The Pan American Institute of Geography and History
and its cooperation with various agencies of the Inter American System

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What is the PAIGH?

• Specialized Inter-American body of the Organization of American States (OAS) of a scientific-technical nature.

• It has technical and financial autonomy.

• Within the limits set by its Organic Statute.
Strategic Objective:

- Encourage, coordinate and disseminate the scientific studies belonging to Cartography, Geography, History, Geophysics and related sciences to the benefit of America;

- Support the creation of knowledge by means of the studies, training and work performed by its Commissions;

- Encourage interdisciplinary cooperation between diverse scientific entities in America
Strategic Modernization Plan 2022-2025

Six central guiding concepts:

Scientific Area
1) Encourage scientific research
2) Disseminate these scientific studies

Financial Area
3) Keep the institutional finances in good health, rendering accounts and with absolute transparency…
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Administrative Area

4) Strengthen the presence of the PAIGH at world level emphasizing its relationship with the various international organizations...

5) Strengthen relations with the country hosting the central office of the Institute and others...

6) Ensure a good state of conservation of all of the resources of the Institute (human, material, etc.) to guarantee its correct operational condition.
The General Secretariat faces various challenges:

Coordinate the activities of its scientific agenda:

1) Technical Assistance Program (Projects and grants)

2) Publications Program

Encourage intelligent projects that benefit America.
Technical Assistance Program: Grants

PAIGH allies regarding grants:

• Geographic Institute of Spain;
• National Geographic Information Institute (South Korea);
• Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) (Ecuador);
• Centro Geo (Mexico);
• Center for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CIALC) (CIALC) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM);

A significant accomplishment: A 300% increase in grants for the scientific community in America in two years.)
Social Communication Department

• The Publications Program is transformed into the Social Communication Department;

• Strengthening of the areas of publications, social networks and web page;

• Setting up the Technical Assistance Program Rules of Procedure.
Follow-up for projects

• Follow-up for projects that have received finance from this institution in the years prior.

• We are requiring that the institution have access to the results of the project and to receive the accounts rendered appropriately upon the financial resources contributed.

• Recovery of projects that have come to a standstill.

• The General Secretariat recovers financial resources.
Support to the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF);

We acknowledge the collaboration of the United States National Section;

Support for the United Nations initiative;

It is important to guide the development and management of the geospatial information resources;

Support low-income countries.
Cooperation with UN

• With the United Nations organization, specifically with its Group of Experts on Geographical Names – Latin America Language Division for the appropriate management of the Geographical names in the region.

• The creation of a Geographical Names Committee dependent on the Cartography Commission of the PAIGH is being promoted;

• Purpose: joint work with the UN.
Cooperation with the OAS-Adjacency Zone 
Belize – Guatemala

• Joint work with the Office of the Organization of American States in the Adjacency Zone Belize-Guatemala.

• Expert personnel, specialized high-tech equipment, scientific and technical training are provided for the location of geographic and cartographic points.

• We acknowledge the National Section in Uruguay for its support in this task.

• Our institution contributes to the peace of the continent.
Cooperation with the ILCE

- A cooperation agreement was signed with the Latin American Institute of Educational Communication (ILCE); This American regional multilateral organization promotes cooperation with countries and entities in the region and extra-regional;

- It is an opportunity to disseminate the results and contents of research projects, at the regional level and beyond the continent in the educational field;

- Access to the extensive network with radio stations, television stations and universities of this multilateral institute.
Cooperation with the CEPEIGE

• A Memorandum of Understanding was subscribed with the Pan American Center for Geographic Studies and Research (CEPEIGE), to be in force for five years;

• Seeks to guarantee collaboration between both organizations;

• Our institution will increase by 100% its contributions to the center for studies mentioned, from 2024 onwards.
Cooperation with SIRGAS

- Cooperation with the Geodesic Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS) is a priority for PAIGH;
- It is intended to find mechanisms for increasing scientific cooperation between the two organizations;
- This General Secretariat will continue the cooperation and the institutional support that we provide to SIRGAS;
- The General Secretariat decided—with the PAIGH Authorities’ backup—to increase considerably the financial resources to SIRGAS for their 2024 meeting.
Cooperation with UN-GGIM:AMERICAS

• Our Pan American scientific community knows about and is closely following the work of UN-GGIM:Americas;

• The scientific relations and the cooperation between these two organizations have increased substantially in the last two years;

• In the draft Budget of our institution a financial package for increasing by 50% the support that the PAIGH provides to the UN-GGIM:AMÉRICAS for 2024 is included;

• By 2025 we hope to increase this by 100% as compared with 2023.
Cooperation with ECLAC

- Major work of cooperation with the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- This work is focused especially upon the Americas SDI (Governance Group and Working Group);
- A start was made on the transfer of information and the cartography of the following Technical Assistance Program projects:
  - Americas Climate Change Atlas (ACCA).
  - The Americas Climate Change Researchers Network (RICCA).
  - Atlas of Climates of America in the 16th and 17th Centuries.

The General Secretariat will continue to encourage and push forwards any initiative for these issues.
Heading towards a new Pan American Agenda

- Presently, the Commissions of our institution are working on a new 2030 Pan American Agenda of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History;

- With the aim of starting and pushing forwards new lines of research that contribute to the performance of the Earth sciences and History in our continent;

- The objective is to have available a solid and firm basis for science planned ahead over the following five years, heading towards the PAIGH Centennial in 2028;

- In support of and aligned with the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations organization.
• With the application of the Strategic Modernization Plan 2022-2025, the General Secretariat will strengthen the work and cooperation with various International organizations, belonging to the Inter American system in the next years.
Finally

- Let no one be left behind.
- Our institutional slogan:
- “Science in the Service of Peace”.
Farewell

Thank you for your attention…