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## PAIGH

### PAN AMERICAN DAY

The governments of the American republics established this day as a symbol of their sovereignty and voluntary union in a continental community. It is commemorated each year on 14 April.

Pan American day originated in 1889, when the American States decided to meet periodically and to forge a shared system of norms and institutions.

Throughout this period, numerous agreements were adopted that established the basic principles of what would become the Organization of American States (OAS) in 1948.

A set of institutions were gradually established to facilitate cooperation in specific areas: the Pan American Health Organization (1902), which later also became the regional office of the future World Health Organization; the Inter-American Juridical Committee (1906); the Inter-American Children's Institute (1927); the Inter-American Commission of Women (1928); the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (1928); the Inter-American Indian Institute (1940); the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (1942); and the Inter-American Defense Board (1942).

### IN MEMORIAM

The History Commission has the deep pain of communicate to the the Pan American community the death of María Elena Rodríguez Ozán. Honorary Affiliate of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and an indefatigable collaborator of the PAIGH since 1961. María Elena Rodríguez Ozán arrived in Mexico invited by Dr. Silvio Zavala, President of the History Commission from 1947 to 1965, to do a research stay, with the sponsorship of the General Secretariat of the PAIGH. Thanks to this, she stayed in our country, where she developed an admirable work for the Pan American community. As part of her outstanding academic work and her contributions



to the development of Latin American thought, María Elena Rodríguez Ozán, was part of the founding committee of the Bachelor's and Postgraduate Studies in Latin American Studies of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). She also participated in the foundation of the Latin American Society of Studies on Latin America and the Caribbean (SOLAR), the International Federation of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (FEALC). She author and editor of *Cuadernos Americanos*, magazine of the Center for Research in Latin America and the Caribbean (CIALC) of UNAM.

Our hearts are with her friends and family in this time of sorrow.

### CALL PAT-2018

The General Secretariat and the PAIGH Commissions call for the submission of applications for Pan American Technical Assistance Projects 2018.

Applications must be submitted through the respective online form which can be completed at the following

link: <https://www.ipgh.org/asistencia-tecnica/proyectos-2017/form-pat-2017.html>  
Informs: [asistencia.tecnica@ipgh.org](mailto:asistencia.tecnica@ipgh.org)

## HISTORY COMMISSION

In the framework of the XI Central American Congress of Anthropology of the University of Costa Rica from February 27 to March 2, 2017, the Symposium "Values and Risks of Cultural Heritage in Central America" was held. Distinguished specialists attended it from the American continent to discuss and present topics related to the ethnic and linguistic mosaic of the Central American region and the variety of cultural heritage that they have built through the centuries.

Among the speakers we highlight the participation of Dr. Giselle Chang Vargas of Costa Rica, member of the Committee on Cultural Heritage of the History Commission of the PAIGH with the presentation, "La tradición del boyeo y la carreta como patrimonio mundial: avance de un registro de bienes y de un estudio de percepción. Hacia una reflexión del valor humano del patrimonio edificado."

## STUDY WITH LASER SYSTEM LIDAR IN CANTÓN PEDERNALES

Dr. Eduardo Almeida, member of the History Commission, presents a review of the "Estudio integrado con el sistema de impulsos laser LIDAR en el Cantón Pedernales", whose text will appear in *Revista de Historia de América*.

On April 4, 2016, the last field outing of the project "Estudio integrado con el sistema de impulsos laser LIDAR en el Cantón Pedernales" was completed. Participated Mexican colleague Manuel Perez, with whom we toured and verified the existence of archaeological sites initially identified in the LIDAR images. It is the first time in Ecuador that this laser technology is applied in the field of Archeology. Despite of being a pioneering experience, the results are highly encouraging; in an area of 70 km<sup>2</sup> of LIDAR images, there were 39 potentially archaeological sites, which were surveyed in the field, and 11 of them were identified as old settlements. Site C026 has been investigated in the second phase of the project. Between the exploration and excavation stage 11 months have elapsed. Despite the difficulties we have concluded with the excavation stage and now we expect the results of laboratory analysis of the cultural material, plus studies of

palynology, C14 tests and a topographical drone surveying.

The site C026 has been excavated in an approximate area of 100 m<sup>2</sup>, in whose surface have registered at least 30 small and medium deposits of food of rounded forms, worked in cooked clay. Due to the details of the findings and the characteristics of its elaboration, its domestic functionality is revealed. A social group from the late stage of Ecuadorian archeology inhabited the site, although there are vestiges of previous occupations.

This project has made it possible to register an ancient settlement of the indigenous peoples who occupied the area of Coaque, at the time of European contact in the 16th century. The findings in situ, once valued in their context of time and space, will become a reference of the historical identity of the community of Cantón Pedernales.

This project was sponsored by the History, Cartography and Geography Commissions of the PAIGH. The IGM (Military Geographic Institute of Ecuador) was a counterpart and counted with the participation of a team of archaeologists and workers from Pedernales. Many thanks to you all for your contribution.

## HISTORY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

Theme: Women, Expression and Public Life: Narratives and Actions in Latin American History of the 19th and 20th Centuries

Date: April 18-21

Place: Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.  
Information: <https://jwh.uniandes.edu.co/>

### XXXV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Dates: April 29 to May 1, 2017

Place: Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú: PUCP

Information:

<https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/esp/congress/upcoming-congresses.asp>

### XIII MEETING OF HISTORIANS OF LATIN AMERICAN MINING

Theme: Dialogues and interdisciplinary challenges around Latin American mining of yesterday and today

Date: April 4 to 7, 2017

Place: Institute of Anthropological Sciences, Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, University of Buenos Aires.

Information:

<https://13reunionmineria.wordpress.com/acerca-de/>

## CALLS

### Fuegia. Revista de Estudios Sociales y del Territorio

Universidad Nacional de Tierra del Fuego, Antártida e Islas del Atlántico Sur

The Institute of Culture, Society and State of the National University of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and the Islands of the South Atlantic (ICSE-UNTDF) has created the magazine *Fuegia*. Social and Territory Studies, as an international meeting point of different specialties of the Social Sciences, Humanities and Philosophy; the objective is to generate a space from the research centered in Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia, but where proposals and ideas from any other geographic space can provide new ways of development, criticism and transdisciplinary debate. The second objective is to achieve a journal within the international standards for future indexing, complying with the necessary evaluation procedures, periodicity and editing protocols that guarantee the substantive and formal quality of the published works.

Within the framework of this new way of publication, we call for research results or works in progress in the first issue of this new magazine, digital circulation. The closing date of this first call will be April 17, 2017.

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### Secuencia

*Secuencia* is a quarterly publication that appears regularly edited by the Institute of Investigations Dr. Jose Maria Luis Mora based in Mexico City. It considers for its publication original articles written in Spanish, English, Portuguese and French, that are the result of a scientific investigation and that represent a clear contribution to the debate and knowledge of the historical, social and political evolution of Mexico and Latin America from the colonial period to the XXI century. The articles are published in the original language.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

- APRIL 2  
**1982. Argentina.**  
Starts Maldives War.
- APRIL 4  
**International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**
- APRIL 4  
**1949. Creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**
- APRIL 5  
**1910.**  
Trans-Andean Railroad, linking the Chilean city of Los Andes to Mendoza Argentina opens.
- APRIL 7  
**International Day of Reflection on the Genocide in Rwanda**
- APRIL 9  
**1864. United States.**  
General Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Union Army general Ulysses S. Grant in Richmond, Virginia, ending the Civil War.
- APRIL 10  
**1789. México.**  
Born in Mexico City Leona Vicario, heroin of the War of Independence.
- APRIL 10  
**1864. México.**  
Maximilian of Habsburg accepts the Mexican crown, offered to him by the Mexican conservatives. The Treaties of Miramar are signed with France between Napoleon III and Maximilian.
- APRIL 2  
**1892. Cuba.**  
José Martí founded the Cuban Revolutionary Party.
- APRIL 12  
**1539, Perú.**  
Born in Cuzco, Nueva Castilla, Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, poet, historian and writer.
- APRIL 14  
**Pan American Day.**
- APRIL 15  
**U.S. 1865.**  
President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.
- APRIL 17TH  
**Mexico. 1695.**  
Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz, a writer from New Spain and an emblematic figure in world literature, died.
- APRIL 17TH  
**Mexico City. 2014.**  
Gabriel García Márquez, writer, novelist and Colombian journalist. Nobel Prize for Literature dies.
- APRIL 23  
**International Book Day**
- APRIL 28  
**World Day for Safety and Health at Work**
- APRIL 29  
**Day of remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare**