

REPORT



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1. PRESENTATION

The International Geographical Union - Commission for Latin American Studies is proud to present its annual report 2013 to the delight of its members and organizers of the Commission.

At the International Congress of Geography "Cologne 2012" held in August of that year the Committee on Latin American Studies under the General Assembly was created. The UGI there are 36 working committees, 5 working groups and 1 Special Working Group.

The Commission on Latin American Studies, aims to study Latin America in his space and time, the socio-spatial transformations that have been taking place in our continent, from a critical perspective with endogenous relationships (intra - continental) and exogenous relationships with other continents or sub-continentes (North America and Europe).

The mission of the Committee on Latin American Studies of IGU is to *"To establish a social network producer of American Geographical research with a critical view from the academy and from the praxis, formed from the everyday that are looking to explore the rich Latin American knowledge ontology subjected in the geopolitics of knowledge in space - time of the system - world. The Commission for Latin American Studies is a platform for professionals to achieve Latin American geography contributions of high theoretical and methodological level of the various geographies in the service of our people. "*

The XIV Meeting of Latin American Geographers Lima 2013 was the first major event was organized with the Peru National Committee and where for the first time a Latin American event had a auspices of IGU, but we must not forget that in 1956 was held in the city of Rio de Janeiro the 18th International Congress of Geography and until 2011 had not done an event again in Latin America and therefore we will support the candidature of Lima to host the International Geographical Congress 2024 .

In 2014 we try to meet the executive committee in person at an academic event in Chile and Bolivia but it has not been possible, we are applying for funds for an academic event and be able to realize the meeting and continue our planning and commission in the XV Meeting of Latin American Geographers 2015 Cuba met.

In 2015 we have also consolidated within the Latin American academic to formalize an academic event in Mexico 2016 and plan our commitment to continue the period 2016-2020.

We have made contact with the AAG - Association of American Geographers, LASA - The Association of Latin American Studies and CLACSO - Latin American Council of Social Sciences, IPGH - Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

Now the Commission is actively involved as an organizer of the XVI Meeting of Latin American Geographers Bolivia 2017 to be held in the city of La Paz in April 2017 and in parallel or before the first Geografia Peace Conference be organized with other committees IGU and the urge to Elena Dellagnese the Executive Committee of the IGU.

Historically the UGI in Latin America was seen very distant and creation in Belgium and given the joint of King Leopold II as ruler had to geography as a Colonial instrument by the division of Africa in favor of European countries and that remained in the collective memory of the geographers of the early twentieth century.

We appreciate the opportunity given to the idea of publicizing the geographies of Latin America in the International Geographical Union and we hope that from the beginning of our activities we can include more Latin American geographers to the activities of the IGU.

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3. MEETINGS:

In 2011 a meeting between Latin American geographers of the International Geographical Union was held in the framework of the IGU Regional Conference in Santiago de Chile highlighting the support of Irasema Alcantara and Ron Abler the Executive Committee of the IGU.

In 2012 taking the agreements of Santiago and presenting a draft establishment of the Commission for Latin American Studies of the IGU being its code 12.27. The commission was created and activities are planned and began making the call for membership confirmation partners and invited the Steering Committee.

The XIV Meeting of Latin American Geographers Lima 2013 was the first major event was organized with the Peru National Committee and where for the first time a Latin American event had a auspices of IGU attended by 1,800 attendees and 1420 exhibitors, although not we forget that took place in the city of Rio de Janeiro the 18th International Congress of Geography in 1956 and until 2011 had not been again done an event in Latin American.

In 2014 we try to meet the executive committee in person at an academic event in Chile and Bolivia but it was not possible to posit funds for an academic event and be able to realize the meeting and continue our planning as commission. In the fifteenth Meeting of Latin American Geographers of Cuba 2015 we gathered some 1,500 Latin American geographers and within parallel activities held a meeting with Elena Dellagnese sent the Executive Committee of the IGU participación for us the Governing Freddy Morales and Javier Nuñez and members of our Latin American network of geographers where it was agreed that at headquarters and elected the XVI EGAL 2017 is in Bolivia with the support and sponsorship for the UGI and parallel organize a "Geography of Peace" Conference which will be invited to commissions UGI Political Geography, Historical Geography and more.

In 2015 we have also consolidated within the Latin American academic to formalize an academic event in Mexico for the year 2016 at the Anahuac University of North in 2016 - II conducted by Professor Adrian Flores and Juan Arallanes and that it will approve the plan work presented by our commitment to the IGU Executive Committee to continue the project of the Commission for the period 2016-2020

In 2016 we participated in the Annual Conference of the AAG in April 2016 held in the city of San Francisco and we met representing our committee by the Secretary of our Commission Javier Nuñez and other members of our committee with Elena Dellagnese and Sara Koopman and Fiona McConnell of the geography Commission Policy IGU , Osvaldo Muniz Solari of the Commission on geography Education and Marcella Schmidt di Friedberg, Historical geography Commission to define the organization of the Conference

of geography of Peace in 2017 in the city of La Paz , Bolivia prior to the XVI Meeting of Latin American Geographers Bolivia 2017 to be held in the city of La Paz in April 2017 .

In 2013 we participated for the first time in the Geography Regional Commission Conference IGU Kyoto where about 20 exhibitions were within our Working Group 5 themes:

- Latin American Geographical thought.
- Environmental problems, climate change and risk management in Latin America.
- Geography of Latin American cities.
- Anthropogeography: Heritage, Tourism and Latin American history.
- Public policies and land management in Latin America.

In 2014 we participated as Commission on Geography Regional Conference in Krakow where about 20 exhibitions were within our Working Group 5 the same themes. In 2015 we do not participate as Commission on the Geography of Moscow Regional Conference but we sponsored the presence of two Ecuadorian students to be exhibiting, the measure was taken because that year was made in Cuba the XV Meeting of Latin American Geographers of Cuba 2015 and decided to prioritize our efforts to support the candidacy of Bolivia is home to the XVI Meeting of Latin American Geographers 2017. In 2016 we participated in the 33rd International Geographical Congress 2016 Beijing 5 themes and to date we have 20 exhibitors and where we will apply for renewal of the Commission for Latin American Studies for the period 2016-2020. We have also sponsored local events in several Latin American countries such as detailed:

- IX Colloquium of Geography at the National University of San Marcos in 2013 with 200 participants and was held in the city of Lima.
- In 2014 he organized the Second National Congress of Geography of Bolivia in the city of La Paz with about 500 attendees event held after 18 years.
- 2nd International Seminar on Vulnerability Research in Socio-Natural Disasters held in May 2015 in the city of La Paz with about 150 attendees.
- In 2015 and 2016 is organized with NASA - National Administration of Aeronautics and Space an event called NASA Space Apps Challenge is a geospatial, environmental and astrophysics hackathon and was attended by about 150 participants in each and the 2016 event is also held in Colombia.

- In 2014 and 2015 was organized on 1st and 2nd FOSS4G Peru - Geospatial Free Software Conference in Lima with OSGEO- Open Source Geospatial Foundation and other public or private institutions and in 2016 also will arrange the 3rd FOSS4G Peru.

4. NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION

Communications have been established makes agreements with:

IPGH - Pan American Institute of Geography and History of the OAS. It's a chance the choice of Professor Patricia Solis as Vice President of the Commission of Geography of PAIGH.

FLACSO - Latin American Social Sciences Institute take contact in 2011 with headquarters in Costa Rica to create courses, diploma, masters and graduates but communications are very slow. With the addition of Ecuador to the UGI and creating Ecuador Geographic Association could resume contact with the headquarters.

CLACSO - Latin American Council of Social Sciences. In 2015 we won the prize to dictate a virtual seminar Geographical Thought Critical Latin American and now we are postulating to create a Working Group for the period 2016-2019 of Geographical Thought Critical Latin-American with the presence of almost 30 geographers Latin American and Latin Americanist.

ANPEGE - Associação post-Graduação and Research in geography do Brazil. In 2013 we participated in the National Encontro X Da ANPEGE at UNICAMP and support that is the ANPEGE who represents 28 PhDs and 55 masters of Brazilian universities is the organization that represents the UGI in Brazil.

AGB - Associação dos Brasileiros Geographers. Your events are on average from 4,500 to 6,000 people and are held every 2 years eng- Encontro National Geographers have made contact with them and is awaiting a meeting for activities in common.

CLAG - Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers. It has made contact with them and we will participate in the 2017 Conference CLAG in the city of New Orleans in USA there is a predisposition of undertaking activities jointly.

AAG - Association of American Geographers is the largest and oldest institution in our continent have made contact with the Ad Hoc Working Latin America and already there is a possibility of a publishing project with its magazine and other activities in common.

LASA - Latin American Studies Association, the Latin American Studies Association is the world's largest professional association that brings together individuals and institutions dedicated to the study of Latin America. With more than 12,000 partners and we are bidding to obtain institutional membership.

ECLA (Economic Commission for Latin America) the Spanish acronym is CEPAL. In 2014 we participated in Lima in the thirty-fifth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and are processed through being an advisory body of the Commission for 2018.

IYGU (Initiative for a UN International Year for Global Understanding) , we have contacted Professor Benno Werlen to support this initiative IGU and there Latin American countries celebrate it as in Uruguay and Peru where the latter an agreement of understanding was signed .

YES Network, have contacted us because it is a project that involved IGU and Peruvian postulates a regional vice president of that institution.

OSGEO - Open Source Geospatial Foundation, in 2014 I joined the ICA- OSGeo (Global Network of laboratories OSGEO) and today we have a close and specific relationship for events, conferences and training.

EGAL, the meeting of geographers in Latin America is the most important in our subcontinent and Portuguese and Spanish as official event was first organized and sponsored by the IGU in XIV EGAL Lima 2013, in the XV EGAL Havana 2015 will not that agreement was reached and now in the XVI EGAL La Paz 2017 not only what we sponsor but also organized it and that is very important because in the next event will be decided between the countries of the northern hemisphere of Latin America and the candidates so far are Dominican Republic and Ecuador, perhaps there is a historical resistance UGI but has managed to change the image from the Commission.

We have initiated contact with the following institutions:

SELPER - The Latin American Society of Specialists Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Systems

ICA-ACI, International Cartographic Association. The International Cartographic Association is an organization that studies the problems and GIS mapping techniques and science we want to make a Latin American event for 2017.

Geospatial World Forum and Geospatial Communication Network, is the most important conference Cybercartografia the world and has a Latin American version, but is only performed in Mexico and hope that this also takes place in other countries. The magazine's subscriber is only in English and have also suggested that a Spanish version is done, we hope to realize some agreement by 2017.

ISPR - International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, with its Latin American chapter SELPER have made a communication because some of our members participate in their events, we expect to realize any agreement for 2018.

OGC - Open Geospatial Consortium, is an international industry consortium of more than 521 Geotechnologies companies, government agencies and universities participating in a consensus process to develop interface standards of public access to geospatial data. We consider it very important to our relationship with them, we still have no direct contact with the OGC but our partners are doing the respective communication to talk and have a direct or indirect link with the OGC.

ISO TC 2015 - ISO / TC 211 - Geographic information / Geomatics, is a technical committee working on the ISO and coordinates with the OGC for preparation of a series of International Standards and Technical Specifications of GIS - Geographic Information Systems in the world.

We have been incorporated:

- SOLAR (Latin American Society for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean), with them we will create a Masters and PhD in Latin American Studies oriented to geography with the support of CIALC - Research Center Latin America and the Caribbean of the UNAM from Mexico. - International

UNIGIS, Network Geotechnologies teaching in universities in the world Diploma, Masters offers GIS within your network is 20 universities in 14 countries in Europe, America, Asia and Africa.

We were unable to participate in activities of ISSC (International Social Science Council) and ICSU (International Council for Science) directly but indirectly with some of its member institutions. Working groups or projects.

5. PUBLICATIONS:

- Collection Of Latin American Thought

In 2013 we started a publishing project with Peru National Committee and the Universidad Mayor de San Andres in Bolivia to perform a publishing project Translation Brazilian to Spanish geographers starting with Carlos Walter Porto Gonçaves and most importantly it started is that this project includes the most renowned geographer in Latin America: Milton Santos, the collection will be called Latin American Geographical Thought we hope to present it at the XV Meeting of Latin American Geographers 2015 and Moscow 2015 IGU Regional Geographic Conference but unfortunately by the economic crisis and trim public budget to universities has not been able to do.

It has initiated contact with the AAG through his committee work in Latin America because this year there is an issue of its magazine on Latin American critical geography and could be the start of an editorial exchange and conduct joint activities.

With CLACSO he spoke to also perform an editorial project only with the geographers because the geography in Latin America is still a discipline that is not in the discussion of the social sciences and today is taken into account by the Social Sciences when they enter to studies of environmental problems. It is expected that in 2017 a publication with renowned authors and young investigators under the imprint of such a prestigious institution concrete.

- Web Page

The Committee on Latin American Studies IGU www.ugi-latinoamerica.org established a Web site in Spanish with simultaneous translation in English, French and Portuguese.

It Created 1 Facebook fan page <https://www.facebook.com/ugi.latinoamerica/> also one we subscribe to twitter and created a YouTube channel and hope to create a profile Lnkledin.

- E Newsletter

In our travels during 2013 has been the need to create a Bulletin IGU - LATAM to bring Latin American geographers with the activities of the IGU. Its frequency is semi IGU Secretary - Commission for Latin American Studies Javier Nuñez Villalba (Bolivia) leads the editorial team, Verenitze Valencia (Ecuador) and Juan Manuel Delgado (Peru) and Freddy Morales (Cuba) are the other members, and we are waiting for confirmation from others as. We are waiting for confirmation from others as Ginno Pérez (Peru), Antonella Pizzorno (Argentina) and Madalina Lacramioara Popa (Romania) . It is expected to launch

in April 2015 hope but is still in the editorial production and recomposing the editorial team to have the number 0 this 2016.

6. ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL UNION INTERNATIONAL - UGI

Through this work the Commission of Geography Latin American Studies of the International Geographical Union 12.27 for the period 2012 to 2016, is represented by its President and the Secretary of the Commission interested in enforcing and ensuring commitments to increase from now on all digital documents generated by our commitment to the address of the Secretary General and Treasurer of IGU mmeadows@mweb.co.za

And a physical copy to the following address of the Archivist of the UGI Dr. Bruno Schelhaas, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Archiv für Geographie, Schongauerstr be sent. 9 04328 Leipzig, Germany (www.ifl-leipzig.de).

So as soon as possible the relevant documents will be sent by e mail and postal mail if requested by the steering committee of the IGU.

Sincerely,

7. CONTINUATION 2016 – 2020

a) The Name of Committee:

The name will remain the of the Commission for Latin American Studies of the International Geographical Union .

b) Summary of the Commission:

To constitute a social network producing Latin American Geographical research with a critical view from academia and from practice, created from everyday life and seek to explore the rich ontology of subject knowledge in Latin American geopolitics of knowledge in the space - time of world - system . The commission of Latin American Studies will be a platform for professionals in the Latin American geography to get contributions from high theoretical and methodological level of the various geographies in the service of our people.

The multilateral Latin American knowledge creation as FLACSO (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences), CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences), Institute of Geography and History (IPGH), with the commission of Geography. Will be our allies to make the "*Patria Grande*" (Latin America), find justice in the different spatial scales, to recognize a labor of timely reinterpretation of codes deterritorialized globalization from regional agencies and local government, social movements with a sense of geographical sovereignty.

Objectives:

The objectives to be made in the next 4 years of activity of the Working Group, it is important to stress that all these objectives within the program to propose for the period 2016-2020 and these are:

General:

Establish a Latin American organization of geography for work and discussions on the subject of study "Latin America", which achieves articulate students, professionals and geography teachers for their coexistence and integration through praxis of topics of interest to the Latin American people, encourage commitment to society by promoting geographical research from epistemic vision criticized but adapting it to the Latin American reality achieving fertilization stimulating critical thinking and reflective with a commitment to break with hegemonic myths and preconceptions of Latin American social knowledge of the subject.

Specific:

- a) To foster interdisciplinary relationships between Latin American geographers with the formation of virtual knowledge networks, such as building a website, using social networks and the use of open source geotechnologies.
- b) Publish a magazine of Latin American geography with a particular dossier on the problem or situation in Latin America, and cuatrimensual virtual bulletin.
- c) To sponsor academic events such as EGAL's (Meeting of Latin American Geographers) from now on , sponsor and promote national events both professionals and students geography and propose to the World Executive Committee organize UGI Regional Conferences and the International Congress geography - ICG in 2024 .

d) Create lines or lines of research responsible and autonomy to work with other networks as GEORAYZAL geography, Humboldt, and EGAL's, IPGH, AAG, ANG and others like OSGEO and SELPER.

e) Search agreements with IPGH, FLACSO, ANPEGE do Brazil, LASA, AAG and other organizations to build Pan-American and regional thematic networks.

f) Create and manage postgraduate studies Geographic Latin American Studies with strategic partners such as universities, academic institutions and training

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d. Work Plan 2016 - 2020

Activities that ensure success	Measurement Unit	Goals we achieve	Estimated Budget (\$).	Completion Date	Responsible for the action
To. Develop, design, maintain documents for publication on the Internet, social networks and web 2.0.	Web	04 Internet sites	10,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Call for the publication of articles in the Journal of Geography and systematization of information bulletin, and book publishing Latin American geographic thought.	Publication	01 Annual Review. 01 cuatrimensual Bulletin. 04 books	20000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Foster Latin American and national events in Latin America	auspicious	20 Academic Auspices	50,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Delineating areas of research of the Commission and coordinate with other committees of the IGU and Latin American national committees of the IGU.	Axes	10 thematic axes selected.	25,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Signing agreements with academic organizations, Latin American professionals, local and transnational are academic, business and knowledge networks. .	Agreements	10 national conventions. 05 Latin American agreements	15,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Develop academic project profile International Geography Latin-American.	Capacitation	01 specialization 01 Master 01 Ph.D.	60,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Encourage the creation of the career of geography in countries that do not yet have the specialty.	Geography races created	04 undergraduate geography	70,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical
Geographic organize the Latin American Congress - IGU	Events	02 Regional UGI events in Latin America. .	80,000	2016 -2020	Steering Committee for Latin American Studies Committee of Geographical