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Resolution 15

PLACEMENT OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR INAUGURATING THE JOURNAL AND MAGAZINE LIBRARY OF THE PALACE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY, TO NAME IT AFTER “HÉCTOR OSCAR JOSÉ PENA”

The 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,

Considering:

- The fact that, the PAIGH is an institution almost reaching its centenary and is a source of scientific reference at this time in America and the world;
- The fact that, over these years, it has published the following scientific journals: *Cartographic Journal*, *Geographic Journal*, *Geophysics Journal*, *History of America Journal*, *American Anthropology Journal*, *American Archeology Journal*, *Folklore Americano*, *American Anthropology Newsletter*, also the *Aerial Newsletter* and several occasional publications;
- The fact that, the scientific journals of the PAIGH are a reference source in the international academic and university spheres;
- The fact that, it is important to preserve institutional memories, independently of the fact that, currently, digital publications are used increasingly often in academic media; for this reason, it is necessary to keep some physical printed issues of the publications that the PAIGH has published during more than 95 years;
- The fact that some of these publications, in addition to their scientific value, due to their rarity and importance, now have an intrinsic value of a historic nature;
- The fact that, this stock of material has become part of the heritage of the Pan American community, while it is now dispersed and scattered around various locations within the palace-headquarters of the PAIGH;
- The fact that Professor Héctor Oscar José Pena has given his services to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History over more than five decades; during this period, he has been an outstanding President of the PAIGH and of the Geography Commission and, simultaneously editor of the *Geographic Journal*, which he modernized and kept up to date;



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- The fact that Professor Héctor Oscar José Pena is the author of the book “The PAIGH: a history of 90 years”, published in 2018, being a significant reference point for the memory of this institution;
- The fact that, the palace building of the PAIGH headquarters currently has a room restored by MSc César Rodríguez, Secretary General from 2018 to 2022. This room is underused, so the current person in the post of Secretary General set up this area to use it as a library for journals and magazines;
- The fact that the General Secretariat, from 2022 onwards, started the labors of recovering the general and historic journal and magazine stock of the PAIGH; this work consists of the searching, identifying, cataloguing, classifying and conserving tasks appropriate to a library of this type that, at the same time, has a stock of protected, older material. It is expected to complete these tasks in 2024;
- The fact that, on February the 7th, 2024, our institution will complete 96 years of existence. This is the date on which it is proposed to officially inaugurate the Journal and Magazine Library of the PAIGH palace, with a plaque carrying the name of “Héctor Oscar José Pena”, as a reference marker on the way to the Centenary of our institution;
- That recommended by the 99th and 100th Meeting of Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee,

Resolves:

Firstly: To instruct the General Secretariat to place a commemorative metal plaque with the name “HÉCTOR OSCAR JOSÉ PENA”, at the entrance to the area assigned to the Journal and Magazine Library in the PAIGH Palace. This library is for the stock of the institution made up of journals and magazines of a scientific and historic natures to be kept there. The plaque will be placed there in the context of the commemorative ceremony of the 96th anniversary of the PAIGH to be held on the next 7th of February, 2024.



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Secondly: To instruct the General Secretariat of the PAIGH to carry out the tasks that are necessary for putting into effect the search for, identification, cataloguing, classification and conservation of the journal and magazine stocks as assets of the institution.

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This Resolution was adopted at the 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held and recorded in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on November the 2nd, 2023.

Mtro. Antonio Campuzano Rosales
Secretary General

