

SEPTEMBER 2008

Tuesday 16th

A group of leading international scholars presented their talks on 'The Prehistory of the Andes: Archaeology and Linguistics' at the British Museum. Main speakers included Prof. Willem Adelaar of the University of Leiden – Netherlands, Prof. Peter Kaulicke from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Prof. William Isbell of the State University of New York at Binghamton, Dr. David Beresford-Jones & Paul Heggarty from the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research – University of Cambridge, Prof. Rodolfo Cerrón-Palomino from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, and Dr. John Hemming, former director of the Royal Geographical Society.



JULY 2008

Friday 25th



With a mass held in the Brompton Oratory and the after-reception, the Peruvian community and friends commemorated the 187 anniversary of the Peruvian Independence and its consolidation as a growing nation. The celebration was organised by the Consulate General of Peru in London.

Peruvian community participated in the mass to celebrate the anniversary of the Independence

Monday 21st

The Peruvian Embassy sponsored the conference on 'Natural Resources and Development in Peru', organised by the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM). The event was chaired by Sir Mark Moddy-Stuart, chairman of the Anglo Peruvian plc; as keynote speakers were John Groom, chief operating officer of the ICMM; Renato Amorin, director of International Affairs for Vale; Peruvian Ambassador, Ricardo V. Luna.



Saturday 19th



Paddington Bear with two girls from Darkest Peru

Paddington at Hamleys! To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Paddington Bear, Hamleys presented a full Paddington window display with a colourful group of Peruvian friends. Children and adult enjoyed a wonderful time with the presence of the bear himself.

Thursday 3rd

The British Peruvian Trade and Investment Group (TIG) met for the second time this year. On this occasion, Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna briefed the attendees on the results of the V Latin American and Caribbean - European Union Summit and the II LAC-EU Business Summit, held simultaneously in Lima on 15 and 16 May. Heads of State and Government and high level delegates from 60 countries participated in the summits, as did leaders of multinational enterprises including some major British investors in Peru.

The Business Summit focused on how to translate foreign investment in Latin America and the Caribbean, for which the EU is the primary source, into well being, sustainable development and inclusion. At the end of the summit business leaders adopted a declaration to the Heads of State and Government that fully supports the strategic bi-regional association that is being forged and a establishes a commitment of business to promote education and innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

JUNIO 2008

Thursday 26th



Public showed interest in the Peruvian project presented at the LFA 2008

The Peruvian Embassy opened the exhibition 'Growing Pains: the Re-invasion of the Shantytown' as part of the London Festival of Architecture 2008. The Peruvian project was developed by four young Peruvian architects, who live and work in London, and is currently exhibited at 'The Portable Gallery' at the Peruvian Embassy.

Tuesday 17th

To celebrate 2008 as the UN International Year of the Potato, Dr. Sandy Knapp, botanist at the Natural History Museum, and Jim Godfrey, former Chairman of International Centre of the Potato in Lima, discussed the botanic origin, history and role of the this remarkable tuber in helping to alleviate poverty, improve food security and promote economic development.

The seminar was preceded by a screening of the award-winning short film 'Sawasiray-Pitusiray', directed by Mariana Herrera, and followed by a sampling of Peruvian potato dishes.

Monday 16th

The General Consulate of Peru in London and the 'Consejo de Consulta' of the Peruvian Community presented the conference: 'Environment and Society' by Victor Rojas, and 'The challenges for the production of the Potato' by Jim Godfrey, former chairman to the International Centre of the Potato in Lima, to celebrate the UN International Year of the Potato as part of a series of conferences for the Peruvian community.



Jim Godfrey, former chairman of the International Centre of the Potato, during his conference.

Thursday 12th



The exhibition comprised informative panels, life-sized displays and colorful photos showing the timeline that tracks the progress of the potato throughout the ages

The exhibition 'The Odyssey of the Potato' was opened at the Hay's Galleria to commemorate the International Year of the Potato. After Switzerland, Norway and Belgium, the exhibition arrived to the United Kingdom to continue its voyage to Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, France and finally Italy in December.

Tuesday 10th

British charity "Children of Latin America" (COLA) made a significant contribution to the Hellen Keller Association of Peru, an organization that provides care, education and job opportunities to young persons experiencing simultaneously blindness and deafness.

At a ceremony that took place at the Peruvian Embassy, Children of Latin America's president and founder, Ray Perrin, presented Ambassador Ricardo Luna a check for £2,000 pounds to benefit the Peruvian organization. Ambassador Luna thanked COLA for its generous donation which will help increase the Hellen Keller Association's capacity to provide adequate care for those affected by this unique disability.



Children from Hellen Keller Association were benefited by donation of COLA

Tuesday 3^d



Peruvian Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna; Michael Bond creator of Paddington Bear; and Mario Santos, from Harper Collins

The Peruvian Embassy and the Editorial Harper Collins celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Paddington Bear with the launching of the latest book 'Paddington Here and Now' (2008) by Michael Bond, creator of the bear from 'Darkest Peru'. Peruvian Ambassador Ricardo V. Luna handed Mr. Bond a replica of a Peruvian passport for Paddington to help him in his new adventures with the immigration authorities.