

8th CONFERENCE ON HISPANIC CAMINERÍA

The term "caminería" is difficult to translate. It refers to a new specialty which originated in Spain: the study of systems of communication routes in all their physical, historic, literary and tourism aspects. This analysis also includes the characteristics of individual protagonists, the itinerary's goals, the period during which these communication routes exist and their objectives. It also includes the archaeological and artistic framework for these routes. It is a multi-disciplinary field in which humanists, engineers, archaeologists and technicians all participate.

Seven international *caminería* conferences have already been held, dedicated especially to Spanish-speaking countries. The scope of these conferences has expanded to include Mediterranean routes. The conferences take place every two years, and have been held in the following locations: Madrid (Spain), Higher Scientific Research Board; Guadalajara (Spain), Provincial Government and Ministry of Public Works; Morelia (Mexico), University of San Nicolás de Hidalgo, where the Manuel Criado de Val Chair in Latin American Caminería has been established; Valencia (Spain), Valencia Autonomous Government; L'Aquila (Italy), at the University of L'Aquila; Paris (France), Sorbonne University; Quito (Ecuador), Pontifical University of Quito and the Embassy of Spain. In Rosario (Argentina), two Latin American caminería conferences have been held at the National University of Rosario.

The proceedings of these conferences have been published in thirteen volumes, a total of 8,000 pages.

- The main content planned for this 8th Conference includes: the study and promotion of classical, medieval and modern routes through Spanish-speaking countries and the historical or literary protagonists of these routes, including their biography and historical, archeological and monumental background.

- Another topic is communications among Spanish-speaking countries linked by routes, reinforcing their ties and improving knowledge of their various cultures.

- The main audience for this project is based at universities, although this is not to exclude any group of the general public, technical specialists or those simply interested in learning about routes, their study and historical and cultural characteristics.

INTERNATIONAL CAMINERÍA ASSOCIATION

The setting up of a *caminería* association came out of the 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HISPANIC *CAMINERÍA*, held in Morelia (Mexico) in 1996. This association was designed to consolidate this subject, which already had chairs at universities, on an international level. The International *Caminería* Association currently has the following programs in progress:

- 1.- International Conference on *CAMINERÍA*, THE ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, which will be held in Medellín (Colombia) at the University of Antioquia in August 2005.

2.- 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HISPANIC *CAMINERÍA*, to be held in July 2006.

3.- CHAIR OF LATIN AMERICAN *CAMINERÍA*. Since 1996, the University de San Nicolás de Hidalgo in Morelia (Mexico) has had the Manuel Criado de Val Chair in Latin American *Caminería*, associated with noted international researchers and operating in close association with the International *Caminería* Association. The chair's fifth year will soon be celebrated.

4.- CARTOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF *CAMINERÍA* EXHIBITION. This traveling exhibition was inaugurated as part of the 7th International Conference on Hispanic *Caminería* on 30 June 2004 at the Postal and Telegraph Museum in Madrid. It was jointly organized by the International *Caminería* Association and Spain's Postal Service. The following organizations took part:

- Postal Service Postal and Telegraph Museum
- National Geographic Institute of Spain
- Spanish Army Geographic Center
- Ecuadorian Military Geographic Institute
- Madrid City Council
- Friends of Cartography Association
- CEHOPU, Ministry of Public Works
- Higher Scientific Research Board Humanities Center

It should be noted that as planned, this exhibition will expand, and that it receives support not only from the organizations mentioned above, but also others in Spain and abroad.

5.- FINISTERRAE *CAMINERÍA* PROJECT. A grant request has recently been submitted to the European Community Culture 2000 Program for the Finisterrae *Caminería* Project. This project is HEADED by the INTERNATIONAL *CAMINERÍA* ASSOCIATION, with the participation of co-organizers such as the National Geographic Institute of Spain, Nova University in Lisbon, the University of Pescara (Italy), the University of Malta, the Spanish Highway Association and the Manuel Criado de Val Cultural Foundation. Participating ASSOCIATES include CEDEX-CEHOPU (Ministry of Public Works), the Spanish Postal Service, the University of Morelia (Mexico), the National University of Rosario (Argentina), the University of Quito (Ecuador), the University of La Sapienza in Rome, the Sorbonne University, and the Museum of Ampurias.

6.- ATLAS OF HISPANIC *CAMINERÍA*. In collaboration with the National Geographic Institute of Spain, preparation has begun on an Atlas of *Caminería*. The INTERNATIONAL *CAMINERÍA* ASSOCIATION will be responsible for preparing this atlas, and the cartography will be done by the National Geographic Institute of Spain, which will provide a cartographic base and specialists in the area. This atlas is connected to the International *Caminería* Conferences and the European Community Finisterrae Project, and will be extremely comprehensive.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Duration: 5 days, Monday to Friday.

Number of Attendees: It is estimated that between 200 and 250 people will attend.

Venues: The congress will have three simultaneous committees and plenary sessions. The distribution can be planned for 50% of the time. Speakers, both in the committees and during the plenary sessions, will have 15-minute slots, with 5 minutes for questions.

There will be a 15-minute break between the two-hour sessions.

Two rooms with a capacity for 50 people each will be needed for the committees, and an additional room for 100-150 people for the plenary sessions.

Office: Five people from Spain. A site or room for them to work in.

An additional room will also be needed for attendees and press to take a break.

Other Planned Activities:

Cartography Exhibition

One meal

One cocktail party

Coffee service between the sessions

Guided tour of New York

A theatrical performance in Spanish may also be planned

THE UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Round-trip economy-class air travel for five members of the organization (Madrid-New York-Madrid)

Food and lodging for these five people

Transport service for attendees if the conference is held outside Manhattan

University students to work at the conference (five or six people)

CONTRIBUTION OF THE INSTITUTO CERVANTES

Greeting the conference attendees

Function room for one or two plenary sessions

Contribution to the theatrical performance

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 1.- *Caminería*, the Environment and Cultural Heritage.
- 2.- Royal Routes between Spain, Latin America and North America.
- 3.- Atlas of Hispanic *Caminería*.
- 4.- Mediterranean *Caminería*, Atlantic *Caminería* and Pacific *Caminería*.
- 5.- The Seville - X - Mexico - Acapulco - Manila *Gran Vía*.
- 6.- Finisterrae Mediterranean *Caminería* Project.
- 7.- Pre-Hispanic *Caminería*.
- 8.- Emigration Routes.
- 9.- Natural Migratory Routes.
- 10.- Spanish and Portuguese *Caminería*.
- 11.- Historic Routes.
- 12.- Literary Routes.
- 13.- The *Caminería* of Cervantes.
- 14.- The *Caminería* of Hernando Colón.
- 15.- Itinerary of Christopher Columbus prior to his first trip.
- 16.- Hispanic Routes in North America.
- 17.- The great Hispanic Tourist Routes.
- 18.- The Great Roads between Rome and Lisbon. Classical Itineraries.
- 19.- Program of planned activities.
- 20.- Presentation of the Proceedings of the 7th Conference.
- 21.- Cartography Exhibition.
- 22.- Plenary Session of the International *Caminería* Association.