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The 19th Consultation Meeting of the History Commission of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History met place from October 28 to November 3, 2017, in Mexico City, with the participation of 180 specialists from 34 countries. During these five days, reports from the Membership and ad hoc, magazine, advisory in research in committees and working groups, as well as technical assistance projects were presented. Among the topics presented were the history of the Panama Canal, the history of the discovery of the Americas, and the history of the United Nations. In addition, a proposal for the revision of the rules of procedure of the Commission was presented, which will be published by Mexico’s National Autonomous University in the coming months.

The Commission was joined by 338 new members, which increases the total number of members to 2,372. This represents a significant increase in the number of members, which has been consistent with the growth of national and international networks, and the work of the Commission in the countries of the American continent.

Regarding the coordination of the Commission magazine, Dr. Cristian Cordero Roybal was elected as the Editor of the American and Latin American. In the case of the Commission magazine, Dr. Alexander Stock was appointed as the new editor.

The following recommendations were made to the Secretariat:

1. That the Government of Canada should be invited to join the Pan American Institute of Geography and History.
2. That the General Assembly ratified the agreement of appointments, which is an initiative to strengthen the American continent.
3. The first meeting of the Commission’s Executive Committee will be held in the first quarter of 2018.

The new Secretary General will call the new elections in February 2018.

History Commission

I n the framework of the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Ixchel, the History Commission of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) recognized the “Ixchel, People’s Resistance.” The Battle of Ixchel is a story that exemplifies the struggle of the Ixil people against the military invasion by the Guatemalan military. The battle took place on November 17, 1982, and it was one of the largest conflicts in the region, with over 2,000 people killed. The battle was a turning point in the conflict, as it marked the end of the Ixil people’s resistance against the Guatemalan military.

During this battle, the Ixil people were able to survive and maintain their culture, despite the violence and oppression they faced. The battle of Ixchel was a symbol of the strength and resilience of the Ixil people, and it is an important reminder of the importance of protecting human rights and defending against violence and oppression.

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