

Project Plan

Project Name: Hispanic American Periodicals Index Indigenous Endonyms: Initial Pilot

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Project Vision Statement

In the fall of 2023, the Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI) began contacting Indigenous groups throughout the Americas and the Caribbean to ask for their endonym, also known as an autonym. As with any group of people, our goal was to have their preferred name for themselves reflected in the HAPI database. In July 2023, [LC Interim Guidelines for Indigenous Heading Proposals](#) reflected this new way of changing these subject headings. Beyond the most important aspect of this project, assuring that the headings reflect the groups' preferences, it will also eliminate needless duplication of effort by SACO participants.

Outcomes and Benefits

- To give Indigenous ethnic groups in the United States and Latin America the agency to decide how their community will be represented in LCSH.
- To inform library users of the correct autonym used by historic and contemporary Indigenous communities instead of improper and offensive terms imposed by outside researchers and governments.
- To contribute to a more inclusive and comprehensive thesaurus which reflects the diversity and nuance of Indigenous identity.

Authoritative Resources

As noted above, individuals affiliated with HAPI have done extensive research identifying, contacting, and gathering information from members of these Indigenous groups, following the LC Interim Guidelines and also operating according to the [Best Practices in Authority Work Relating to Indigenous Nations in the U.S.](#)

Project Scope Statement

We envision this pilot project as the first in a series updating Indigenous names in accordance with current usage and desires of members of the Indigenous groups.

We are starting with 19 names currently represented by these headings: Popoloca Indians, Mam Indians, Huichol Indians, Zapotec Indians, Chol Indians, Cocopa Indians, Tzotzil Indians, Trique Indians, Huastec Indians, Chinantec Indians, Mataco Indians, Tunebo Indians, Waura Indians, Caraja Indians, Ona Indians, Cakchikel Indians, Cayapa Indians, Miskito Indians, Arhuaco Indians. As noted below, we estimate approximately 200 SARs will require updating; these include related language headings. There will also be two classification changes associated with most of the names/languages. Members of the LAIPA funnel with access to the proposal system in ClassWeb will create the subject and classification proposals.

Project Roadmap

Communication has already occurred with members of the Indigenous groups, so preferred terms have already been identified. We have created a spreadsheet listing all the subject headings associated with each name, including related headings. This was used to calculate the estimated numbers and can also be used to track the work. We would be happy to share a copy of this with PTCP.

Estimates

Project duration

8-10 weeks

Number of new proposals:

~1 or 2

Number of change/cancel proposals:

~200 Subject Authority records; ~40 Classification changes

Number of validation records:

~12

Bibliographic file maintenance (BFM):

~1500

Would this project require changes to existing Library of Congress manuals or other public documentation (e.g., SHM, CONSER Manual, RDA MGDs, etc.)?

No

Would this project require changes to existing Library of Congress training or necessitate new training materials?

No