

PAN AMERICAN UNION CELEBRATES MEDINA CENTENNIAL

TO HONOR the memory of the Chilean scholar José Toribio Medina (1852-1930) on the hundredth anniversary of his birth, the Pan American Union has organized a three-day series of events known as the Medina Centennial Celebration, scheduled to take place in Washington from November 6 through 8 of this year.

The Library of Congress and the Embassy of Chile to the United States are actively collaborating with this important program, which is enjoying the enthusiastic sponsorship of twenty-four scholarly associations in the United States, as well as that of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, with headquarters in Mexico City.

The Organizing Committee is composed of Félix Nieto del Río (Ambassador of Chile to the United States), Alberto Lleras (Secretary General of the Organization of American States) and Luther H. Evans (Librarian of Congress).

Maury A. Bronsen, Editor of the *Revista Interamericana de Bibliografía* and a member of the Department of Cultural Affairs of the Pan American Union, has been appointed Executive Secretary of the celebration.

Although known especially as a bibliographer and historian, Medina's Americanist contributions extend to the fields of numismatics, lexicography, literary criticism, geography, cartography, editing, printing, publishing and collecting. Author, editor or translator of approximately 300 books, brochures and articles, he has been referred to as "the greatest bibliographer in Christendom." He certainly remains unchallenged as the leading Latin-American documentalist of all time. His private collection of books and manuscripts, which he bequeathed to the National Library of Chile some years before his death, remains unequalled as a source for research in the colonial civilization of Spanish America.

On the opening evening of the celebration, there will be inaugurated a loan-exhibition of *Mediniana* from the private collection of Maury A. Bronsen, the largest of its kind ever assembled outside of Chile. It contains, in addition to some of the best-known rarities written and printed by Medina, unpublished letters, original portraits, photographs, memoranda, books, Medina's baptismal dress and other historic mementos associated with his life. Many of the leading university and public libraries in the United States are planning corresponding bibliographic exhibitions of Medina's works.

In addition to an address by Professor Guillermo Feliú Cruz, Medina's collaborator and secretary in his last years, who is Curator of Medina's Biblioteca Americana and a member of the faculty of the University of Chile, there will be a four-session symposium at which sixteen scholars will read brief papers. These will concern Medina's contributions to Americanist studies. The sessions will deal with the following broad themes: 1. Bibliography; 2. History, Geography and Numismatics; 3. Literature, Philology and Linguistics; and 4. Science, Editing and Printing.

The co-chairmen who will preside at the sessions include: A. S. W. Rosenbach, Clarence H. Haring, Charles C. Griffin, Irving Leonard, Sturgis Leavitt, Dana Munro and Germán Arciniegas.

Speakers include: Lawrence C. Wroth, Arthur P. Whitaker, Roscoe B. Hill, Irene Wright, Rafael H. Valle, Paul T. Manchester, Charles Max Lancaster, Federico de Onís, Arturo Torres-Riosco, Sarah E. Roberts, José López del Castillo, Hellmuth Lehmann-Haupt, Abraham A. Neuman, Martin Gusinde and others.

All correspondence concerning the celebration should be addressed to: Dr. Maury A. Bronsen, Executive Secretary, The Medina Centennial Celebration, Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C. Latin Americanists in all fields are cordially invited to attend and participate in these announced events.

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