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Geomatics Still Incipient in Latin America

Santiago Borrero has been Secretary General of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) since 2003. Here, he shares his views on the current state of geomatics – and in particular of cadastres – in Latin America, including best practices, his interest in INSPIRE and the impact of the UN-GGIM initiative, as well as his expectations for future growth.

As secretary general of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, can you tell us more about its work?

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