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To: Chief Officer of the SCAR History Expert Group
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From: Secretary General of the Group of Latin-American Antarctic Historians
Subject: Summary on the XIV Meeting of Latin-American Antarctic Historians

Background

The Group of Latin-American Antarctic Historians has been working since 1992 and their objectives are:

- Optimize the exchange in all matters relating to historical research among its members
- Strengthen Antarctic historical research of each of their respective countries
- Share progress of historical research on issues that are common
- Strengthen the Latin-American historical research to offer our own point of view of the Antarctic history.

The previous meetings of the group were held at: Base Esperanza (Antarctica, Argentine, in 1992), Lima (Perú) in 1994, Punta Arenas (Chile) in 1996; Río de Janeiro (Brazil) in 1999; Base Marambio and Ushuaia (Argentina) in 2000; Punta Arenas (Chile) in 2001; Montevideo (Uruguay) in 2003; Guayaquil (Ecuador) in 2004, Lima (Perú) in 2005, Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 2008, Playa Hermosa, (Uruguay) in 2011, Pichidangui, (Chile) in 2012 and Ushuaia, (Argentina) in 2013.

The 2014 Meeting

The XIV Meeting of Latin-American Antarctic Historians was held at Montevideo, since 1 to 3 October 2014, with the participation of delegations from Argentine, Chile and Uruguay.

The encounter convened many participants, and the papers were exposed in a chronological order by topics, according the program.

The meeting began on 1st October at 08.00 Hs in an opening session, with the presence of the President of the Uruguayan Antarctic Institute, Gral Claudio Romano, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities (University of Montevideo), Dr Fernando



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Aguerre, and the Conveners of the meeting, Col Waldemar Fontes (Uruguayan Antarctic Institute) and Lic Cristina Montalbán from the Navy Museum.

The exponents at the meeting were:

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By Argentine

1. Dr Verónica Aldazábal (National Navy Museum, Argentine) who presented the paper: “The other half of the history, the women in the Antarctic Continent”
2. Lic Pablo Pereyra (National Navy Museum, Argentine) who presented the paper: “Important dates in the Antarctic Chronology”
3. Mr Juan Lucci (Fundation Agenda Antártica, Argentine) who presented the paper: “Data from the first Antarctic census”
4. Prof Lydia Gomez (National University of San Juan, Argentine) who presented the paper: “Hernán Pujato, a multifaceted antarctician”
5. Lic Pablo Fontana (University of Buenos Aires, Argentine) who presented the paper: “Perón, Churchill and silent war: the British-Argentinean struggle in the Antarctica (1951-1955).”
6. Lic Carlos Vairo (Maritime Museum of Ushuaia, Argentine) who presented the paper: “The results of the experience of the Maritime Museum of Ushuaia with the room prepared for visually impaired visitors.”

By Chile

7. Dr Paulina Uribe, (University of Chile) who presented the paper: “The legacy of the scientific explorers: from the astonishment to ‘the natural laboratory’, ‘go-and-back’.”
8. Mg Pablo Mancilla (University of St Tomas and University of Playa Ancha, Chile) who presented the paper: “Federico Albert and the critics to the 1892’s ordinance fishing. Agreements and disagreements between the science and the first stage of the Chilean Antarctic policy 1900-1902”
9. Mg Nelson Llanos (Ohio University, USA and University of Playa Ancha, Chile) who presented the paper: “The Shackleton odyssey and the feat of the Pilot Pardo. A view from the Anglo-Saxon sources”
10. Prof Olivia Canales (Center of Hemispheric and Polar Studies, Chile) who presented the paper: “The Pilot Luis Pardo Villalón: a forgotten Antarctic hero”
11. Mg César Espinosa (University of San Sebastian and Center of Hemispheric and Polar Studies, Chile) who presented the paper: “Chilean Antarctica: a project of territorial union, 1977-1984”



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12. Dr Consuelo León Wöppke (Center of Hemispheric and Polar Studies, Chile) who presented the paper: "Chilean Antarctic thought. The who's who that show the specialized magazines"
13. Dr Mauricio Jara (Center of Hemispheric and Polar Studies, and University of Playa Ancha, Chile) who presented the paper: "The Chilean Antarctic Policy 1902-1908. International recognition or polar procrastination? "

By Uruguay

14. Dr Fernando Aguerre (University of Montevideo, Uruguay) who presented the paper: "From Atlantic to Pacific, reflections of the Lt D. Francisco Xavier de Viana in your Travel Journal"
15. Dr Milton Rizzi (Uruguayan Academy of Maritime and Fluvial History, Uruguay) who presented the paper: "Medical doctors and medicine in Antarctic explorations"
16. Bach Efraín Cano (University of Montevideo, Uruguay) who presented the paper: "¿The Real Maritime Company as a gateway to Antarctica?"
17. Lt (RN) Ezequiel Fernández (Historical Navy and Maritime Center of Studies, Uruguay) who presented the paper: "Results of the archaeological prospection in the King George Island"
18. Lic Cristina Montalbán (Historical Navy and Maritime Center of Studies, Uruguay) who presented the paper: "Shackleton, the last journey"
19. Capt (Rva) Hugo Bottaro (Uruguayan Antarctic Institute) who presented the paper: "A testimony: The ninth passenger"

Books Presented

1. "Diving in the ice. Under the Antarctic sweat" by First Sub Officer Lino N. Aragañaraz (Argentinean Army)
2. "The Antarctic Struggle. The conflict by the sixth continent" by Lic Pablo Fontana (University of Buenos Aires, Argentine)
3. "Chilean Antarctic Thought. Bibliographical references." by Dr Consuelo León Wöppke & Mag. Mauricio Jara. (Center of Hemispheric and Polar Studies, Chile)
4. "January 1984: The First Uruguayan Antarctic Mission" by Col Waldemar Fontes (Uruguayan Antarctic Institute)



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5. “Antártida Celeste” by Mr Javier Villasuso
6. “The Elephant Island. The adventure of the Uruguayan Antarctic Pioneers” by Arq Alejandro Rodríguez Juele. (Uruguayan Association of Cartoon Creators)
7. “Billy the Krill, a never told history” by Mr Ricardo Pisano

Conclusions of the Meeting

To organize the XV Meeting of Latin-American Antarctic Historians (XV MLAH) in Chile, around the end of September 2015, in a place to be determined.

The Group appointed Mg Mauricio Jara (Chile) as the Secretary General for the XV MLAH.

Topics suggested for the XV MLAH:

- To investigate, particularly in Chile and Uruguay, all the related to the rescue of the Shackleton Expedition in 1916, in order to prepare a publication from the Latin-American point of view for the Centenary of the achievement.
- To promote for the XV MLAH to work on papers related to the topic “Latin-American Antarctic Thought”

Other proposals:

- Present a summary of the XIV MLAH to the SCAR History Expert Group.
- Invite the members of the SCAR History Expert Group to participate in the XV MLAH.

For more information

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