continued, with the aim of placing within reach of our followers information related to the areas of interest to the Institute.

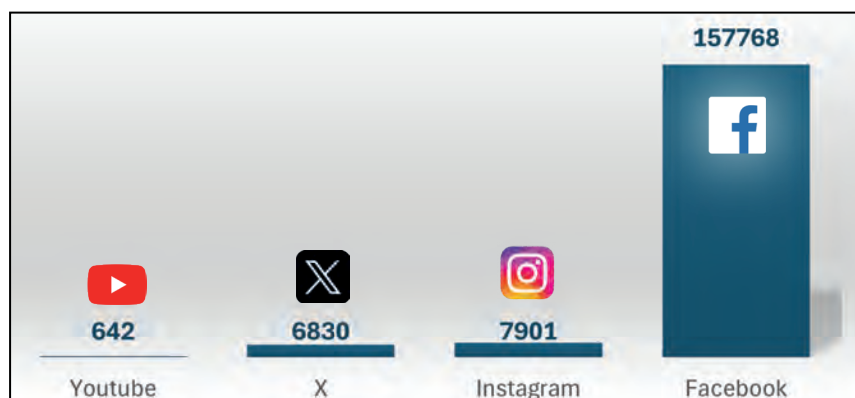
The PAIGH maintains profiles in the following social networks: Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube.

The calendar program for the contents in these tools for communication is based on the following areas of interest:

- Lists of anniversaries of the Member States and of world-level dates. For publicizing notable happenings in the historic sphere.
- Agenda of the Secretary General. To make known the outstanding activities of the leader of this administrative office, focused on the PAIGH 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan.
- General Information. Dissemination of the academic activities of the Member States such as seminars, presentation of publications, grants, calls for submissions, among others.
- Scientific articles from our periodic publications.
- Coverage of the Pan American Congress on the Teaching of History (August).

Concerning the statistics measured for our social networks, these have undergone an increase in comparison with the previous year, so, as of December 31st, 2024, these were as follows: Facebook: 157,768 followers (1,168 new ones), Instagram: 7,901 followers (584 new ones); X: 6,830 followers (104 new ones); YouTube: 642 followers (107 new ones).

Followers on social networks



Participation in the 35th International Anthropology and History Book Fair

In collaboration with the Mexican Anthropology Society "A.C.", the Pan American Institute of Geography and History was present at the 35th International Anthropology and History Book Fair which took place from the 8th to the 18th of August 2024, at the premises of the National Anthropology and History Museum in Mexico City.

The PAIGH participated in this relevant cultural event, at which it was cited as one of the publishers and it was given a booth for making known its published editorial production, so the community of Mexico City was invited to visit that booth, where publications in history, anthropology, archeology, geography, cartography and geophysics of the PAIGH were offered.

This participation was very significant, as about 55 thousand viewers saw this event through INAH TV; nevertheless, in direct form 68 thousand people (according to official figures) attended this fair, and they could see the quality of the publications of the PAIGH at its booth.

Image of the Institution

For the PAIGH, the perception of the Pan American community and of society in general is important; for this reason, the Social Communication team is working, continuously, on several projects that tend towards strengthening its institutional image, where it has had substantial production in the design of:

- Front covers of journals, and occasional publications.
- Metallic plaques.
- Printed diploma recognition certificates.
- Image related to the 96th Anniversary of the PAIGH.
- Stationery with the image related to the 96th Anniversary of the PAIGH.
- Design and setup of the new seal and logo of the PAIGH.
- Banner posters and stationery for the statutory meetings.
- Videos for institutions of the Member States, Observer countries, and institutions that collaborate with the PAIGH.

Design and layout of internal documents

Among the tasks of graphic layout and design that were performed during the course of the year, the following documents may be highlighted:

- Organic Statutes, English and Portuguese versions.
- Report on the Activities of the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, 2023. "On the Re-engineering of the Institution", Spanish and English versions.
- Resolutions approved by the 25th General Assembly, Spanish and English versions.



Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept III:

Keep the finances in a healthy state, in order to guarantee their correct operational functionality, the scientific research projects given priority and the objectives for which the Institute was created. At the same time, the accounts and the state of the funds will be assessed and checked annually, with the support of internal and external auditors.



A constant concern of the Secretary General, in accordance with Central Guiding Concept III of the PAIGH 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan has been keeping the finances of this scientific-technical organization in a healthy state, with the clear objective of ensuring its operational condition. The fulfilment of this aim makes it possible to put into effect the mission of this institution to create,

encourage, support, and disseminate scientific knowledge in its areas of interest, to the benefit of peace in our continent.

In this way, for the leader of the General Secretariat of this international organization, managing the financial resources in a rational and transparent way has been of fundamental interest.

3.1 The General Secretariat will seek to keep the Institute operating adequately, by means of a healthy and balanced management of the income and expenditures, of the correct use of the Budget and of its financial state.

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, in order to put Central Guiding Concept III into effect, applied the following principles:

- Firstly, to maintain a healthy balance between the income and the expenditures.
- Secondly, to work towards and ensure rational handling of the finances.
- Thirdly, ensure transparency and the rendering of accounts.

The way in which our international institution maintains itself is through the payment of the quotas of the Member States and some minor administrative income items; for this reason, it is fundamental to have available the annual payment of these quotas.

It should be pointed out that the leader of the General Secretariat, for his planning, did not include the ideal income from the quotas; the budget was planned for putting it into effect considering the real that it was expected to obtain, in view of the situation specific to each Member State, in accordance with that obtained historically over the previous two years. Applying this idea, the concept of the expenditures to be made was planned, giving priority to those arising from the scientific causes and area.

2024 Budget

Status of quota payments as of December 31st, 2024

The income received through the quotas in 2024 was 563,393 USD, and this is explained as follows:

- The income from “Late-paid quotas” corresponding to previous years amounted to 52,676 USD; for this reason, the Presidents of the National Sections were available to support this General Secretariat in order to carry out the management tasks necessary before their governments.
- The income through “quotas of the 2024 financial year” was: 510,717 USD.

On the basis of the above, the great effort that the Member States make to fulfil the international commitment for paying the quotas can be seen.

<i>Quotas of the financial year 2024 (ideal)</i>				
<i>Member State</i>		<i>%</i>	<i>Quotas 2024 (USD)</i>	
United States of America		49.99%	323.900	
Brazil		12.35%	80.030	
Mexico		8.79%	56.944	
Argentina		7.08%	45.882	
Venezuela		4.63%	30.011	
Colombia		1.37%	8.849	
Chile		1.11%	7.202	
Peru		1.05%	6.794	
Ecuador		1.05%	6.794	
Uruguay		1.05%	6.794	
Dominican Republic		1.05%	6.794	
Costa Rica		1.05%	6.794	
Panamá		1.05%	6.794	
Guatemala		1.05%	6.794	
Paraguay		1.05%	6.794	
El Salvador		1.05%	6.794	
Bolivia		1.05%	6.794	
Honduras		1.05%	6.794	
Belize		1.05%	6.794	
Haití		1.05%	6.794	
Nicaragua		1.05%	6.794	
Total		100%	647.934	

Administrative income, amounting to a total of 77,287 USD was obtained; under the concept of royalties and publications 21,620 USD was obtained. These extra funds obtained made it possible for the General Secretariat to put into effect its operational expenses. To finish, we can report that the total income of the PAIGH in 2024 reached the figure of 640,680 USD.

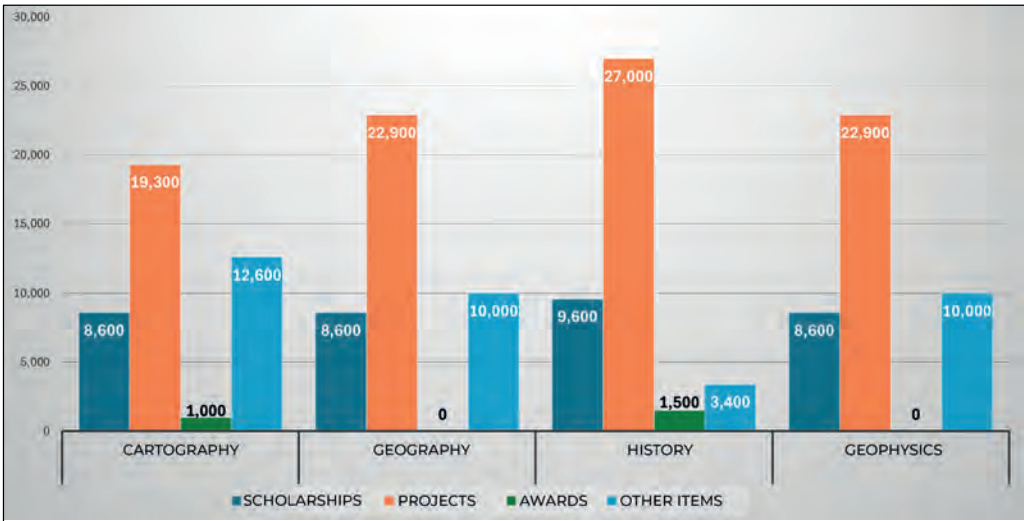
Financial Situation of the Technical Assistance Program

The reason for being of the PAIGH is the creation of scientific knowledge and its dissemination; the Commissions of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics are those which determine the disciplines and activity types in which the scientific budget of this institution shall be expended. For this reason, the Technical Assistance Program, in its budgetary items for projects, grants, awards, technical and consultation meetings of the Commissions and other activities of a scientific nature, are a priority for this institution.

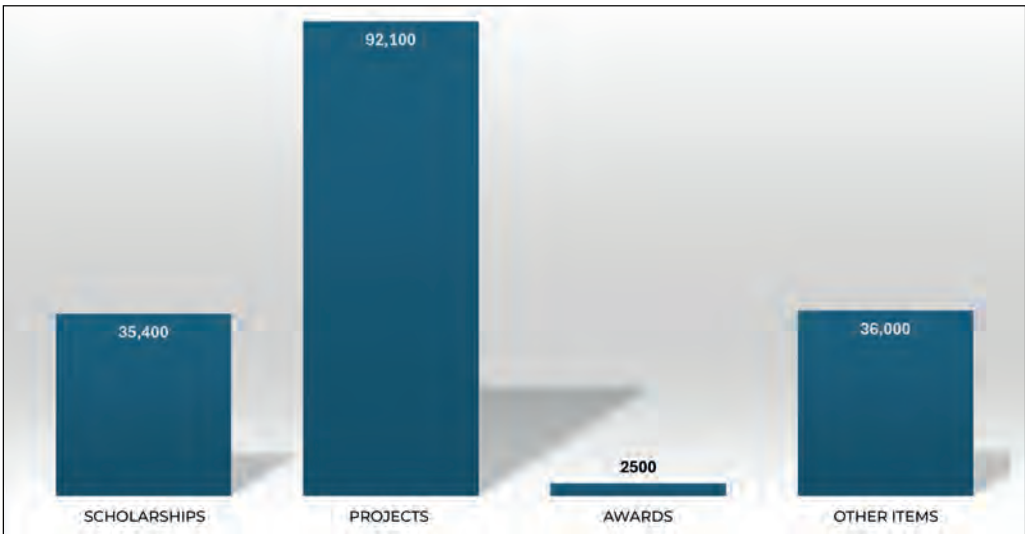
For this reason, 166,000 USD were assigned for it to be put into effect; this financial resource was shared out equally among the Commissions.

An innovative aspect in the PAIGH since the start of the current administration and as a result of the re-engineering of this institution is the comprehensive follow-up actions that the General Secretariat has carried out for the PAT, specifically in the area of projects and grants; thus, it has been possible to make arrangements for the return of 500 USD. Along similar lines, finance for two projects that did not comply with the rules and procedures of this institution was suspended; this amount added up to 16,000 USD.

Amount assigned to the Commissions (in USD)



Planning for the Technical Assistance Program (in USD)



3.2 The General Secretariat will ensure that the accounts and the state of the funds be checked, also that the budget and its budgetary items be used suitably, all with the support of internal and external auditors.

2024 Financial Report

On the basis of analyzing the financial report for 2024, the ideal income for this year, under the concept of the membership quotas, was 647,934 USD; nevertheless, the real income was 563,393 USD, which means a difference of 84,541 USD.

It is important to point out that the amount accumulated in the unpaid quotas pending made up the sum of 1,300,552 USD.

It should be mentioned that, out of the total of that assigned and divided up among the activity types of projects, grants, awards, technical and consultation meetings, 120,904 USD was used and spent; at the same time, 45,096 USD remained unspent and to be used.

Concerning the area of Social Communication, it was planned to spend 23,000 USD; however, the quantity of 30,836 USD was actually spent; this difference arose because of the inclusion of licences for platforms for putting into effect the work of the institution in the correct way; this was shown in the other accounting types of expenses.

Concerning that involving the area of the statutory meetings, a scheduled expense of 43,000 USD was estimated; nevertheless, by the end, 56,390

USD under this expense type had been spent. This difference is due to the following reasons:

- All of the meetings that the PAIGH is running have returned to full in-person mode.
- The General Assembly was held in the city of Santiago, Chile, which considerably increased the costs of the air travel, accommodation and travel expenses of the Authorities.
- The participation of the PAIGH in various international forums has increased; this includes the events of the Committee of Experts in Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations, among others; which was a necessity for placing the Institute at the vanguard again in international scientific matters.
- Support has been given to the Office of the Organization of American States in the Belize-Guatemala Adjacency Zone, in the movement of a scientific trainer from Uruguay to this region, in representation of the PAIGH.

It is important to mention that, in the future planning of the statutory meetings of the PAIGH, the factors that should be taken into account are a new in-person mode, the increase in the international forums at which the PAIGH has to participate, such as the meetings of the *Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM)*; and the *Americas Regional Committee of the UN-GGIM (UN-GGIM: Americas)*; or the various countries in the Americas, to attend the General Assemblies of the Organization of American States (OAS).



For the year 2026, the above leads us to make checks on the resources assigned to this type of expense, which has increased considerably and will continue to do so, as it is estimated that it will reach 60,000 USD. There are several reasons for this: changes in international geopolitics, the fluctuations in exchange rates, such as the variations in the US dollar in relation to the currencies of the rest of the American continent; the fact that the President of the PAIGH, Patricia Solís PhD, with the resources of her country has covered the cost all of her travel costs, and the fact that the quotas have stayed stable since the adjustment made to them in 2018; among others. The above reasons necessarily will affect this aspect.

Moreover, the staff of the PAIGH carried out a study and analysis of the licences, applications and technologies for the information (TIC's), that this international organization uses in the performance of its administrative, financial and communication activities; in consequence, better use of these was achieved, making a significant saving in the costs of using the information technology licences, services, *software* and *hardware*.

To finalize this point, we can say that the total income of the Institute rises to 640,680 USD; in contrast, the total expenses reached the figure of 623,281 USD. The above means that, at the end, there was a favourable balance of 17,399 USD; this demonstrates, for the third year running, there has been a financial equilibrium between income and expenses, also a third surplus in the finances of the institution.

External Audit

The General Secretariat keeps working constantly on supervising its financial area with the purpose of maintaining and encouraging a culture of healthy finances; for this reason, meetings are held regularly with the staff of the Department for Financial Administration and Human Resources, which performs major functions in the correct operations of the work of the PAIGH.

Thanks to these meetings, financial certainty is being offered to the 21 Member States, whose quotas make it possible for this international organization to carry out its scientific tasks.

In order to facilitate transparency and the rendering up of the accounts of this General Secretariat before the highest Pan American authority, the General Assembly, in fulfilment of the

rules of the Organic Statutes and the financial rules of Procedure of the PAIGH, the collaboration with the "Cortés" Accounting Firm and of the "Vieyra Mota y Asociados S.C." Certified Accountants and Business Advisors firm has continued for putting into effect the external audit of this institution.

The first of these gives guidance to the Secretary General in the management of the financial resources of this institution; the second performs the institutional external audit. For this, the General Secretariat provided all the documentation and facilitated checks on the accounts and the status of the funds, also on the use of the Budget and of its budgetary items.

Due to the above, on the 10th of last July, at the Palace Headquarters building of this international organization, the financial reports and the Audit report for the year 2023 were delivered by BA. Carolina Cortés Conde ("Cortés" Accounting Firm) and by BA. Ricardo Vieyra ("Vieyra Mota y Asociados S.C." firm). Simultaneously, checks and assessment of the accounts for the year 2024 were started.

It is important to mention that, when writing this report (February, 2025), the audit is in progress, creating records, by this accounting firm. The results shall be published during the course of the year in the web site of this institution and shall be presented to the General Assembly and to the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF), as has already been done under this current administration.

These measures represent another step forwards in the process of re-engineering for this institution; at the same time this demonstrates the transparency and rendering of accounts for the annual Budget, also the commitment of the current administration of the PAIGH, to its Member States and the Pan American community.



Meeting of the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF)

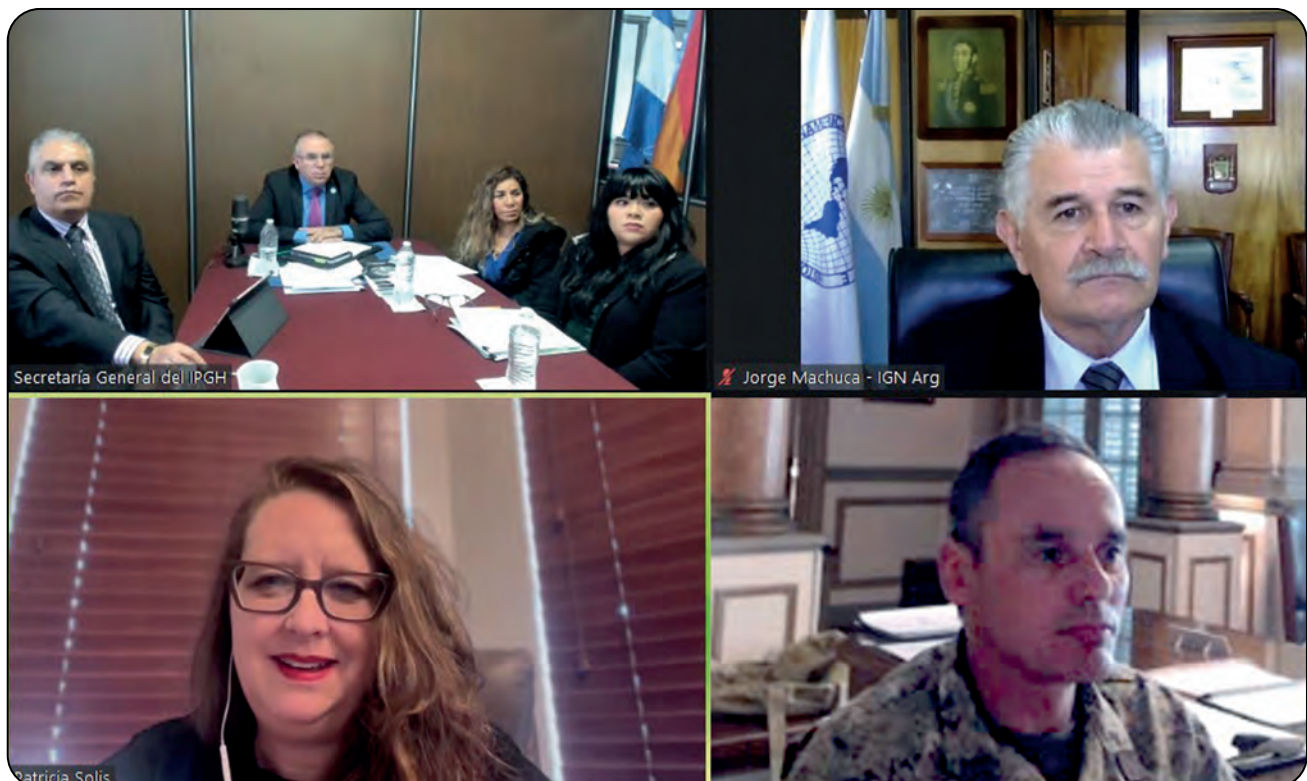
In compliance with Central Guiding Concept III of the PAIGH Strategic Modernization Plan for 2022-2025, work was carried out constantly on strategies that make it possible to keep finances in a healthy state; for this reason, in early October a work meeting in virtual mode took place with the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF).

The APEF Committee is of particular relevance for the correct financial operation of the PAIGH; this is made up of: Patricia Solís PhD, President of the PAIGH, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General, Col. (Ret.) Jorge Machuca and Col. Andrés Moraes, presidents of the National Sections of Argentina and Uruguay, respectively. At the same time, it met in compliance with the rules set by the Organic Statutes and with the Rules of Procedure of that committee upon the request of the Secretary General.

During this work meeting, the following activities were put into effect: the presentation of the members of the APEF Committee, the explanations about the Financial Report by the Secretary General and also about the Audit Report by the external auditor, and the presentation of the Draft Budget for 2025. It should be clarified that these documents had been sent to the members of the Committee checked the documents and expressed some comments in order to clarify some details of the reports presented.

Finally, they asked the Secretary General to congratulate the staff of the Department of Financial Administration and Human Resources, also the "Cortés" Accountancy Firm and the "Vieyra Mota y Asociados S.C." Firm, for the work performed for seeking transparency and the rendering of accounts for this institution.

It is important to highlight the fact that the work of the APEF Committee is a fundamental part of the activities of the PAIGH, as keeping the finances in a healthy state guarantees an efficient operation of this international organization in its functions.





Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept IV:

Strengthen the presence at global level of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, emphasizing its relations with international organizations, such as the Organization of the American States (OAS), and with the States of the continent.

For the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, its collaboration with all and each one of the scientific forums of the American continent that relate to its areas of interest is fundamental. In the same way, the participation of this institution in the various organizations of continental and global scope is necessary; as an example, we can mention the United Nations organization and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). A special case is the Organization of American States (OAS), due to the fact that the PAIGH is its oldest dependent organization, from the year 1949, and part of the same Pan American system.

For the PAIGH, its relations with its Member States, Observer States and international organizations are a priority; this means a major set of tasks and a concern for the General Secretariat as it maintains these relations and works on approaches for contacts at diplomatic and scientific levels.

Finally, the statutory meetings of the PAIGH are important due to the fact that, in these, the scientific, financial and administrative policies of our organization are defined; moreover, they make it possible to maintain a constant relation with the PAIGH Authorities and the National Sections, as is also the case with the annual General Assembly.

4.1 Closer relations with the OAS, as is appropriate for one of its specialized organizations with technical autonomy.

Relations with the United Nations Organization (UN)

The Secretary General of the PAIGH, during the month of July, participated in an interesting work meeting with Eng. Francisco Javier Medina, Assistant Director General for Basic Geographic Information of the INEGI, Mexico, who is also part of the United Nations Group of Experts in Geographic Names.

The agenda on this occasion dealt with issues related to the Integrated Map of the Americas, the Committee for Geographic Names and the national and international sessions, in which the INEGI and the PAIGH actively participated, such as the Forum for High-Level Experts and the meetings of the UN-GGIM: Americas.

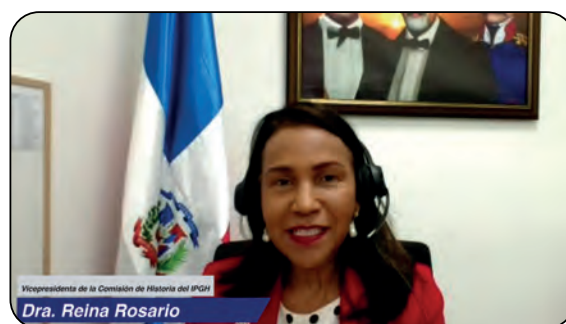
We thank Eng. Medina for his time, guidance and knowledge provided to this Institute about these matters. For his part, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales stated and reiterated his support for the United Nations Organization.



Cooperation with the Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE)

Shortly before the inauguration of the Pan American Congress on the Teaching of History, and as part of the preparations for this important event, the head of the PAIGH General Secretariat met Salvador Percastre-Mendizábal PhD, Director of the Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE), whom he thanked for his cooperation and support for raising the visibility of and supporting each one of the papers presented at the Congress, during the month of August, given that the ILCE was a major factor in the success of this event at Pan American level.

In the same way, the head of the General Secretariat of this Pan American international organization gave his recognition to the organizer of this Congress, Filiberto Cruz Sánchez PhD, President of the History Commission of this institution.



Participation of the PAIGH in the Ordinary Session of the OAS

During the running of the Ordinary Session of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OEA), held and recorded on May the 1st, recognition was given to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, in consideration of the 96th Anniversary of its foundation. This act was managed by Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, permanent representative of the United Mexican States to the OAS, who, at this emotional ceremony, expressed the commitment of the Government of Mexico to the Member States, upon being host of the headquarters of this international scientific organization which has, for 96 years, carried out, jointly work and support for the sciences of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics, for the benefit of the Americas. Along the same lines, she emphasized that the country that she represents *“has supported and firmly pushed forwards the mission of the PAIGH as an organization of scientific excellence”*.

At this moving ceremony, Patricia Galeana PhD, historian and ex-President of the PAIGH History Commission, participated via remote media and provided an interesting historical and scientific overview of the work of this international organization from its creation up to the current date.

For his part, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, via Zoom, presented a historical overview of the projects, alliances, formal agreements, awards, and grants, among other aspects, offered to the Pan American community since its creation in 1928 up until the recent administration of this international organization. At the same time, he highlighted how the actions of his administration have been taken within the framework of the Strategic Modernization Plan of 2022-2025 and have been governed by its motto: *“Science in the Service of Peace”*. At this Regular Session of the OAS Permanent Council, several ambassadors expressed their appreciation for the work of PAIGH.

Moreover, Ambassador Luz Elena Baños reported on the transfer, to the vault of OAS treaties, of the original minutes and record of the Sixth American International Conference, held in Havana, Cuba, in 1928, that contains the resolution through which instructions were given for creating the PAIGH.

From the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, we send sincere thanks and appreciation to the government of Mexico and to Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, for her support and interest in the work that this Institute performs.



Participation in the 54th General Assembly of the OAS

The Secretary General participated in the 54th General Assembly of the OAS, as the leader of the General Secretariat of the PAIGH.

The Assembly of that year was held in the city of Asunción, Republic of Paraguay (Member State of the Institute) on the 26th to the 28th of June 2024.

The subject proposed by the Minister for Foreign Relations of Paraguay was: *"Integration and security for the sustainable development of the region"*; this was debated by the foreign relations authorities of the Americas.

It should be remembered that the relations between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, and the Organization of American States started some years after the creation of the latter.

In the year 1949, the PAIGH signed an agreement through which it became the first specialized organization of that Organization, keeping its scientific, administrative and financial autonomy. Since then, the PAIGH has supported the scientific work that is performed in the scientific community of the States of the Pan American circle through their various programs, such as that of the Technical Assistance.



Support for the Office of the Adjacency Zone between Belize and Guatemala of the OAS

The reason for the PAIGH to exist is the creation of scientific knowledge, to the benefit of peace. With this Pan American spirit, work has continued on the instructions issued by the Office of the Organization of American States in the Zone of Adjacency between Belize and Guatemala, providing scientific support, as it has been doing throughout this current administration. It should be clarified that this General Secretariat, in order to provide this permanent support, has had available at all times the collaboration of the Military Geographic Institute of Uruguay.

With the intention of strengthening this inter-institutional relationship, on May 3rd of last year, at the Palace Headquarters building, the visit of MA. Sergio López Vivanco, Director of the OAS Special Mission in the Belize-Guatemala Adjacency Zone, was held and recorded. He was received by MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales and his wife, Mrs. Alma Verónica Ireta Badillo. During this formal event, both public figures agreed on recognizing the actions that the Special Mission performs in the field for keeping the peace in the region, and their significance. The Secretary General, on behalf of PAIGH, highlighted the extraordinary work of the special team that, for 20 years, has worked with great professionalism and dedication in the Zone.

For his part, MA. López Vivanco took the opportunity to give thanks for the management tasks and the support that the PAIGH has offered so that the staff he supervises are updated in technical and scientific skills for a better performance of their functions.

On this point it is important to mention that, in October 2023, the General Secretariat received a request from the Director of that same OAS Office in the Adjacency Zone, for obtaining in-person training in the area of Cartography for members of the staff in the verification team of that office. After analyzing the request and making the necessary arrangements, it was possible to provide this training.

The Military Geographic Institute of Uruguay, led by Col. Andrés Moraes, President of the PAIGH National Section in that country, agreed to provide the training for the subjects of geo-referencing, cartography and others, by means of sending a scientifically-specialized member of the staff of that institute: Lt.-Col. Federico Grosso, who travelled from Montevideo, Uruguay to Central America, to provide support for this important mission.

Over several months, the PAIGH Secretary General held virtual meetings with members of the Special Mission of the Organization of American States, in the Adjacency Zone of Belize - Guatemala: Ambassador. Agustín Espinosa, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the OAS for Matters concerning Belize and Guatemala, MA. Sergio López Vivanco, Director, and Miss Sofía Cuéllar Hernández, the Verification Official. To them, appreciation is given for work that is so important and that they do for the benefit of peace. Along the same lines, Lt.-Col. Grosso is thanked for his dedication, effort and spirit of service in the training of the human team, of the Adjacency Zone; so is Col. Andrés Moraes, for his attention and management tasks carried out to put into effect the training provided to the staff of the Adjacency Zone.



4.2 Strengthen its image and its relations with the Governments and the societies of the Member States of the Institute, and, in the same way, with the Observer States.

Ceremony of the 96th Anniversary of the PAIGH

As part of the program for the 96th Anniversary of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, on February the 7th of 2024, a ceremony was held and recorded at the Palace building of our institution. The Secretary General, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales welcomed those present and received the President, Patricia Solís PhD.

During the ceremony, the Secretary General, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Alma Verónica Ireta Badillo, welcomed those present in person and by means of virtual media.

In his message of welcome, the host stated that: *"the light that the PAIGH shines has illuminated the way for the American nations in the fields of Geography, Cartography, History and Geophysics"*. Moreover, he highlighted the fact that both the President and the General Secretariat of the PAIGH are working on organizing the celebrations of the centenary of this noble Institution, to take place in 2028. He stated that, from the General Secretariat, those tasks that are necessary for fulfilling the objectives contained in the PAIGH 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan are being performed.



Patricia Solís PhD also welcomed the attendees. In her speech, she looked back and reviewed the times when the PAIGH was born, this being crucial for the following years. She contrasted that situation in those days with that of current times, in which the Institute continues to strengthen itself as a legacy for future generations. *"We hope that, in another 96 years, they will look back and value our commitment"*. She emphasized the fact that this year has been a watershed in significant progress for fulfilling the Pan American Agenda, which extends up to the year 2030 and is at the same time aligned with the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. She finished by restating the commitment of PAIGH to fulfil the mission of achieving peace through science.

Subsequently, the Secretary General proceeded to present the new symbol of this institution and the design for its stationery, then the launch of the calls for applications to the scientific awards of the PAIGH for the year 2024, and the presentation of the document of 1928 that gave instructions for the creation of the PAIGH by the Sixth International American Conference. Along the same lines, he asked the President to be so kind as to provide a recognition to an outstanding member of the General Secretariat team, Mr. Miguel Flores Antonio, for his intense work on recovering the historic assets and heritage of this institution.

In addition, a plaque for inaugurating the *"Héctor Oscar José Pena"* Library of journals was unveiled, in accordance with Resolution N° 15 of the 24th General Assembly (Santo Domingo, 2023). The President and the Secretary General of the PAIGH, presented this important site and premises dedicated to a space that stores the history of the PAIGH through its collections of publications published over its 96 years of history. In the same way, it also holds geographic charts from its Member States.

The name of the library for journals and periodic publications is dedicated to the Argentine Professor Héctor Oscar José Pena, an enthusiastic and untiring contributor who has provided his services to the PAIGH over more than five decades. During that time he was President, and also an outstanding President of the Geography Commission; simultaneously he was the editor of the Geographic Journal, which was modernized and kept up to date; also he was the author of the book *"The PAIGH: A history of 90 years"*, published in 2018, being a major reference work for the records of this institution.

Moreover, the President handed over a gift for enriching the stock of the *"Gallery of Historians and Geographers of America of the PAIGH"*. The image is that of the scientist Rachel Carson (1907-1964), who, through her labor on behalf of humanity, deserves this recognition from the scientific community of this Institute.







Collaboration between the General Secretariat and the presidency of the PAIGH

Over the last twelve months, this General Secretariat has maintained constant communication with the presidency of this international organization, with the aim of coordinating the agenda for work involved in the annual statutory meetings.

Patricia Solís PhD is an outstanding scientist, recognized at world level, who has supported and provided her guidance in the various tasks undertaken by this General Secretariat, in addition to representing the PAIGH at various international forums.

Work meetings with the vice-president

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General of the PAIGH, has met on several occasions BSc. Rocsañda Pahola Méndez Mata, Vice-President of the PAIGH. These work sessions were framed within the preparations for the 101nd and 102nd Meeting of Authorities that were held in Mexico City, Mexico, and in Santiago, Chile, in July and November.

During the meetings, both the Vice President and the Secretary General of the PAIGH were clearly enthusiastic about and committed to the work that the General Secretariat has performed on the updates to the regulations and procedures of this institution, also on the agenda that has been pushed forwards in the Statutory Meetings of the PAIGH, which include the meetings of the PAIGH authorities and the General Assembly.

Collaboration with the Cartography Commission

This General Secretariat has held work meetings constantly with MSc. Max Lobo Hernández, President of the Cartography Commission, over the course of 2024.

It should be highlighted that this scientist has had constant work in the PAIGH since the year 1997, as an active member of the Committee for Topographic Maps. His enormous knowledge in the areas of Geography and Cartography has made it possible for him to support the work that this General Secretariat carries out in the provision of guidance for projects and for the follow-up for those projects, in addition to managing grants and publications.

Moreover, he agreed to represent the Secretary General of the PAIGH and led the delegation made up of those who, from the Member States, participated in the Workshop on Geographic Names and Geospatial Information that was offered by the Republic of Korea.

Collaboration with the Geography Commission

The Secretary General of the PAIGH, over the year, has held work meetings with Hermann Manríquez Tirado PhD, President of the Geography Commission of this international organization, with the aim of assessing the elements of work that have been presented in the framework of the 101nd and 102nd Meetings Authorities and of the 25th General Assembly.

In these meetings, the arrangements for the success of the activities run jointly between the General Secretariat and this commission of the PAIGH were discussed, evaluated and put into effect.

Collaboration with the History Commission

Filiberto Cruz Sánchez PhD, President of the History Commission, has cooperated throughout the year in several meetings for coordination and work with the leader of this General Secretariat to provide guidance and to follow-up on various work elements related to the commission that he presides over.



Mr. Cruz has enormous knowledge and experience, this being a fundamental factor for increasing the collaboration of the PAIGH with the national academies for history of the American continent.

To be highlighted are his major efforts in the work of coordination for putting into effect, successfully, the Pan American Congress on the Teaching of History (virtual media) and, moreover, the Third Session of the American Congress on Liberty, both held in Bogota, Colombia; these events had great success.

Collaboration with the Geophysics Commission

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales maintained, constantly, working coordination with Mario Calixto Ruiz Romero PhD, President of the Geophysics Commission, over the course of the year. Within the agenda of work for these meetings, they collaborated on the assessment and follow-up of the projects of this institution and its Technical Assistance Program, also on the assignment of funds for these.

The work done jointly between this Commission and the General Secretariat for the tasks involved in running the Geophysics School at the Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) should be highlighted.

Statutory Meetings - 2024

101st Meeting of PAIGH Authorities

The 101st Meeting of PAIGH Authorities was held and recorded at the Palace Headquarters building of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, located in Tacubaya, Mexico City, from the 2nd to the 4th of July 2024. At this event, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Alma Verónica Ireta Badillo, received the six authorities of the Institute: Patricia Solís PhD, President; BSc. Pahola Méndez, Vice President; Filiberto Cruz PhD, President of the History Commission; MSc. Max Lobo Hernández, President of the Cartography Commission; Hermann Manríquez PhD, President of the Geography Commission, and Mario Ruiz PhD, President of the Geophysics Commission.

The Authorities were given a tour of the Palace Headquarters building, guided by the head of the General Secretariat, in which they were able to see evidence of the various changes and recent refurbishment implemented in the premises of this international organization, such as those in the

Historic Archive, the Journals Library, the “William Bowie” Chamber and the offices of the General Secretariat itself, these tasks having been done with resources obtained through administrative income and donations, and without using the budget from the quotas for this institution.

The inauguration of the 101st Meeting of the Authorities was taken on by the President of the PAIGH, who stated her satisfaction and appreciation to the rest of the Authorities for having come, punctually, to this twice-yearly gathering, and delivered her report on activities. Subsequently, all and each of the Authorities presented their respective reports.

In the work sessions, the resolutions and the work tasks performed were analyzed, so that they can be presented to the 25th General Assembly. Among these points, we may mention the following:

- Technical Assistance Program Projects.
- Grants managed.
- Formal agreements of 2024 processed.
- 2023 Financial report.
- 2024 Audit.
- Draft Budget for 2025.
- Draft Resolutions.



Moreover, they remembered with affection and respect Juan Esteban Hernández Quintero PhD, who had been editor of the *Geophysics Journal* of this organization, dedicating a minute of silence in consideration of his recent decease.

Part of the work agenda for these days was a simple but very significant ribbon-cutting ceremony, in consideration of the recent refurbishment done at the Palace Headquarters building. Phase I of the restoration included action for improving the William Bowie Hall, the space where the main events of the PAIGH take place. Along the same lines, the work of changing the doors and windows giving onto the main courtyard of the Palace building has been completed. It should be pointed out that the old wooden doors and windows were replaced by new ones of metal, with surface finish that is resistant to the effects of harsh weather conditions.

It is important to point out the fact that this work of refurbishment and restoration was supported by authorities of the National Anthropology and History Institute (INAH) of Mexico in relation to the tasks for permissions; and it is also thanks to the support of the President of this international organization.

During the meeting of PAIGH Authorities, the signing of a memorandum of understanding was carried out; this is between the PAIGH and the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). The PAIGH Secretary General, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales welcomed MA. Valeria Uribe, Regional Director of the PADF in Mexico. In the ceremony of protocol, the memorandum was signed.

To finalize the 101st Meeting of PAIGH Authorities, speeches were made by the Secretary General, the Vice President—who gave an assessment of this meeting—and the President, who declared the close of the work of this statutory meeting.



102nd Meeting of PAIGH Authorities

On Monday, November 18th, 2024, the 102nd Meeting of Authorities of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History was inaugurated in the city of Santiago, Chile; this event took place at the premises of the Military Geographic Institute (IGM), with a cordial welcome from Col. Carlos Prado Casanova, President of the PAIGH National Section in Chile and Director of the IGM.

During the inaugural ceremony, the President emphasized the commitment of the PAIGH with the Pan American community and the strengthening of the sciences of cartography, geography, history, and geophysics, expressing her gratitude to the participants, and to the host for the hospitality provided.

For his part, the Secretary General of the PAIGH welcomed the participants in attendance, thanking them for their dedication and effort at this important meeting. He stated that the agenda of the 102nd Meeting of Authorities included the checks and assessment of the key resolutions that shall be submitted to the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH, with the objective of continuing to consolidate the impact of this organization for the benefit of the Member States.

The working team at this meeting was made up of the Authorities of the PAIGH: Patricia Solís PhD, President; BSc. Pahola Méndez Mata, Vice President; MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General; MSc. Max A. Lobo Hernández, President of the Cartography Commission; Hermann Manríquez Tirado PhD, President of the Geography Commission; Reina C. Rosario Fernández PhD, Vice President of the History Commission and Mario Calixto Ruiz Romero PhD, President of the Geophysics Commission.

At the Military Geographic Institute of Chile, the Authorities of the PAIGH completed sessions of hard work in which matters relevant for the fulfilment of the substantive functions of this international organization were covered; these included: assessment and discussion of the resolutions submitted to the General Assembly, the tasks of the various committees, in addition to a remote meeting with Marc Prioleau, director and founder of “*Overture Maps Foundation*”, in which the functions and services that this entity offers, which may result in future collaborations.

The event marked one more significant milestone in the commitment of the PAIGH to encourage and support the integration and the development of scientific and technical knowledge in the Pan American sphere.



25th General Assembly

The General Assembly of the PAIGH is the main statutory meeting of this international organization, which signals the way to be followed in the year 2025, while at the same time it outlines, defines and details projects with a view to the years to come. This major event gathers together Authorities, representatives and experts of the PAIGH Member States, in order to debate and decide on strategic initiatives that strengthen scientific and technical cooperation in the areas of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics in the Pan American region.

Due to the above, the 25th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, took place from the 19th to the 21st of November 2024 in the city of Santiago, Chile, at the premises of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

At the inauguration ceremony, those present included the Authorities of the PAIGH: Patricia Solís PhD, President; BSc. Pahola Méndez Mata, Vice-President; MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General; and the Presidents of the four Commissions: MSc. Max A. Lobo Hernández (Cartography), Hermann Manríquez Tirado PhD (Geography), Reina C. Rosario Fernández PhD (Vice President of the History Commission) and Mario C. Ruiz Romero PhD (Geophysics).

In addition, there were speeches from: Ambassador Carla Serazzi, Head of the Multilateral Affairs Division of the Ministry for Foreign Relations of Chile; Luis Fidel Yáñez, Secretary of the ECLAC Commission; and Col. Carlos Prado

Casanova, Director of the Military Geographic Institute of Chile, who offered a warm welcome to his country and to the annual assembly of this international organization.

For their part, the PAIGH President and Secretary General expressed their appreciation to the host National Section for their labors in hosting the Assembly, also in receiving the representatives in the delegations from the Member States who participate in the joint decision-making to fulfil the objectives and the mission of this scientific-technical organization.

With the official photograph taken, this gathering and meeting was officially started, with everything promising it to be substantially productive.

At the start of the General Assembly, the following working committees were set up, voted on and started in their functions: Scientific Policy Committee, Financial Policy Committee, Administrative Policy Committee, and the Coordinating Committee.

Subsequently, the Authorities of the PAIGH presented their reports corresponding to the year in progress, where they emphasized the tasks of their joint work on the matters of their calls for applications and the assignments of awards, the follow-up actions for the performance of projects (technical reports and the disbursement of funds), the periodic publications, the virtual meetings, the assignments in the budget, the organization of conferences, and their being representatives at international events, both in-person and virtual, among other activities.

Along the same lines, Patricia Solís PhD, President, and BSc. Pahola Méndez Mata, Vice President, reaffirmed their commitments to the Mission





and Vision of the PAIGH, emphasizing the tasks oriented towards the centenary of this international organization due in the year 2028.

For his part, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales highlighted the progress obtained in accordance with the PAIGH Strategic Modernization Plan for 2022-2025, reaffirming the efforts to consolidate an efficient and transparent style of management.

During the tasks, here, of the Scientific Policy Working Committee, the Secretary General of PAIGH, presented the Publications Program, with the current status of the six scientific journals and other texts that have been published during the year 2024.

On another aspect, the participation of the President of the National Section of the United States of America, Deirdre Bishop PhD, should be highlighted; she gave an interesting presentation that dealt with *"The current status of the Integrated Geospatial Information Frame"* (IGIF).

Subsequently, the presentation of the National Geographic Information Institute (NGII) of Korea, took place, describing the activities of the Training Workshop in Geographic Names and Geospatial Information, offered by this institution in the month of September to those from PAIGH Member States who received grants. In addition, there was also the presentation of the National Atlas of Korea in

its printed version in Spanish. This publication is the result of multi-disciplinary work that puts into effect a fundamental tool for getting to know that country better. It should be recalled that Korea has been named as a Permanent Observer country of the PAIGH.

During this event, there was the turn of Court Clerk Rolando Ocampo, Director of the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to speak, explaining to the delegations attending this Assembly the issues involving geospatial activities of this international organization, emphasizing its role as Technical Secretariat of the Americas regional committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas). Along the same lines, he described the valuable contributions of the PAIGH to maintaining the contents of the SDI-Americas web site, also all the tasks intended for improving the management of geospatial information in the region.

MSc. Max Lobo Hernández participated as speaker to give a lecture about the Program for Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB), which is led by the Geospatial Information Section of the United Nations. He presented the main features of this Program, which was made known to the Authorities of the PAIGH during their 101st Meeting,





the previous month of July in Mexico City. MSc. Lobo Hernández reported that several Member States of the PAIGH are already participating in the SALB program, such as Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Haiti and Mexico. One of the conclusions of this conference was that *“the integration into the SALB Program not only positions the Member States of the PAIGH as key actors in global geospatial management, but it also pushes forwards their capacity to take on regional and global challenges with solid data, strategic cooperation and a focus on sustainable development”*.

On another issue, a presentation was given concerning the progress of the project sponsored by the PAIGH through its Technical Assistance Program (TAP): *“Training in rules, standards and instructions for standardization of geographic names”*, for which the researcher responsible is Wendy E. Rojas Valerio. This multi-national project has run five virtual workshops about geographic names with the participation of outstanding scientists who provide their knowledge to the Member States of the Pan American community. The importance of standardizing geographic names in the region, as has been made evident in this project, makes it possible for countries to improve practices involved in issues such as the control of emergencies, the definition of the nation, the creation of identity, among others. The projects financed by the TAP represent a significantly important part of the

structure of this international organization, as it is through these projects that the production of scientific knowledge is put into effect.

Among the scientific work at the General Assembly, the presentation of the conference titled *“Americas Regional Committee of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations (UN-GGIM: Americas)”* was outstanding. This was given by Sofía Nilo Crisóstomo PhD, President of this same organization. The presentation covered the whole panorama of the labor carried out by the UN-GGIM: Americas since its creation in 2011, up to this current date. She emphasized the main achievements of this academic entity, such as: the performance of a survey for assessing the implementation of the UN-IGIF, and the development of a dashboard system for viewing results; the running of three virtual discussion meetings on UN-IGIF strategic pathways; the development of an informative newsletter about UN-IGIF, for the final quarter of 2024; and the setting up of various working groups, among others.

The functions of UN-GGIM: Americas improve the coordination and collaboration among the Member States of the UN in the sphere of geospatial information, always through collaboration with various international entities such as the PAIGH.



Considering the Administrative Policy Committee, the richness of the issues covered in the draft resolutions should be emphasized; among these, the ratification of the formal agreements signed with several entities during 2024, and the continuing alignment of the internal procedures and rules were included. On this occasion, the *Rules of Procedures of the Cooperating Partners*, the *Rules of Procedures of the Commissions* and the *Rules of Procedures for the Consultation Meetings* were analyzed. Moreover, a report about the progress of the Centenary Commemoration Agenda of the PAIGH was provided. The administrative and financial aspect is one of the central points of this administration, because, thanks to this, transparency and efficiency is ensured in the management of the resources of this international organization.

Continuing, the Financial Policy Committee presented several reports and draft resolutions, among which the following should be highlighted:

- 2023 Financial Report.
- Audit Report for the year 2023, by the APEF Committee.
- Budget for the year 2025.
- Status of the annual quotas of the Member States.

Another outstanding moment was the presentation of the applications for the first assignment of the Pan American Award.

On another aspect, the Secretary General thanked the Member States for the timely delivery of their respective National Sections.

The fourth and last committee to meet was the Resolutions Coordinating Committee, presided over by BSc. Pahola Méndez Mata and by MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales; this Committee analyzed the resolutions in their final version; these were discussed and, in some cases, modified in each of the Working Committees.

The resolutions relating to: the assignment of the Pan American Award, reports from the National Sections, the alignment of the PAIGH rules and procedures, and the ratification of formal agreements, among others, were checked and analyzed.

A major responsibility falls on the shoulders of each member of the Working Committees, as they are made up of work done jointly by those among the delegations of the Member States. Due to the above, from the PAIGH General Secretariat, warm appreciation is expressed to the participants of this important task and work that sets the ways forwards of this noble institution.

On Thursday, November 21st, the final day of activities of the 25th General Assembly, the work continued, so the Resolutions Coordinating Committee undertook the task of finishing the checks on each of the proposals that had been worked on in the previous days, for their final approval.





At the premises of the ECLAC, the Presidents of the Working Committees (for Scientific Policy, for Financial Policy, for Administrative Policy and for Resolutions Coordinating) presented their report on that achieved in the sessions of the previous days.

Subsequently, those present proceeded to vote and approve the 13 resolutions, which constitute a fundamental achievement in the objectives of the annual meeting of this international organization.

Among the resolutions discussed and analyzed, there was the one referring to the Regulations of the Technical Assistance Program of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. This Resolution is of great importance for the major tasks of the PAIGH, such as the dissemination, encouragement and support of scientific knowledge through the finance for academic projects. Each year, the PAIGH issues a call for proposals, inviting the Pan American scientific community to submit scientific projects that benefit the Member States through the Technical Assistance Program.

The projects, starting from the approval of this resolution, shall have to follow it and be regulated under the rules of the above-mentioned regulation.

Another aspect from this Assembly to highlight was the approval of Resolution 6 *“Alignment of the Rules of Procedures for the Cooperating Partners”*, with the objective of continuing to align all the regulations and procedures of the PAIGH with its Organic Statute. The Cooperating Partners represent, for the PAIGH a channel of financial reinforcement for the TAP, as the contributions from each of these shall be used exclusively for this fundamental Program of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. Having available a set of rules approved in the General Assembly gives legal certainty to the role of the Cooperating Partner.



Finally, the ceremony took place for the provision of the awards of the year 2024 that this scientific organization assigns through its Commissions.

- The Pan American Award, assigned this year for the first time, is a recognition from the Pan American community for the career, achievements and contributions of outstanding researchers; for this reason, the award was for the scientists Minard L. Hall of Ecuador and Paul R. Cooper of the United States of America. The award consists of a commemorative medal and a diploma, which were handed over to the representatives of the delegations from these Member States of the PAIGH, so that they can, in turn, deliver them to those who have earned this important recognition.
- For its part, the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH assigned the Award for the Best MA Thesis in Cartography, Geodesy and/or Geographic Information to Gabriela Mora Villacís, of Ecuador. Moreover, the jury assessing the candidacies announced the following honorable Mentions for María Lorena La Macchia (Argentina), Gabriela Quintana Sánchez (Venezuela) and Alan Edgar Rodríguez Guerrero (Mexico).
- The “Vicente Maldonado” award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Cartography, Geodesy and/or Geographic Information, that the Cartography Commission assigns, was awarded to Patricia Alejandra Rosell (Argentina). In addition, the following honorable Mentions were announced, in favor of Fernando Parra Cárdenas (Argentina), Izar Sinde González (Spain) and Jonathan Vidal Solórzano Villegas (Mexico).
- Subsequently, the History Commission of the PAIGH assigned the “Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Pan American History” to Juan Carlos Poveda (Colombia) and a mention to Karina Grissel Mendoza Torres (Mexico).

The awards that the PAIGH makes through its Commissions have the purpose of recognizing the contributions of academics or institutions belonging to the Pan American community that makes up this international organization.

After three days of intense work, on Thursday November 21st, the closing ceremony of the 25th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History took place in the buildings of the Catholic University of Valparaíso (PUVC) in the city of Valparaíso, Chile. In his speech, Orlando de la Vega Luna Director General of International Affairs of that

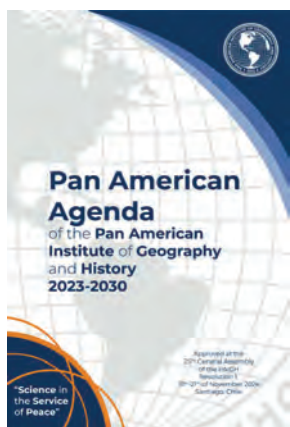


University stated his satisfaction and appreciation to the PAIGH for this site being the location of the closing ceremony of such an important Pan American event. For his part, the President of the National Section in Chile, Col. Carlos Prado Casanova, thanked all the participants of this General Assembly for their willingness and professionalism in putting this statutory meeting into effect correctly. MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General of the PAIGH, along the same lines, gave recognition to the attendees from the Member States and the cooperative nature of their representatives and delegates, besides the commitment and the dedication to work for this event to be productive, successful and visionary; moreover, he repeated the commitment of the PAIGH to maintain close collaboration with the Pan American community.

Subsequently, Eng. Leidy Ulloa, representative of the delegation from Honduras, undertook to state the invitation to the 26th General Assembly of the PAIGH, which shall take place in that central American country during the third quarter of the year 2025.

Finally, Patricia Solís PhD, President of this scientific-technical organization, was responsible for making the declaration of the close of the 25th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. In her speech, gave recognition and appreciation to the local organizing committee for their substantial labors in each of the sessions; also and likewise for the hospitality and brilliant willingness of the various institutions which offered their buildings and support to the PAIGH and to the attendees at this Assembly: IGM, ECLAC, and the PUCV.





Pan American Agenda 2023-2030

At the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH Resolution 1 for the “Pan American Agenda: 2023-2030” was approved; this is a strategic document that shall guide the research, the training and the scientific publications of the Institute, to the benefit of the Americas.

The 2023-2030 Pan American Agenda is within the frameworks of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN and also of the resolutions of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management. This alignment strengthens the commitment of the PAIGH to sustainable development and the use of geospatial technologies to benefit the region.

Among its supporting foundations, there is, especially the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 –adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference held

in Sendai, Japan-, and the contributions of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since 1988. At the same time, the Paris Agreement of 2016 and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change are taken into consideration.

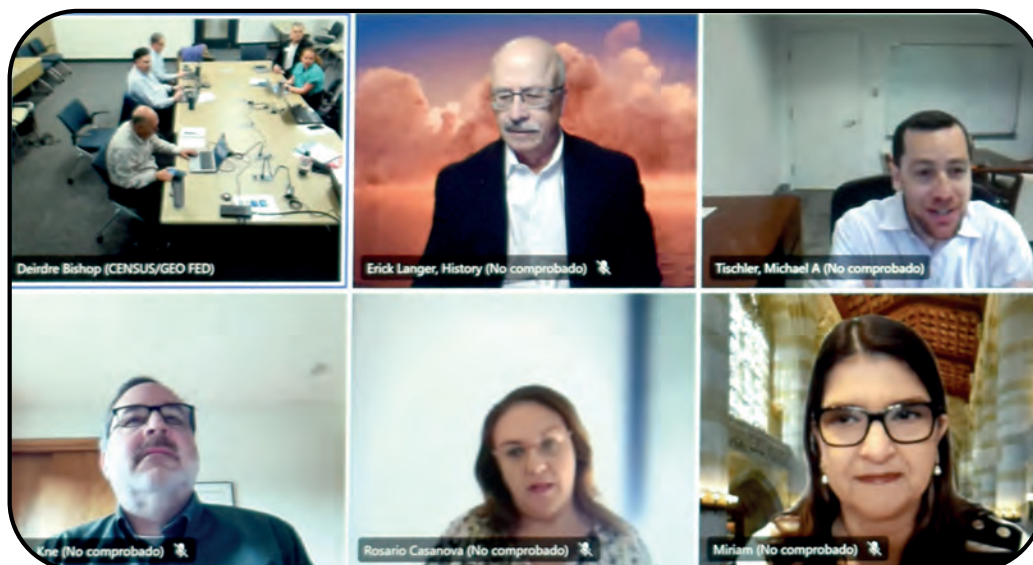
The Pan American Agenda 2023-2030 shall be analyzed and updated over a period of five years in order to ensure its continual alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, or with any other global framework that takes over from that Agenda of the UN in the future. This check and update will make it possible to take on new challenges and emerging necessities, ensuring that the Institute continues to adapt itself to regional and global changes.

With this new stage, the PAIGH re-affirms its commitment to sustainable development, scientific cooperation and the strengthening of knowledge in key areas such as those of cartography, geography, history, and geophysics, being consolidated as a reference point in the region and encouraging innovative solutions that benefit the continent.

Working relations with the National Sections

Meeting with the National Section of the PAIGH in the United States of America

On April 9th, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, attended, via virtual media, the annual meeting of the National Section of the PAIGH in the United States of America. The welcome to the work group was given by Deirdre Bishop PhD, President of the National Section of this Member State, who thanked the principal members of the four commissions making up this representation for their presence.



Subsequently, the Secretary General presented a brief report about the goals reached in the previous year, in accordance with the PAIGH Strategic Modernization Plan for 2022-2025. For her part, Ms. Christina Heifferon, of the State Department of the United States of America, gave a presentation from her office location.

At another stage, Mr. Norberto García Castelo, on behalf of the PAIGH, reported on recent news about the Technical Assistance Program for the submission of projects in version for the year 2025.

Meeting with the National Section of Argentina

With the commitment to making progress in the activities of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, in July, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, the Secretary General of this institute, and Col. (Ret.) Eng. Geog. Jorge H. Machuca, President of the PAIGH National Section in Argentina and President of the National Geographic Institute, who was accompanied by BA. Emiliano Hernández Lascano all met via virtual media.

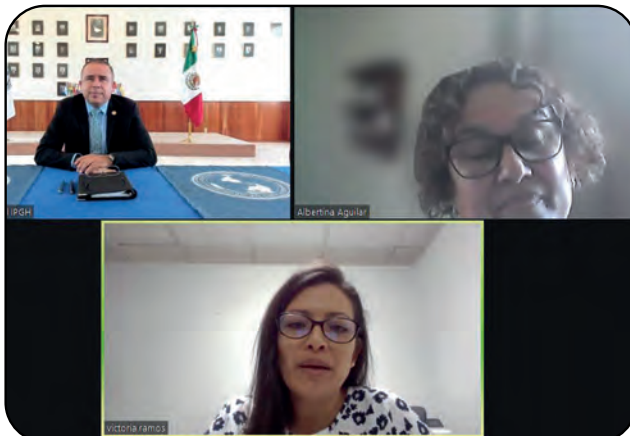
The meeting focused on the coordination of the statutory meetings of the second semester of 2024, also the participation of Argentina as member of the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF) of the PAIGH, in order to confirm the facts and ensure transparency in the financial and audit reports about the budget of the PAIGH for the year 2023.

Collaboration with the National Section of El Salvador

In the month of July, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales held a virtual meeting with architect Albertina Soledad Rodríguez de Aguilar and with BSc. Victoria Ramos, members of the staff of the National Geographic and Cadastral Institute of El Salvador.

The objective of this work meeting was to present BSc. Ramos as the new representative of the PAIGH National Section of this country.

The head of the General Secretariat of this international organization thanked architect



Rodríguez de Aguilar for the services provided, while also giving the necessary support for BSc. Ramos in this new task and responsibility as President of the National Section. Along the same lines, the Secretary General confirmed the dedication to service that the PAIGH has before its National Sections as it participates in and follows through on the various changes to its structures.

On another aspect, considering a special request from the National Geographic and Cadastral Institute of El Salvador for receiving specialized training, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales made arrangements involving the National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico for the provision of various courses over the course of the year, free of charge. This was reported to and coordinated with the PAIGH National Section in El Salvador, the INEGI of Mexico and this General Secretariat. The sessions had significant success due to the high quality of the training given.

With its participation in activities with its National Sections, the PAIGH proves its commitment to work closely with all the organizations that make up its structure, in order to fulfil the objective of strengthening Pan American cooperation.

Business travel of the General Secretariat

City of New York, United States of America

The leader of the General Secretariat of this Pan American scientific organization held various conversations and work meetings with representatives of various countries and international organizations participating in the 14th Session of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial

Information Management (UN-GGIM), on his trip to the city of New York, United States of America, and the headquarters of the United Nations, in August:

- With Mrs. Marcela Sandoval, Minister of National Assets of Chile, with whom there was agreement on continuing and consolidating jointly carried out work on the issues of geospatial data. The Secretary General thanked her for the efforts of the Chilean government and people in hosting the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH; at the same time, he confirmed the support of our institution for the scientific community of that country.
- Along similar lines, he met the members of the PAIGH National Section of the United States of America, Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop PhD, and Mr. Paul Riley, to whom he gave thanks for their support for the work of the PAIGH.
- The Secretary General met Brigade General Robert Heli Valles Angulo, Head of the Geographic Institute and the President of the National Section of the PAIGH in Peru.
- At the same time, he met Col. Gustavo Caubarrère, President of the Geodesic Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS), with whom he discussed the work that the Geodesic System for the Americas does.
- He had a work meeting with Mr. Leonardo Scharth Loureiro Silva, Vice President of the Americas Regional Committee of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM:Americas), to whom he confirmed the support of the PAIGH.



- Moreover, he met with Eng. Anderson Puentes, Director of Geographic Information Management of the “Agustín Codazzi” Geographic Institute (IGAC) of Colombia and member of the PAIGH National Section of that country. They talked about matters related to Earth Sciences and about finding a greater collaboration between these two organizations of America.
- He met with Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director of the Secretariat of the UN-GGIM, at the Statistics Division of the United Nations; here the leader of the PAIGH General Secretariat stated, on behalf of the Pan American community, the appreciation for the work of the groups of high-level experts, and also confirmed support for work on matters of interest to the PAIGH; for example, the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework, Geodesic Reference Frames, Geospatial Information and Geographic Names.
- Discussions were held with representatives from the National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI), these being Paloma Merodio PhD, Vice President; Gabriela García Seco, Sub-director for Technical Coordination in the Vice-Presidency for Geography, and Eva Luévano Orta, Assistant Director General for Geospatial Information.
- Finally, the leader of the General Secretariat of this organization met with Ms. Cecille Blake of the Statistics Division of the United Nations, to whom he confirmed the total backing of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

Santiago, Chile

The PAIGH Secretary General, taking advantage of his stay in Chile arising from the running of the 25th General Assembly there, held several work meetings.

On the day November 18th, he started at an early time, a visit to the “Bernardo O’ Higgins” University (UBO), with the welcome extended by the rector, Mr. Claudio Alberto Ruff Escobar; on this visit, a Memorandum of Understanding between the PAIGH and this university was signed; this replaced an earlier signed agreement. This new document makes possible collaboration on various tasks within matters of interest to both institutions, including projects and the dissemination of publications, among other activities to the benefit of the countries of America.

Later, the Secretary General met together with the Authorities of the PAIGH, who were all received by Col. Carlos Prado Casanova, President of the PAIGH National Section in Chile and Director of the Military Geographic Institute (IGM). At these encounters, on this site, the 102nd Meeting of PAIGH Authorities was held and recorded. At the end, the head of the Military Geographic Institute invited the PAIGH Authorities to go on a tour around the building.

Working Visit in Paraguay

Visit to the PAIGH National Section in Paraguay

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, on the occasion of his stay in the city of Asunción, Paraguay, in the month of June and due to his participation in the 54th General Assembly of the OAS, was received by Col. DCEM Pedro Gustavo Rodríguez Martínez, President of the PAIGH National Section and Director of the Military Geographic Service (DISERGEMIL) of Paraguay.

The head of the General Secretariat offered to the Paraguayan scientific community access to and the willingness of the PAIGH for encouraging and supporting their participation in the programs of projects and publications, in addition to sharing information about the various grants and annual awards, with the aim of raising interest from the professionals of the areas that concern the PAIGH; Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics.



During a pleasant meeting, both leaders exchanged their views on and reactions to the jointly run tasks that are performed by the institutions that they represent. At this work session, Col. Edgar Osvaldo Benítez, Sub-director of the DISERGEMIL, participated. Moreover, the Secretary General of the PAIGH exchanged Greetings with Division General (Ret.) Bernardino Antonio González Miranda, Vice-Minister for the Armed Forces of the Nation.

Meetings such as these strengthen the links of collaboration of the PAIGH and its National Sections, thus fulfilling the objectives set out ahead in the current administration through the Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH for 2022-2025.

Visit to the Paraguayan Academy for History

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, in the context of his schedule in the Republic of Paraguay, visited the buildings of the Paraguayan Academy for History. At this pleasant and friendly visit, the head of the General Secretariat met with Mr. Gustavo Acosta Toledo and Mrs. Maria Graciela Monte de López Moreira, President and Librarian of this institution dedicated to disseminating studies and knowledge of history.

The authorities of this scientific academy agreed with the PAIGH Secretary General to increase the framework for collaboration between the two institutions.

The PAIGH, as a specialized organization of the OAS confirms and vouches for its commitment to the Pan American community as it sets up these strategic alliances that result in the dissemination of scientific knowledge, as in the case of the national academies for history of the American continent.



Business trip in the Republic of Korea

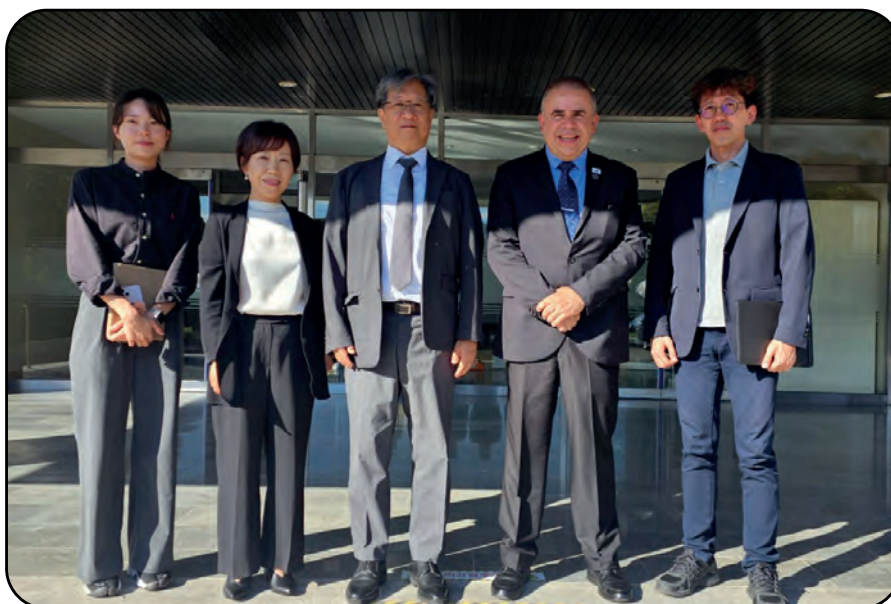
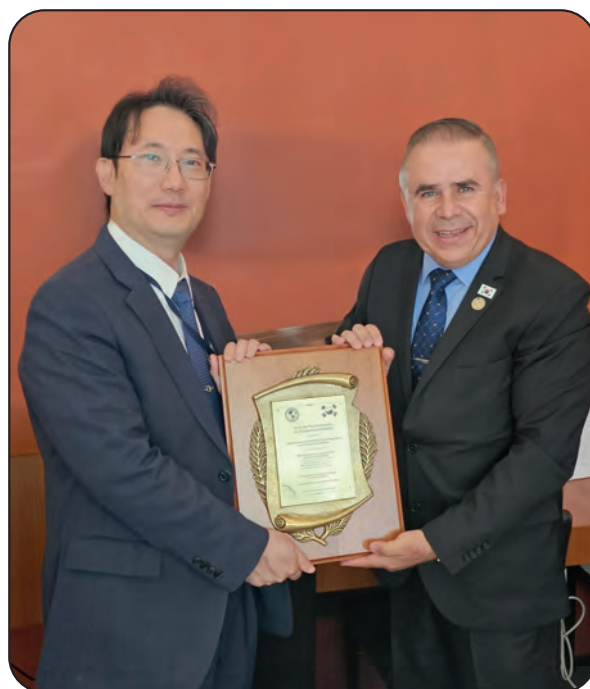
During the week of the 23rd to the 27th of September, the Secretary General of the PAIGH made a trip for work to the Republic of Korea, an Observer State of this international organization, responding to an invitation from that government.

Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Relations

Included in his schedule of work, the leader of the PAIGH General Secretariat met Mr. Hong, Seung-in, Assistant Director General of the Office of International Judicial Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Relations and with Mr. Kim Bong-soo, Third Secretary of the Territories and Oceanic Division of the Office of International Judicial Affairs of Korea. At a friendly and pleasant meeting, MA. Campuzano Rosales stated his thanks for the specific invitation from the government of Korea for visiting that country.

At the same time, the Secretary General, in fulfilment of Resolution 4 of the 24th General Assembly, held and recorded in the major, well-known city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, handed over to Mr. Hong, Seung-in of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Korea a recognition plaque, in recognition for the support given by his government and by the National Institute for Geographic Information (NGII) in consideration of the workshops on Geographic Names and Geospatial Information provided to the Pan American community. This gesture represents the

gratitude for the academic opportunities offered to the Pan American scientific community of the 21 nations of the PAIGH in recent years; also for their interest and cooperation for improving and deepening institutional links for continuing to strengthen scientific development and support and encourage future joint initiatives.



Visit to the National Institute for Geographic Information (NGII)

Later on, the Secretary General met and talked with Mr. Cho Woosug, Director General of the NGII, who, moreover, offered a guided visit around the buildings of the local museum, where the geographic and scientific heritage created over the years could be seen and appreciated. This encounter was an opportunity to strengthen the links of cooperation between the two institutions.

MA. Campuzano Rosales expressed his thanks for the grants that the NGII has offered to the scientific community of the 21 nations that make up the PAIGH. Along the same lines, these opportunities for dialogue have not only facilitated the academic and professional growth of those receiving the grants, but they have also contributed to improving closer links between the Republic of Korea and Latin America. At the same time, he repeated the invitation to the NGII to present the National Atlas of the Republic of Korea, edition of 2023, at the 25th General Assembly, in Chile, in the month of November.

Upon completing the tour through the museum of the NGII, the head of the General Secretariat of this international organization stated appreciation for the effort and dedication of the team of scientists, professionals and collaborators of the NGII; for this reason he handed over formally a metallic plaque to Mr. Cho Woosug, as a symbol of gratitude towards the people and government of the Republic of Korea.



Speaker at the 30th International Seminar about the Names of the Seas

The Secretary General participated as speaker of a presentation at the 30th International Seminar about the Names of the Seas, whose theme on this year's seminar was "*Geographic nomenclature that is sustainable in the future: achievements and challenges during the 30 years of the seminar*". This annual event, held in the Korean city of Busan, brings together academics from various latitudes to discuss and exchange knowledge about geographic nomenclature.

The PAIGH Secretary General gave special thanks to Professor Sungjae Choo, academic of the Kyung Hee University for the invitation to the seminar of this year; in the same way he thanked the organizers of this prestigious seminar: Kim Jong-Geun, Yoo Euy-sang, Kim Young-Hoon, Joseph P. Stoltman and Yoon Jihwan, also the entities that hosted and set up this prestigious event: the "Eastern Sea Society and the Foundation for the History of North-Eastern Asia; in addition, the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Agency of Korea for their patronage of the event.

The participation of MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, head of the PAIGH General Secretariat, strengthens the work performed in close cooperation and constantly with the observer states, with the purpose of making progress in building scientific communities of ever-widening scope.



Relations with the embassies of the Pan American community in Mexico

Embassy of Peru

The head of the General Secretariat of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History visited the Embassy of Peru in Mexico, where he was received by Minister-Councilor Mr. Julio A. Reinoso, on February 21st. The two representatives held a pleasant conversation, in which the interest of the PAIGH in encouraging the participation of scientists and specialists of Peru in the various areas of development involving Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics, by means of projects, grants, awards and the publication of articles in the specialized journals of the PAIGH was presented and explained.

Subsequently, in July, the PAIGH Secretary General, responding to another invitation, once again visited the Embassy of Peru, where he was courteously received by Mrs. Yesica Noemí Fonseca Martínez, Minister-Councilor and Mr. Álvaro de los Ríos Díez, Councilor.

The objective of the visit was the delivery of a donation of more than 300 books from the Periodic Publications collection, that is, scientific journals that the PAIGH publishes, some of these dating from 1938. During the protocol event, the symbolic handover of this published production of the PAIGH took place. The Peruvian staff members expressed their thanks to this international organization for the great tasks and work that is performed in the creation and distribution of scientific knowledge. The books shall be sent to the Military Geographic Institute of Peru, to be made available to professionals interested in the areas of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics.

As a result of these closer contacts for collaboration, on the 10th of December, the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH hosted an important academic event, the discussions and presentations titled *"The battle fields of Junín and Ayacucho; archaeology and history coming to life through its protagonists"*. This event was organized by the Embassy of Peru in Mexico in the framework of the Bicentenary of the Consolidation of the Independence of Peru; this included, there, the participation of outstanding historians from other Member States, such as Argentina, Chile and Colombia, who gave speeches about the significance of the Battles of Junín and Ayacucho as the culmination and key event in the Independence of Peru.

The program was divided into two segments. In the first, there was the participation of Mrs. Natalia

Sobrevilla Perea, an independent researcher, and of MA. Milena Vega Centeno Alzamora, of the History Commission of the National Section of the PAIGH in Peru, and, as moderators, Minister-Councilor of the Embassy of Peru in Mexico, Yesica Fonseca, and MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General of the PAIGH.

The academic dialogue among these personalities provided a clear and illustrative perspective about the significance of this historic event.

The second segment of this session of discussions, in hybrid mode, was moderated by Minister Sebastián Lara of the Embassy of Chile in Mexico and included the contributions of historian from Argentina, Mr. Gabriel Di Meglio (University of Buenos Aires); from Chile, Mr. Cristián Guerrero Lira (University of Chile); and from Colombia, Mr. Eduardo Correa (National Autonomous University of Mexico). The exchange of ideas among the invited participants, provided light to show the importance that these acts have, as they led to the consolidation of Peruvian independence.

In the framework of this session of presentations and discussions taking place, Minister-Councilor Yesica Fonseca presented the *"Complete Works of Inca Garcilaso de la Vega"* to the Secretary General of the PAIGH, this being a book published by the Ministry of International Relations through the "Inca Garcilaso" Cultural Center of de Peru. For the PAIGH, this donation represents a valuable contribution to its library stock. Moreover, this act is symbolic, given that the oil painting portrait of this figure is part of the Gallery of Historians and Geographers of America, of the PAIGH.



Embassy of Nicaragua

On February 22nd, BA. Sergio Martínez Torres, as representative of the Secretary General of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales), attended the ceremony of the 90th Anniversary of the assassination of the General of Illustrious Men Augusto C. Sandino, held at the Upper-level Military School in Mexico City. During the event, BA. Martínez stated to Ambassador Juan Carlos Gutiérrez Madrigal, the ambassador of Nicaragua in Mexico, the willingness of this international organization to establish closer links of scientific collaboration with this Member State.

Embassy of Costa Rica

In the month of October, the Secretary General visited the representatives of Costa Rica in Mexico, where he was received by Ambassador Pablo H. Abarca, who received a formal invitation to participate in the 25th General Assembly of this scientific organization.

On this occasion, MA. Campuzano stated to Ambassador Abarca his congratulations for the work of his fellow Costa Rican, MSc. Max Lobo Hernández, who performs work as the President of the PAIGH Cartography Commission. This recognition highlights the important role that Costa Rica has in the progress made in cartographic and geographic studies in the Pan American region. Along the same lines, an invitation was given for him to visit the Palace Headquarters building of the Institute, thus strengthening the mutual links of contact.

Embassy of Paraguay

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, the Secretary General, went in person to the Embassy of Paraguay and attended a work meeting with Ambassador Gloria Yrma Amarilla Acosta on March 7th. Matters of collaboration between the PAIGH and the Member State of Paraguay were discussed, with the purpose of disseminating more widely the opportunities that this scientific organization makes available through the calls for applications for grants and awards, applications for the finance of projects, participation in its scientific journals and the donation of publications.

Embassy of Honduras

In July, the Palace Headquarters building of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History received the pleasing and distinguished visit of



a delegation from the Embassy of Honduras in Mexico. The official group was made up of Mr. Dimas Alexi Escobar Guillén, Minister responsible for Business. Eng. Dennis Miguel McCoy Dubón, First Secretary, and Ms. Berthaly Bueso Serrano, First Secretary, was received by the Secretary General of this international organization.

The PAIGH, fulfilling its mission of working for the benefit of the Pan American community, offered in donation a collection of library book and journal material to the government of Honduras, with more than 650 items.

In his speech, Minister Mr. Dimas Alexi Escobar, gave thanks in the name of the government of his country for this interesting donation of academic-scientific products, which will have direct impact on the newer generations of this Member State.

The activity of protocol finished with the signing of the Book of Distinguished Visitors by the Minister, who also expressed his appreciation for the major work that is being performed in the generation and distribution of scientific knowledge, in addition to feeling pleased and welcomed during the tour through the Palace Headquarters building of this international organization.

Some weeks after, the donation of the National Flag of Honduras was received for the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. The importance of receiving the national standard should be pointed, as it has the official colors, as is established in the decree issued by the National Congress of this allied country.

The head of the PAIGH stated his commitment to carefully storing this national, patriotic symbol. The flag has been included among the other symbols that represent the Member and Observer countries, and which are displayed in the “William Bowie” hall of the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH.

Sometime after, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales visited in her offices the Ambassador of Honduras in Mexico, Sonia Cruz de Aspra, with the intention of strengthening the links of collaboration for the scientific community of this nation to be able to get to know and have access to the scientific-academic activities that the PAIGH offers.

It should be pointed out that Honduras shall be the host for the 26th General Assembly of the PAIGH in the year 2025; for this reason, this visit demonstrates the close collaboration between the PAIGH and this Member State.

Embassy of Guatemala

The Secretary General of the PAIGH was invited by the Ambassador of Guatemala in Mexico, Mr. Mario

Adolfo Búcaro Flores and his distinguished wife Mrs. Gabriela Roda, to the inauguration of the exhibition “*The legacy of Carlos Mérida*”.

The exhibition was held and recorded in the framework of the 40th Anniversary of the tragic end of the Guatemalan painter and sculptor whose creative life developed in both Mexico and his native country, Guatemala.

Embassy of the Dominican Republic

In the month of August, the satisfactory visit of Mr. Freddy Espinosa Mireles, Minister-Councilor of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Mexico was received at the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH. With a particular interest in the history of this site, Minister Espinosa toured the building of the General Secretariat, guided by the head of this scientific organization, who, in addition, provided important information about the 96 years of the life of the PAIGH.

Along the same lines, he was offered and given a presentation based on the progress of the PAIGH Strategic Modernization Plan for 2022-2025, with its strategies and lines of action for strengthening the permanent tasks of this international organization, also the invitation for the PAIGH Member State, the Dominican Republic to continue participating in the proposals and processes for projects, grants, awards and publications of the Institute.



At the same time, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales made clear his appreciation for this country having been the host of the 24th General Assembly of the PAIGH (October 2023); and he praised the organization of the event, which contributed to it being a total success, thanks to the efforts of the PAIGH National Section of the Dominican Republic.

Embassy of Argentina

The Secretary General received, at the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH, the visit of the Ambassador of Argentina in Mexico, María Gabriela Quinteros and of BA. María Victoria Urbistondo, Head of the Policy Section.

During the tour around the premises, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales provided a narration of the history of the 96 years of the PAIGH; along similar lines, he gave appreciation for and highlighted the important work that Col. (Ret.) Jorge Machuca, President of the PAIGH National Section in Argentina performs as member of the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF). Finally, he made the invitation for Argentina to continue its participation in the proposals and processes for projects, grants, awards and publications that this Institute offers.



Embassy of Bolivia

Within the framework of the commemoration of the 199 years of Independence for Bolivia, the representatives of this PAIGH Member State in Mexico set up an exhibition titled "Seeds of colors, Pachamama happiness of the Eagle and the Condor", with visual arts works of the Bolivian artist Roberto Mamani. BA Sergio Martínez Torres attended as the representative of the Secretary General of PAIGH (MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales), at the National Museum of World Cultures (Mexico City), where he was received with cordial greetings by the hosts, Ambassador José Crespo Fernández and his distinguished wife.

Permanent Mission of Haiti to the OAS

In the month of June, the Secretary General shared a work meeting with the Representative of the Permanent Mission of Haiti to the OAS, Ambassador Gandy Thomas, who was accompanied by his collaborators, Mr. Sherlo Antoine and Mr. Jean Bernard Henry.



In an interesting conversation, Ambassador Thomas stated the interest of this PAIGH Member State, the Republic of Haiti, in strengthening its participation and collaboration in this international scientific organization; for this reason, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales provided specific information about the matters of projects, grants, publications and calls for applications and submissions, in its four areas and related sciences that the PAIGH works in.

Embassy of the Republic of Korea

The approaches, contacts and exchanges between the PAIGH and the government of the Observer State of the Republic of Korea have increased in recent years; an example of this was at the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH, when the presentation of the *National Atlas of Korea*, edition of 2023, took place.

The event, held in May, included the presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Mexico, Huh Tae-wan and MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, Secretary General of the PAIGH.

The explanation of the work published was undertaken by Mrs. Sun Jin Lim, General Coordinator of the version in Spanish of the National Atlas of Korea, and her team of collaborators: MA. Alejandro Ramos Trejo, Mrs. Olga Correa Miranda, Mr. Jesús Abraham Navarro Moreno and Mrs. Carla Alejandra González Ortega.

Mrs. Su Jin Lim emphasized that this publication is the result of efforts over several years, given that a book of such magnitude requires substantial amounts of work sessions.

This academic event included the participation of representatives from embassies, international organizations and scientific entities from the nations. Along the same lines, the National Sections of the PAIGH participated via remote media, as did academics of several countries of our continent.



Relations with international organizations with headquarters in Mexico

In Mexico, many international organizations are represented with offices there; some of them even have their central headquarters in Mexico. For this reason, it is fundamental for the PAIGH to approach and contact the allied institutions of this kind, in order to make the links of collaboration closer.

Due to the above, in September 2024, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales participated in a meeting with four other international organizations, to set up formal links of collaboration.

Those who participated in this meeting included MA. Jaime del Río Salcedo, Director General of the Regional Cooperation Center for Adult Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CREFAL); MA. Álvaro Velarca Hernández, Secretary General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS); Salvador Percastre-Mendizábal PhD, Director General of the Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE); and Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL). The above represented an unprecedented achievement; this is shaping up for us as moving to a joint set of work for the social welfare and benefit of the region.

Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE)

Over the course of 2024, the PAIGH Secretary General, at several events, met with Salvador Percastre PhD, Secretary General of the Latin American Institute for Educational Communication (ILCE in Spanish initials). The latter stated that his work plan is defined for giving potential to,

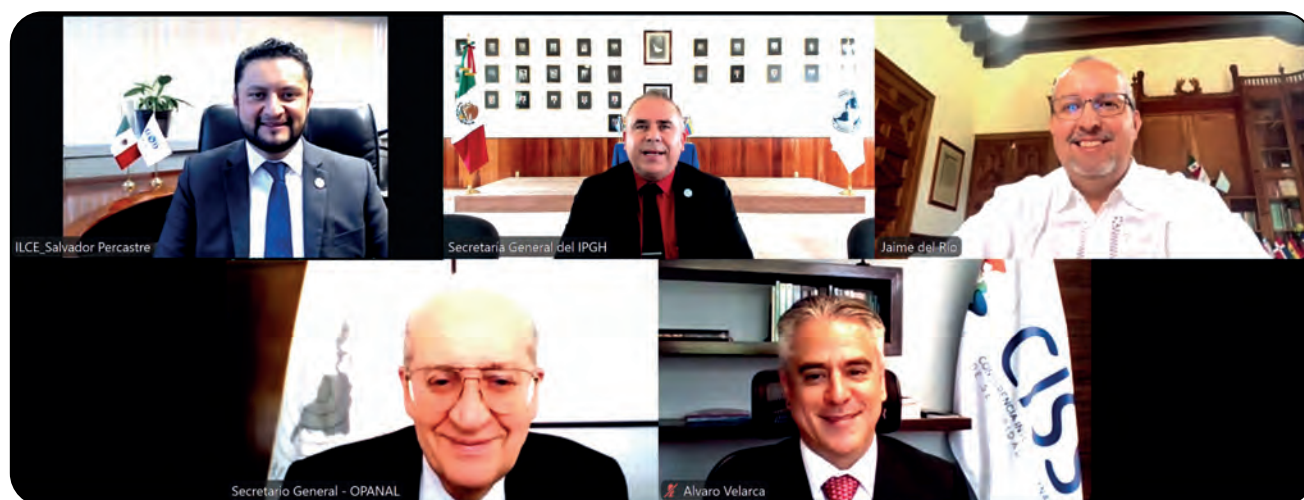
renovating and updating the various programs and actions of the ILCE and for maintaining the organization as an authoritative point of reference for educational communication among its members and at regional level.

At the same time, he clarified that it is intended to put into effect concrete strategies that help the Latin American countries to create new programs with an intercultural vision; to exchange experiences about the implementation of digital courses and tools with the countries, also guidance and technical assistance; to share best practices in pedagogical, technical and methodological matters; among other actions that enable the ILCE to reach the maximum of its capabilities. All of this to the benefit of the educational communities in the member countries. Due to the above, he offered the backing of the ILCE for the fulfilment of the mission of the PAIGH.

For his part, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales re-stated his support for the educational and communications policies of this international organization.

Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL)

The head of the PAIGH General Secretariat, on several occasions, talked with Ambassador Flávio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL). The policies sustained were those of guidance and the exchange of experiences arising from the re-engineering process of the PAIGH. MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales thanked the former, as these activities made it possible to align the Institute with the laws of Mexico, as the country hosting the headquarters.



Inter American Conference on Social Security (CISS)

The Inter American Conference on Social Security (CISS) is an inter-American, specialized technical organization of a permanent nature. Over the year, contact was sustained with MA. Álvaro Velarca Hernández, head of the CISS, with the objective of supporting and encouraging the development of the welfare and social security in America. Its importance is centered on the fact that it pushes forwards cooperation between nations by means of inclusive public policies, so that the quality of life of people is improved.

Regional Cooperation Center for Adult Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (CREFAL in Spanish initials)

The CREFAL celebrated, on May 9th, the 73rd Anniversary of its creation; for this reason the PAIGH Secretary General attended this cultural event, responding to the invitation made by MA. Jaime del Río Salcedo, Secretary General of the international organization thus celebrated. As part of the program, the raising of the flags of Latin American and Caribbean countries was carried out, and a photographic exhibition titled “CREFAL over time” was inaugurated.

At this meeting, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales offered, to the Secretary General of the CREFAL, to run and provide lectures, as part of the efforts for joint collaboration between the two organizations.

Other events

The Secretary General of the PAIGH attended, by invitation from the Director of the Mexican Postal Service (SEPOMEX), the ceremony of the presentation of the commemorative postage stamp on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the “Diego Rivera Anahuacalli” Museum.

The event was presided over by MA. Victoria Rodríguez Ceja, Governor of the Bank of Mexico, BSc. Rocío Bárcena Molina, Director of the Mexican Postal Service, BA. María Teresa Moya Malfavón, Director of the “Anahuacalli” Museum and MA. Jessica Serrano Bandala, Director of Financial Education and Cultural Outreach of the Bank of Mexico.

The PAIGH recognizes BA. Rocío Bárcena Molina for her management tasks at the head of the SEPOMEX, this being the institution that, through the issue of commemorative stamps, transmits the cultural, natural and historic riches of the Mexican United States. Along the same lines, the warmest congratulations were given to BA. Teresa Moya Malfavón on the anniversary of the museum that she leads, and especially for the issue of the commemorative stamp, as this is proof of the recognition of the enormous cultural heritage stored in this historic site.



Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept V:

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History will strengthen its relations with the countries hosting the central office of the Institute and the Commission Presidencies, including those countries that host the General Assembly and the meetings of the Commissions, with the aim of supporting a finer performance by these component bodies, which will lead to benefits for the correct operational functionality and improved image of the Institute.

The relations between the PAIGH General Secretariat and Mexico are fundamental, as this is the country that placed at the disposal of our institution a Palace building which, over the last 96 years, has served as the home of our scientific organization.

Moreover, the closer contact with the countries that are the origin of the Authorities of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History gains special attention for the purpose of ensuring that they have the permanent backing of their respective governments for the suitable performance of their functions.

It is of vital importance to have closer relations with the other countries that make up our General Assembly, so that they know better the scientific work that this institution performs daily and so that they benefit from it. Due to the above, the central guiding concept represents a major area of opportunity for strengthening the prestige and the service that this international organization provides to each one of the nations of the continent and to the benefit of the Americas.



5.1 The General Secretariat will seek to maintain good relations with the country hosting the Institute's central office, and in the same way with the States to which the Commission Presidents are attached.

Participation in the 35th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls of Mexico

The Secretary General of the PAIGH, in the month of January, as a member of the diplomatic corps and by invitation from the Foreign Relations Secretariat of México, attended and participated in the 35th Meeting of Embassy and Consulate Leaders, 2024.

During the inauguration of the event, the Secretariat head Alicia Bárcena, emphasized that this meeting was dedicated to receiving and listening to the heads of the diplomatic offices in the world. A diplomacy of these convictions: close approaches, humanist and egalitarian, was stressed. In this way, relations between the General Secretariat of the PAIGH and the government of the country hosting the headquarters of this international organization were strengthened.



Collaboration with Foreign Relations Secretariat of Mexico

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, as Secretary General of the PAIGH, in September of 2024, by invitation attended the event: "Gathering of the Honorable Diplomatic Corps and Representatives of the International Organizations", with the head of the Foreign Relations Secretariat of Mexico, Alicia Bárcena.

The representative of the PAIGH, thanked the foreign relations Chancellor and the Mexican government for the support and hospitality that this international organization has received, as it has its headquarters in Mexico City since 1930.

The PAIGH stated and provided, in the name of the Pan American community made up by members, congratulations to the diplomat and secretariat head Alicia Bárcena, for her management tasks characterized by a deep sense of diplomatic work and humanism, and best wishes were stated for the greatest success in her new role with the government of Mexico which took over the administration of the country on October 1st.

At the same time, communication in direct and written forms with the new Foreign Relations Chancellor of Mexico, Mr. Juan Ramón de la Fuente was established, to wish him success in his new functions.

The Secretary for Foreign Relations made clear his complete willingness for the scientific and institutional relations to be made closer and wider in scope, and he stated the interest of the government of Mexico in supporting this General Secretariat as it has done since past times.

Miguel Hidalgo Municipality, headquarters of the PAIGH in Mexico City

Relations with the authorities of the Miguel Hidalgo municipality in Mexico City have continued to be made closer during 2024, with the aim of ensuring the availability of all the services necessary for the adequate running of this General Secretariat.

At this time, the service of security around the perimeters of premises has been made available by the city authorities and by this jurisdiction of the government, for the institution, its staff and for visitors who come to this diplomatic office.

National Section of the PAIGH in Mexico

MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales and his wife, Mrs. Alma Verónica Ireta Badillo, received the visit of MA. Jorge Tlatelpa Meléndez, President of the National Section of the PAIGH in Mexico, accompanied by BSc. Laura Martínez Díaz. The Secretary General presented the 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH and the six central guiding concepts that make up that plan; among its objectives there is the strengthening of the relations between the General Secretariat and the structures of the PAIGH.

For his part, MA. Tlatelpa Meléndez stated his recognition of the work and dedication of the PAIGH, also the nature and significance of its work. At the same time, he offered the support of the National Section of the PAIGH in Mexico for the scientific work that this international organization performs. Subsequently, there was a tour through the “Eng. Pedro Celestino Sánchez” Historic Archive, the Gallery of Historians and Geographers of America, and the recently inaugurated “Héctor Oscar José Pena” library for journals and periodic publications.



On the change of government in Mexico, on the 1st of last October, MA. Graciela Báez Ricárdez was named as the Director General of Educational Policy, Best Practices and Cooperation, of the Public Education Secretariat, and President of the National Section of Mexico. For this reason, the General Secretariat started the first contacts with her, through official channels, to continue the collaboration between both institutions.

National Institute for Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI)

The Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH received the significant visit of members of the National Institute for Statistics and Geography (INEGI), on the 8th of last May. On that occasion, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales welcomed the delegation made up of: Paloma Merodio Gómez PhD, Vice-President of the Governmental Council, BSc. Luis Gerardo Esparza Ríos, Director General of Geography and Environment, Eng. Francisco Javier





Medina Parra, Assistant Director General of Basic Geographic Information, and BSc. Gabriela García Seco, Sub-Director of Technical Coordination of the Vice-Presidency.

During the protocol event, the Secretary General provided an overview of the history and functions of the PAIGH, and, alongside this, recognized the importance of the continual collaboration between the INEGI and the PAIGH. At the same time, he gave thanks for the support provided on training matters to El Salvador, a Member State of the PAIGH.

For her part, Mrs. Merodio Gómez stated that it was an honor to visit the Palace Headquarters building, highlighting the relevant collaboration between both institutions. At the same time, she invited MA. Campuzano Rosales to participate in the 7th High Level Forum of the United Nations on Geospatial Information to be held in Mexico City, in October 2024.

On starting his speech, BSc. Esparza Ríos, gave recognition to PAIGH and emphasized the points to be worked on together. Eng. Medina Parra spoke about the specific cases in which the INEGI has benefited, directly, through the grants and workshops that the PAIGH offers. For her part, BSc. García Seco gave thanks for the invitation and re-stated her willingness to work jointly. The visit ended with the signature of the Distinguished Visitors Book and the official photograph.

Mexican Anthropology Society

In the month of June, MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales visited Mrs. Ana María Salazar Peralta, Vice President of the Mexican Anthropology Society.

During the meeting, they agreed to start up a relation of collaboration between the two institutions with the purpose of encouraging the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the area of Anthropology and History. Along the same lines, they agreed to share specific interests and goals.



Museum of the Secretariat for Foreign Relations of Mexico

On February the 22nd, BSc. Sergio Martínez Torres, as representative of the Secretary General of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, responded to the invitation to the inauguration of the exhibition “*A halo of splendour: Return and re-integration of archeological objects of the culture of Mexico*”; a temporary exhibition at the Museum of the Secretariat for Foreign Relations Office in the historic center of Mexico City; here, the importance of recognizing the cultural heritage was demonstrated through the presentation of recently recovered archeological objects.

National Anthropology and History Institute of Mexico

The Palace Headquarters building of PAIGH was seen to be honored and graced the visit of authorities of the National Anthropology and History Institute, in the month of April. The Secretary General of the PAIGH gave a warm welcome to Anthropologist Diego Prieto, Director General of the INAH and to Architect Antonio Mondragón, Director of Technical Support of the National Coordination of Historic Monuments of that same institute.

The members of staff accompanied MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales in a tour through the premises of the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH. Subsequently, in the “*William Bowie*” main hall, the PAIGH leader presented a brief report about his management, in charge of this institución. For his part, the anthropologist Diego Prieto, who is,

at the same time, Principal Member of the History Commission of the National Section of the PAIGH in Mexico, expressed his “*admiration for the work that the PAIGH performs*” and offered “*to continue the tasks of cooperation between both institutions*”, also to provide the guidance necessary and support for the work of restoration of the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH.

National Anthropology and History Library of Mexico

In April, Baltazar Brito Guadarrama PhD, Director of the National Anthropology and History Library, made an agreeable visit and was received at the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH. The Secretary General gave a warm welcome to him, for being a close friend and collaborator of the PAIGH.

Mr. Baltazar Brito, when referring to the work that this international organization performs, indicated that it is “*fundamental for achieving objectives strongly related to the good cohabitation between the countries of America*”.

It should be remembered that, among the valuable contributions by cooperation of the National Anthropology and History Library for the PAIGH, in addition to the support for digital and physical museography for the “*Gallery of Historians and Geographers of America*”, currently the conversion to digital media of the collections of the scientific journals that the PAIGH publishes is being performed; this task has made substantial progress and it is expected to complete it during the following year, 2025.



Collaboration with museums

The Secretariat for Culture of the state of Querétaro, Mexico, invited the Secretary General of the PAIGH to give a keynote presentation and speech in conference, titled: *“Benito Juárez, the republican army and its strategy against the imperialist forces 1862-1867; a military overview”*; this event took place in the “Restoration of the Republic” Museum.

On September 6th, the presentation of MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales, titled *“Two Mexican Empires: Agustín de Iturbide and Maximilian Habsburg—from fascinated admiration to disillusionment - Reflections”*, was part of the agenda of the “XXI National Forum-event of Historians of the Second Empire and the Restoration of the Republic.

“Cortés” Accounting Firm

Throughout the year, the firm of accountants led by the Accountant Carolina Cortés has collaborated with our institution by supervising and advising the accounting and handling of our finances. It should be clarified that the General Secretariat and its work team coordinated with the above-mentioned firm the work on the administrative, financial, tax-related and accounting aspects, to make progress on the re-engineering that has been put into effect since the start of this administration.

For this reason, it is reported to the Pan American community that the re-engineering of what used to be the Accounting Department, currently called the Department of Financial Administration and Human Resources, has been concluded satisfactorily.

Now, the PAIGH complies, in all its components and on administrative, financial, tax-related, accounting and employment matters, with the rules and standards of the law of the country hosting the headquarters, Mexico, also with the international rules of the banks of the OAS and of the HSBC, where the funds of this international organization are kept.

Now, the challenge is to maintain continuity in the fulfilment of these administrative standards and procedures, to which there is the commitment of this General Secretariat and of the staff for which that secretariat is responsible.

We give our recognition and thanks to Accountant Carolina Cortés and her work team, for such an important professional achievement; the above gives transparency and facilitates the rendering of the accounts of the General Secretariat to the Pan American community.

Collaboration with the “Sodi” Lawyers Firm

During the year, the Secretary General worked closely with the “Sodi” Lawyers Firm, whose representative is the lawyer Jacqueline Sodi Zapfe. This work has made it possible to align this scientific-technical organization with the laws of Mexico. It was requested of this legal advice firm that guidance be given for guaranteeing the human and labor rights of the staff who provide their services in the General Secretariat. Specifically, they checked through the work contracts and aligned these with the labor legislation of Mexico.

One achievement which it is worth pointing out, is the fact that, this year, the authorization of the Labor Regulation for the General Secretariat of PAIGH was processed with the Mexican authorities. This document entered into force and it is at an experimental stage; it is intended that, in 2025, this will be authorized in final and definitive form by the authorities of the country hosting the headquarters.

In this way, we are about to finish the work of aligning this diplomatic headquarters with the Mexican laws on employment; this is with the aim of responding to the hospitality of Mexico. It should be pointed out that this is being done without any harm to the diplomatic immunity that we make use of as an international organization.



Signing of formal agreements

In fulfilment of point N° 18 of Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Secretariat, the following formal agreements and memorandums of understanding were signed on the basis of being ratified and authorized by the 25th General Assembly of the PAIGH.

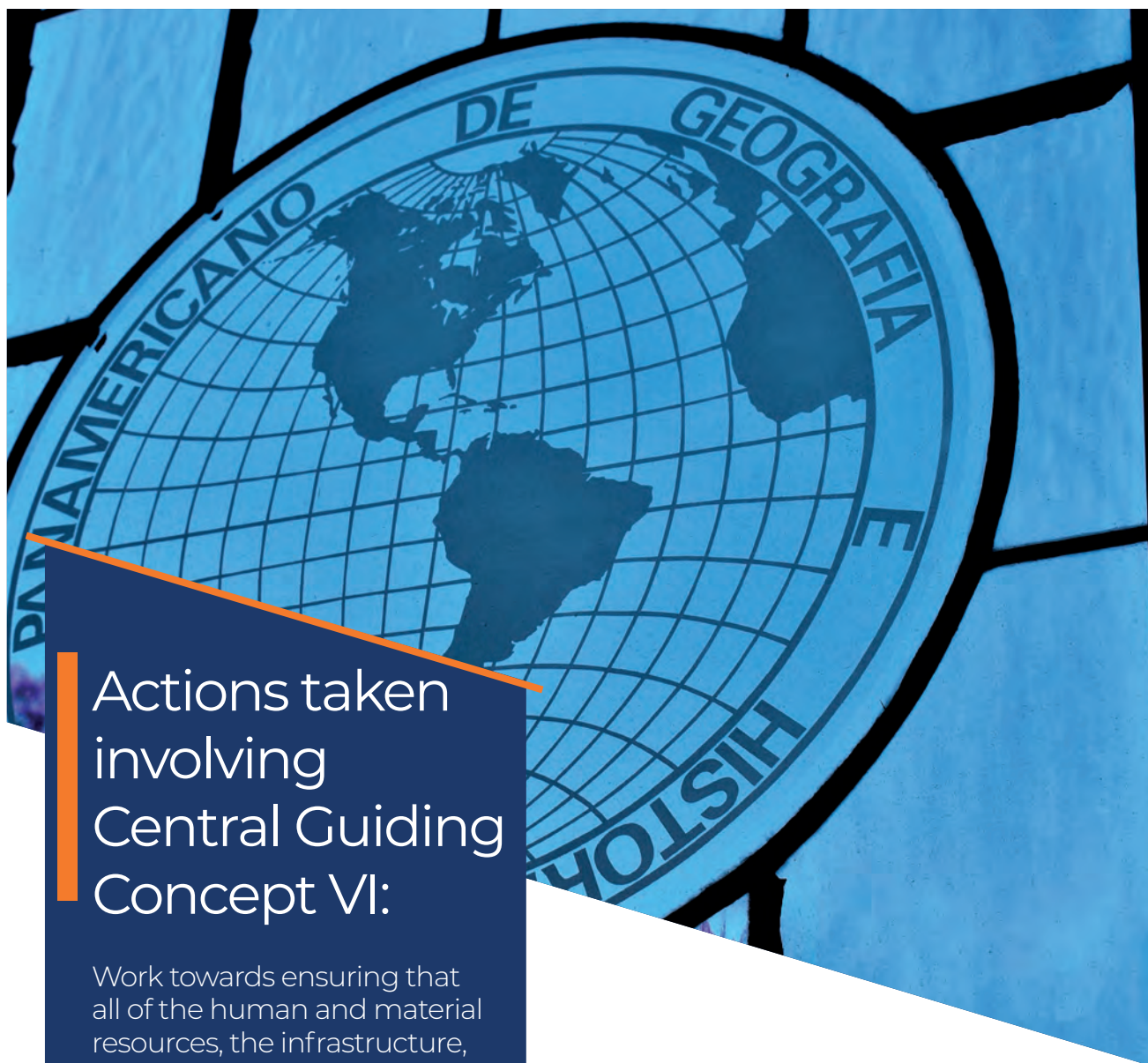
- Fourth Specific Formal Agreement for Collaboration between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Geospatial Information Sciences Research Center (Centro Geo). The objective of this is the
- provision of seven grants covering fifty per cent (50%) for the courses that the Distance Training area of the Centro Geo offers, for any of the courses run during the 2024 financial year, to all those persons who are applicants from the PAIGH Member States. On this occasion, the grants were applied for the “Diploma course in Geospatial Information Analysis”. Period in effect: up to December 13th, 2024.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). The objective is to establish a framework at the level of this hemisphere



for cooperation between the PAIGH and the PADF, and to explore ways in which they may make use of their capabilities, jointly, in order to respond to and solve some of the most pressing challenges of the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. Period in effect: five years.

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). Considering the various coordinations put into effect between ESRI, the Secretary General, the Geography Commission and the Cartography Commission, the formal agreement with ESRI was updated, within the framework of the sustained collaboration that this company has provided over several years to the PAIGH. Among the outstanding projects of this alliance, the Integrated Map of America and GeoSUR should be highlighted. In this context, the new agreement with ESRI is intended for facilitating access to licenses for two of outstanding and archetypal products for supporting projects of technical assistance. This includes the possibility of publishing results in formats such as Story Maps, training on specific matters and encouragement and support for developing a new thematic product related to hazards, for which the design and scope will need to be discussed in greater detail during future work meetings. Period in effect: five years.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). The objective is to develop a general framework for encouraging and supporting programs, projects, specialized studies and activities in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the area of Earth Sciences and the History of America. Period in effect: four years.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the University for Research and Further Education Studies S.C., Administrator of the Anáhuac University, Mexico. Its objective is to establish the general basis and mechanisms for cooperation for making full use of the infrastructure and experience of both institutions, with the aim of collaborating on actions involving research, training, academic exchanges, grants, projects and dissemination of knowledge. Period in effect: two years.
- Formal Agreement for Collaboration between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Mexican Society for Geography and Statistics (SMGE). The objective is to establish the general basis and mechanisms for cooperation for the exchange, creation and dissemination of information, studies and practices linked to the geographic sciences and the history of the Americas. Period in effect: five years.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the “Bernardo O’Higgins University (UBO). The objective is to establish the general basis and mechanisms for cooperation in order to make full use of the infrastructure and experience of both institutions, with the aim of collaborating on actions involving research, training, academic exchanges, grants, projects and dissemination of knowledge. Period in effect: three years.





Actions taken involving Central Guiding Concept VI:

Work towards ensuring that all of the human and material resources, the infrastructure, the fixed, movable and historic assets, the archive, artistic, bibliographic, and journal library stocks, and the map library of the PAIGH are all maintained in a good state of conservation, also that the regulations are updated in accordance with the new Organic Statute, with the aim of sustaining a correct operational status for the exact fulfillment of the goals for which it was created.

As has been mentioned at various forums and in accordance with the PAIGH 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan, the staff of the General Secretariat has been given special attention under this current administration, as it is the most important asset of our institution. Due to this, this staff has been the object of measures that have affected them favourably as these have protected their human and labor rights, also their academic and ethical preparation. These measures are in accordance with the re-engineering that is currently being carried out in our institution. The objective of this is to foster a mentality of being an international public servant and a spirit of service for the Americas.

6.1 Maintain a polite and friendly working environment among the personnel and all component bodies of the PAIGH, also keep the headquarters office in the best possible state of working conditions and of good maintenance, conserving also the fixed and movable assets and the archive and historical materials that are kept within these premises.

Human resources of the General Secretariat

In fulfilment of the actions corresponding to Central Guiding Concept VI of the 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan of the Pan American Institute of

Geography and History, in September the training session titled “*Diplomatic Immunity*” was given to the staff of the General Secretariat.

Diplomatic immunity is fundamental for this international organization, and in this way its autonomy in the exercise of its functions is guaranteed. This training was facilitated clearly and warmly by graduates Aídee López García and Romina Hinostrosa Jiménez, who gave advice directly on legal matters to the PAIGH, in the framework of the contract for collaboration between the “Sodi” Lawyers Firm and this Institute.

In this way, the General Secretariat of the PAIGH maintains continual fulfilment of the objectives set out by this administration for the welfare of the PAIGH staff, declared in the 2022-2025 Strategic Modernization Plan of the PAIGH.



Civil Protection

The whole of the staff of our institution works at the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH, in addition to the visits being received constantly; this is a site with its historical value declared, as it stores a large part of the materials and assets of this institution.

Due to the above, the measures for civil protection are very important, and this General Secretariat set up, three years ago, the Civil Protection Program for this institution, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country hosting the headquarters. Thus, by arrangement with the Civil Protection Brigade, during 2024 the following actions were taken:

- Provision and running of training courses for all the staff in handling the extinguisher equipment and, in the same way, in civil protection, evacuation, search and rescue matters.
- For thesecondyear running, the “civil protection week” was put into effect around the 19th of September, in order to raise awareness about hazards such as those of the major earthquakes that have made impacts on Mexico City in 1985, 2017 and 2022.
- Two detailed checks were performed on the Palace building, since several earth tremors occurred during the year.



Maintenance of the Palace Headquarters Building

Work has continued constantly on the *“Program: Minor maintenance activities and tasks for the Palace Headquarters building of the PAIGH”*. For this reason, phase I of the restoration of the Palace building included tasks in the “William Bowie” chamber, this being the space where the main events of the PAIGH take place. At this place, no maintenance work of any kind had been done in more than two decades.

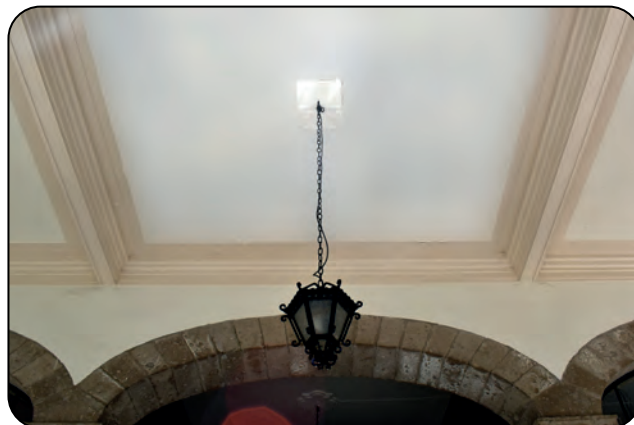
Along the same lines, work for cleaning the internal facade of the Palace building has been completed, as has work on the doors and windows opening onto the main courtyard. It should be pointed out that the old wooden doors and windows were replaced by new ones of metal, of a more resistant configuration. This measure was urgent, as these elements were collapsing due to their age, the lack of maintenance and the effects of their being exposed to the weather. This could have become a serious problem within the interior of the site if more time had been allowed to pass.

It is important to point out that this restoration work was supported by the authorities of the National Anthropology and History Institute, considering the permits process.

The areas worked on were inaugurated in a simple but very representative ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Authorities of the PAIGH, an event held and recorded in the framework of the 101st Meeting of the Authorities of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, on the 2nd of July of last year.

The maintenance and restoration of furniture and equipment has continued, to prolong their lifespan in service, all of this with the workforce of the General Secretariat itself. At the same time, waterproofing tasks were performed and checked on the rooftop terrace, the floors and the “marquesina” open space of the areas by the front facade. Moreover, work was carried out involving painting, plumbing, and brickwork in the offices and shared spaces.

These restoration tasks are of vital importance, given that they are a significant part of the Commemorative PAIGH Program *“Towards the Centenary of the PAIGH”* in 2028 and towards the 95th Anniversary of the Palace Headquarters building in May 2025.







6.2 Analyze and put into effect the proposals and modifications necessary for aligning the procedures and rules contained in all the regulations of the PAIGH with that set out in its current Organic Statute.

Updates to the Regulations and Procedures of the PAIGH

The PAIGH in the year 2022 created an entity arising from circumstances called the internal Committee for assessment and revision of the regulations and procedures of the PAIGH, consisting of MA. Antonio Campuzano Rosales the Secretary General, BSc. Pahola Méndez, Vice President, and the staff of the General Secretariat; given external advice by the “Cortés” Accountancy Firm and the “Sodi” Lawyers Firm. This was for putting into effect the instruction that the 22nd General Assembly of the PAIGH (virtual mode) issued in its Resolution N° 5; this determination authorizes the Organic Statute currently in force and instructs the Secretary General to align all of the regulations, rules and policies of this institution.

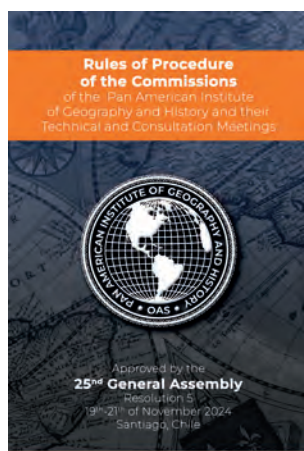
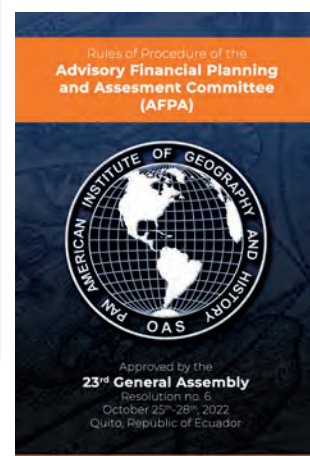
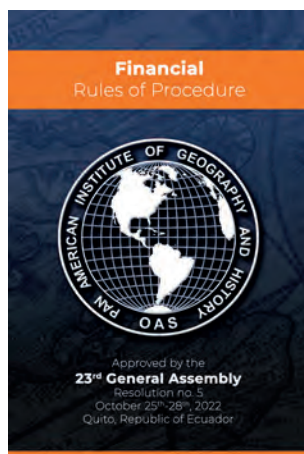
It is important to comment that the rules and procedures that had to be aligned were those that are listed as follows:

- Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.
- Rules and Procedures of the Directing Council.
- Rules of Procedure for the General Secretariat.
- Rules of Procedure of the Commissions.
- Rules of Procedure of the Consultation Meetings of the Commissions.
- Financial Rules of Procedure.
- Rules of Procedure for publications and documents.
- Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee.

In 2022 and 2023, the following rules and procedures that had been approved by the General Assembly were aligned:

Aligned (2022-2023):

- Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly.
- Rules of Procedure for the General Secretariat.
- Financial Rules of Procedure.



- *Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Financial Planning and Assessment Committee (APEF).*

Revoked (2022-2023)

- Rules and Procedures of the Directing Council.

In 2024, work was done on the rules and procedures, left in the status indicated as follows:

Aligned

- Rules of Procedure for the Cooperating Partners.

New

- Rules of Procedure of the Commissions of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and their Technical and Consultation Meetings.
- Regulations of the Technical Assistance Program.

Revoked

- Rules of Procedure of the Commissions of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.
- Rules of Procedure of the Consultation Meetings of the Commissions.
- Rules for Granting the Status of “Cooperating Partner” of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

In final checks since 2024

- Rules of Procedure for publications and documents.

New, being drafted since 2024

- Rules of Procedures for Awards.

It is important to point out that the above-mentioned Committee worked for 10 months on the drafting of the Regulations of the Technical Assistance Program, which was submitted for its approval at the 25th General Assembly. This set of rules is a major achievement, as it ensures transparency and viability; and it consolidates the Technical Assistance Program in its types of activities—projects, grants and formal agreements, something that had not been done before in the 43 years that this program has existed.

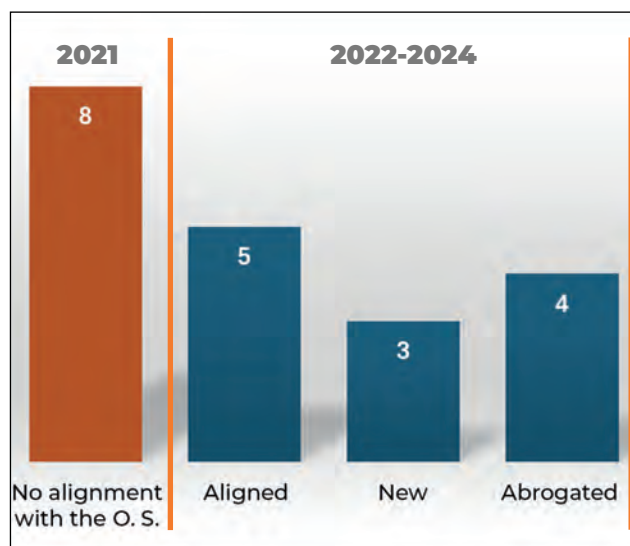
The new policies for the provision and use of approved funds, that had started to be applied over recent years, were included and clearly defined. Along the same lines, emphasis was placed on the commitments that the researchers leading the projects undertake when their proposals for receiving



finance from the PAIGH are approved. The new rules and procedures of the Technical Assistance Program, where covering the matters of grants and projects, shall strengthen that program when making it possible to measure its achievements and results; also, when enabling certain monitoring tasks for the projects, likewise the rendering of accounts and, in consequence, transparency in the management of financial resources.

It should be clarified that this General Secretariat is now checking through the *Rules of Procedures for publications* and documents and working on drafting *Rules of Procedures for the Awards of the PAIGH*. With these tasks being finished in 2025, the institutional re-engineering and re-alignment involving matters of policies and procedures will be completed; in order to give certainty to people and institutions at international level who collaborate with the PAIGH.

PAIGH Regulations



6.3 Conserve the library, journal, map and documentation library holdings that belong to the Institute in good conditions, with the purpose of ensuring that they stay in a good state of conservation for being consulted.

“José Toribio Medina” Library Store

The Secretary General has maintained permanent contact with the leaders and academics of the National Anthropology and History School (ENAH), in order to observe the state in which the bibliographic resource collection of the PAIGH is kept. It is important to comment that the 233,000 titles of this collection of bibliographic material are kept in an excellent state of maintenance, restoration, conservation and use; while at the same time being open for consultations by the public. Along the same lines, this stock referred to here has continued to be enriched.

“Manuel Orozco y Berra” Map library holding the cartographic stock

Concerning the stock in the map library of the PAIGH, this is made up of 17,000 maps that are held in the “*Manuel Orozco y Berra*” map library. In various visits made, it was possible to check and see the good work done for the restoration, conservation and classification of the stocks of our institution, which are classified and converted to digital media, which facilitates on-line queries made by any user who wishes to obtain data from them physically, whether in person or remotely.

Moreover, work was started for the “*Ing. Pedro Celestino Sánchez*” Historic Archive so that it may obtain a digital copy of these stocks of the map library. Due to this, support was given to this academic center with the acquisition of refurbishment for its scanners and being able to continue the work of conversion to digital media for our stocks of this institution. It is estimated that this work of our institution will be finished in 2025 and that, in the PAIGH, it will be possible to have available the digital backup of these materials, that are of incalculable value for the Americas.



Historic and accounting archive

Work has been carried out by personnel specializing in the archives and history of this Institute in order to select, filter and conserve the documentation that this international entity creates, receives and controls. This has enabled it to improve the administration, safety and conservation of the written and digital information that is held in this storage site for documents. The above was in fulfilment of the *“Program of Organization for the Institutional Archives of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History”*.

Concerning the *“Eng. Pedro Celestino Sánchez”* Historic Archive, the classification of the stocks of documentation has continued, which has made possible substantial progress in this matter.

Journals Library of the Palace Headquarters Building

Tasks for mechanical cleaning of the stock of journals, magazines and atlases that are found in this space were carried out. Moreover, tasks for checking through the journals that make up this stock were carried out, with the purpose of putting together complete collections and donating them in the near future to the geographic institutes of the American continent.



State of the resolutions of the year 2023

Concerning the resolutions of the 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, held on the days 1st and

2nd of November, 2023, in Santo Domingo, the primary city of the Dominican Republic, the decisions and rules arising from those resolutions have been fulfilled.



Personnel of the General Secretariat of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (2023-2024)

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff of the General Secretariat for their dedication, commitment and professionalism.

The work that each of you perform is essential for the fulfilment of the functions that have been entrusted to us as a specialized organization of the Organization of American States (OAS). Thanks to your constant efforts, we have managed to make progress in key projects, strengthen our relations with the Member States and fulfil the strategic objectives of the PAIGH.

You are invited to continue with the same enthusiasm, knowing that each contribution is fundamental for the growth and strengthening of the PAIGH. Your work not only enriches our institution but also contributes to the development of knowledge in our region.



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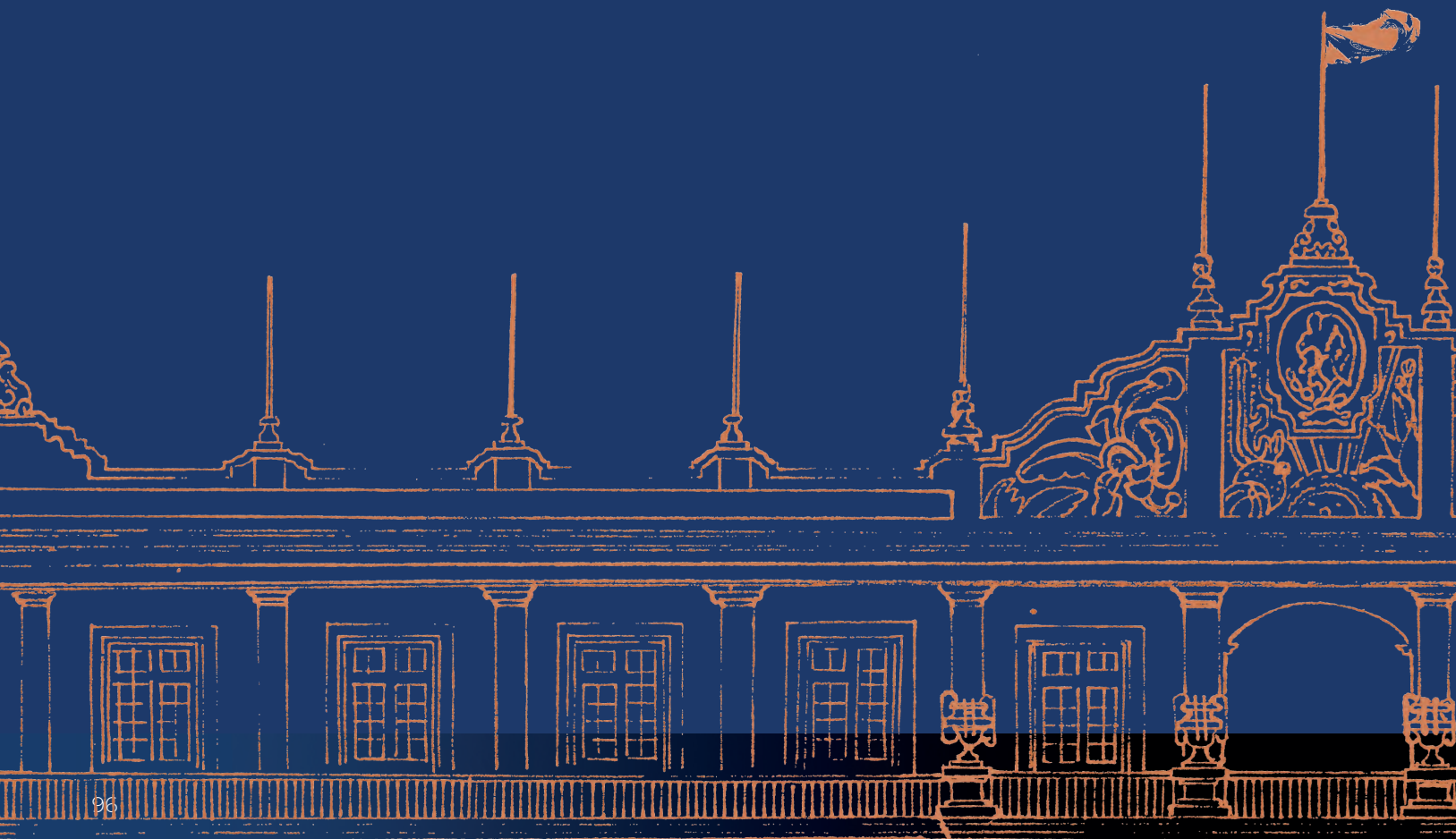


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