

Call for Papers
1st Annual Conference of the Colombian Association for
Caribbean Studies (ACOLEC)

(Deadline: 31 January 2015)

“The Caribbean, beyond the Coasts --The Rural World”
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PRESENTATION

Last decades have seen the consolidation of new capitalist systems of production quite distinct from traditional productive systems that were common in the rural world. Perhaps the most outstanding, in the context of the Greater Caribbean, has been the development of tourism, the so called “industry without chimneys”, which due to its social and cultural features has been seen as a continuation of plantation under the form of resorts. The development of tourism has deeply influenced the vision of the Caribbean as a sunny place full of beaches, five-star hotels, port sectors and container movements, tax havens. Yet, scholars and researchers have started to debunk this stereotype by showing the deleterious effects it has on the economic, historical and cultural life of the peoples inhabiting the region. Among the negative effects of viewing the Caribbean in such a way is the erasing it induces of the non-coastal Caribbean, a rich and complex place, simultaneously different and similar to the littoral Caribbean.

Aware of the importance of this Caribbean “beyond the coasts”, on the cultural, political, geographic and economic levels, the Colombian **Association for the Study of the Caribbean** (ACOLEC) and **Banco de la República** invite national and international students, scholars, and researchers specialized on the Caribbean to participate in this international Conference: “The Caribbean beyond the coasts: the Rural World” to take place in Montería (Colombia), from the 25 to the 27 March 2015.

Objective

The general purposes of this Conference are to analyze and understand the dynamics of this other Caribbean world; to understand the complex social, economic, and cultural dynamics binding together the inner Caribbean with its Coastal zones, and highlight elements that often make special and ambiguous the connection between such territories.

Possible topics

- Traditional knowledge and wisdom, interculturality, everyday life
- Popular festivals, rites and cultural ways: Music, dances and gastronomy
- Rural social movements
- Rural cultural manifestations in the Caribbean: arts and literature, oral expressions
- Rural history and historiography. Encounters and challenges
- Representations of the inner Caribbean
- Social, cultural and economic relationships between the urban and the rural
- Identities
- Orlando Fals Borda, Participatory Action Research, and the study of the rural Caribbean
- Contexts, Issues and Challenges of Education in the Rural Caribbean
- Religion and spiritual practices
- Land use and productive systems; Alternative development models
- Tourism beyond the coasts: rural touristic experiences
- Biodiversity and environment
- Innovation and enterprising
- Economy, public governance and quality of life
- Models of sustainable and sustained development
- Sources, records, manuscripts and archives for the research
- Societies, ethnicity and gender

Guidelines for submission

Panels proposals may include from three to five presentations (20 minutes each), although each presentation proposal will be evaluated as autonomous.

Proposals may be sent in English, French, Portuguese or Spanish to both raulromanr@yahoo.com and joelcar1@hotmail.com. Individual and panel proposals must include the following information: name and last name, postal address and email; academic titles, institutional affiliation; paper title, chosen topic and a paper summary. Abstracts must not exceed 500 words.

Deadlines and registration fees

Deadline for submission: **31 January 2105**.

To have the paper included in the Memories of the Event, participants should send the complete paper by the 28 February 2015. Papers should not exceed 20 pages (space and half, Times New Roman 12, in word), including bibliography.

Communications of acceptance will be sent by **15 February 2015**. Final program will be issued on the **20 February 2015**.

Registration fees

Registration by the 31 January 2015:

Presenters (national or international): \$160.000 pesos (80 USD)

Students (national or international): \$100.000 pesos (50 USD)

Attendees:

Registration after the 1st February 2015

Presenters (national or international): \$200.000 pesos (100 USD)

Students (national or international): \$120.000 pesos (60 USD)

Attendees:

All presenters must be CSA members in good standing in order to present at the conference.

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