

ARGENTINA

International Congress on Indigenous Languages

The Instituto Qheshwa "Jujuymanta" (Argentina) is organizing the V International Academic Congress on Indigenous Languages to take place in Jujuy-Argentina in September of 1993.

The Institute works to make Indigenous people aware of the value of their languages. During the last years the Institute has devoted itself to promoting Indigenous languages such as Qhishwa (or Quechua) and Aymara, which are widely used in the Andean region of South America, and Guaraní of the Gran Chaco of South America.

The purpose of this effort is to organize native peoples and make them aware of their cultural roots and of how important it is that their languages survive. So far there have been four congresses organized by Indigenous groups which have documented the wide use of Indigenous languages.

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sent recovery or creations within the framework of Indian American identity.

The Center gives presentations to schools at different levels in order to provide traditional role-models, and expose the students to diverse experiences. They produce educational radio programs and also participate in programs to improve methods of sheep farming in order to improve the economic situation for Puna families.

The last congress took place in Cochabamba (Bolivia), with the assistance of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón, and local Indigenous organizations. Rene Sainz Vega, the President of the IV Congress (October 1992), reported the following conclusions.

The congress requested:

1. That the governments of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile work on informing about and teaching Indigenous languages in their countries;

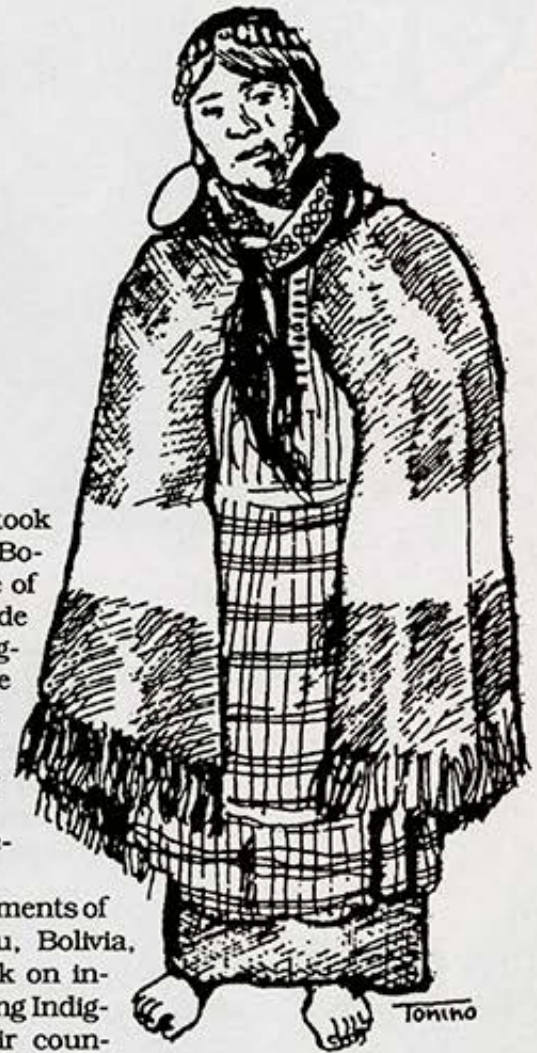
2. That educational agencies and ministries support Indigenous organizations working on revalorization of their own Indigenous languages;

3. That Latin American governments formally teach Indigenous languages at schools and universities.

4. That Latin American governments recognize demands and territorial rights of Indigenous peoples.

The IV Congress worked under six commissions: Writing, Grammar and Structure, Culture, History, Education and Law.

Instituto Qheshwa "Jujuymanta" is open to your input, contributions, and assistance.



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