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**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 natura.**
- **It has technical and financial autonomy.**
- **Within the limits set by its Organic Statute.**



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# Strategic Modernization Plan 2022-2025



## 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



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# 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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# Strategic Modernization Plan 2022-2025

## 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.



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# Technical Assistance Program: Projects



**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.**



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# 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).**



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# 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.



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# Follow-up for projects

**Convocatoria**  
Programa de Asistencia Técnica

PAT  
2023-2024

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**SECCIÓN  
NACIONAL - URUGUAY**

**ATENCIÓN**

El Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia abre la convocatoria a proyectos PAT 2023 - 2024

La fecha límite para presentación de proyectos es hasta el 17 de Mayo de 2023

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- 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.



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# Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF)



- **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.**



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# 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.



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# 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.**



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# 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.



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# 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.



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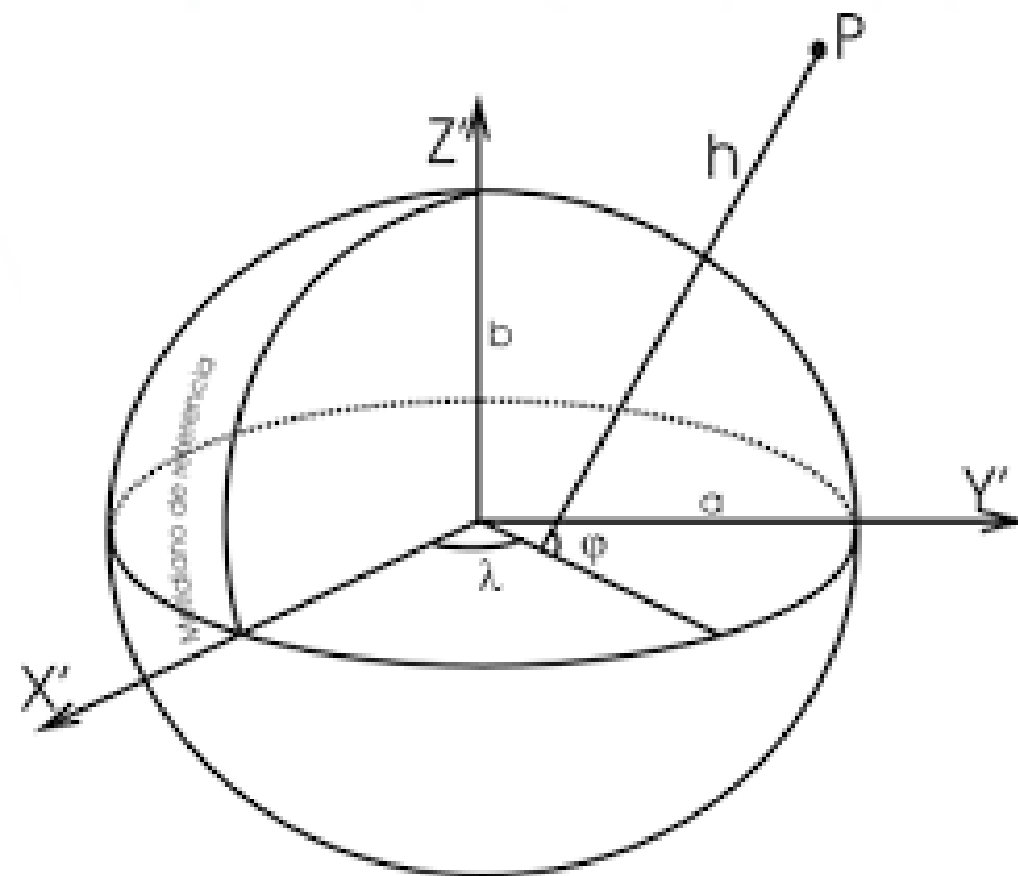
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# Cooperation with SIRGAS



- 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.



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# Cooperation with UN-GGIM:AMERICAS



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- 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.



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# 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.



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# 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.



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# Conclusion



- **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.**



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# Finally



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



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# Farewell



**Thank you for your  
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