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## Introduction

It is an honor to have the opportunity to present this issue of such an important publication as the *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly*. The main body of its content consists of a selection of papers presented at our first “Balances y Perspectivas” meeting, held by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) in 2000 in Baja California.

The purpose of these meetings has been to bring together researchers who are investigating themes related to Baja California’s past, in order to exchange views on their accomplishments and share information and the results of their studies.

From the beginning, archaeologists and anthropologists from different institutions have had the opportunity to participate in this event with INAH. Representatives from the Autonomous University of Baja California, Institute of Native Cultures of Baja California, Pedagogical University of Baja California, Cultural Center of Tijuana, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Society for California Archaeology, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, San Diego Museum of Man, and several U.S. and Canadian universities have all participated.

We have been fortunate to have had the attendance of such important researchers in their fields as María de la Luz Gutiérrez, Lucila León, Jorge Serrano, Fernando Oviedo, Harumi Fujita, Adrea Eguia, Jorge Martínez Zepeda, Leticia Sánchez, Alfonso Rosales, Julio Montané, Oscar Sánchez, Miguel Wilken, and Julio Montané. From the United States and Canada, scholars such as Jerry Moore, Eric Ritter, Don Laylander, Matthew DesLauriers, John Foster, Jay Von Werlhof, Harry Crosby, Ken Hedges, Ed Von der Porten, Ed Vernon, Ruth Gruhn, Alan Bryan, and Michael Mathes have taken part.

The information derived from these exchanges undoubtedly permits us to better comprehend the past of the region. I want to thank the publishers of this issue for presenting some of the results of our meetings.

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