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An organization dedicated to serving its members and the Puerto Rican Society.
In 1904, a group of engineers, created the Puerto Rico Society of Engineers, and in subsequent years they endeavored to legally organize the profession.

In 1927, a law was passed to create the Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors Board of Examiners.

In 1938 with the passing of Law #319 the Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors Association of Puerto Rico was founded.

- In August 1980 the passing of Law #12 separates the Professional Architects Association from the Engineer's and Land Surveyors.
- In August 1988 the passing of Law #173 creates the figure of Professional In Training.
- In December 1997 the passing of Law #185 sets the requisite of mandatory continuous education.
- In December, 2003 Law 333 defines as a Felony the illegal practice of the profession.
The Study of Engineering and Surveying in PR

- University of Puerto Rico* 4,400
- Polytechnic University* 2,254
- Turabo University 1,128
- Interamerican University 879
- Caribbean University 330

TOTAL 8,991

* Surveying Program

26% Female Students
Multiple Student Chapters

By Law

- In order to be called, presented or represented as an engineer, architect or land surveyor in Puerto Rico, you have to be...
  1. Graduated from a recognized university.
  2. Pass the fundamental and professional examinations.
  3. Obtain a license or certificate from the Examiners Board
  4. Be a member of the CIAPR
  5. Stay in good standing.
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VISION

The Professional Engineer and the Professional Land Surveyor: center of Puerto Rico’s economic activity and development.

MISSION

The CIAPR is the representative of the Engineering and Land Surveying professions. It’s members promote the development and defense of these professions for the welfare and of the people of Puerto Rico, encouraging the study of the profession as a vocation, competent professional practice and excellence based on the code of ethics of our profession.
MEMBERSHIP

- The CIAPR is made up by the following seven Institutes:
  - 483 Land Surveyors
  - 4,431 Civil Engineers
  - 165 Computer Engineers
  - 2,538 Electrical Engineers
  - 909 Industrial Engineers
  - 2,088 Mechanical Engineers
  - 891 Chemical Engineers
  For a total of 11,505 members, divided in eleven (11) geographical chapters

   10 in the Island + 1 in Florida, USA

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

- Total Budget: $7,000,000.00
- Assets: $25,000,000
MEMBERS SERVICES

- INSURANCE
  - Group life insurance coverage
  - Group loss of income
  - Group tissue and organ transplant
  - We endorse a health insurance program and an automobile premium discount master policy
  - We have a broker who provides free insurance consulting.

MEMBERS SERVICES

- Financial Assistance for disabled members
- Free legal consulting
- Elderly housing for members and their family.
- In-House Credit Union.
- Continuing Education
COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Pre and post counseling to communities and families about to be/or affected by natural disasters or anthropogenic events (landslides, floods and fires).
- Publish guides for hurricane and seismic resistant housing structures.
- Engineers and Land Surveyors Emergency Management Team.
- Weekly Radio & TV programs
- Continuous press releases and interviews promoting our institutional positions.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- The CIAPR has a collaborative relationship with several sister organizations such as:
  - APPA, AIDIS, AWWA, FIG, COPIMERA y WFEO, UPADI, WEF, AGC, WEF, NSPE, amongst others.
  - Helped with the reconstruction of the Jimani area in Dominican Republic that was affected by floods
  - Assisted the El Salvador government after the 1999 earthquake.
We are currently working in a project called “Adopt a Village” - a sustainable development model project in the Dominican Republic.

For the past two years, the CIAPR headed the Technical Committee (COMTECH) Vice Presidency, and we are celebrated the 2005 Congress and General Assembly Meeting in October 16-22.

Application to Host the 2011 Working Week of the FIG.

CIAPR is the Professional Association that serves a Puerto Rican population of approximately 4 million in a geographical area of 35 miles wide by 100 miles long (56 km X 160 km).

CIAPR is ready to host the 2011 WW of FIG.
Puerto Rico:
the shining Start of the Caribbean

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At 2011 the UPRM will celebrate it
100 years (1911-2011)

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