

# ***MESOAMERICA***

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## **A Farewell to MESOAMERICA**

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In Volume 1, Number 1 (Jan 1982) of Mesoamerica, Fred B. Morris, the Executive Director of ICAS and General Editor, wrote the following:

Long aware of the lack of consistently reliable information in English about Central America, a group of persons residing in Costa Rica decided to form the Institute for Central American Studies (ICAS). The founders of ICAS are Latin Americans, or persons who have had long experience in Latin America. All are persons with long-standing and deep commitment to the cause of justice and peace in Latin America.

Beginning with this issue, ICAS will publish and distribute a monthly bulletin of news and analysis about Central America. The information published will be gathered from a wide variety of sources, including first hand contacts in the Central American countries. Emphasis will be given to accurate presentation of the situation of the people, the economies and the politics of these countries. Strenuous efforts will be made to guarantee the factual accuracy of the material presented.

Morris, a businessman and former Methodist missionary to Brazil, served as the Executive Director of ICAS and General Editor of Mesoamerica until July '89, when Mrs. Linda J. Holland assumed those responsibilities and Fred returned to the US to begin the next phase of his career as a United Methodist pastor in Illinois.

Freelance writer, reporter and film-maker Tony Avirgan served as the next General Editor of Meso-america, from Aug '89 to Sep '92. Tony is currently the International Policy Coordinator for the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, DC.

Canadian journalist and documentary film producer Bob Carty was our next editor, from Oct '92 to August '93, when he returned to Canada to work with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Former intern Mia Taylor Valdes ('91-'92) served as our guest editor from Sep '93 to June '94. She continues to work in Costa Rica, teaching a writing course for the Latin American Program of Friends for the World.

Clifton L. Holland, my husband and director of the Latin American Socio-Religious Studies Program (PROLADES), was our guest editor during July and Aug '94.

Dr. Arnold J. Oliver, professor of Political Science at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, was our guest editor from Sep to Dec '94.

For 13 years, beginning in Jan '95 until Dec '07, Clifton L. Holland has been our General Editor.

I am deeply grateful to each one of our editors and to all of our interns for their sacrificial service to ICAS and to the readers of *Mesoamerica*. We believe that we, together, have accomplished the goals outlined in the first issue of *Mesoamerica*, as stated above. Now, after 26 years of publishing *Mesoamerica*, it is time to close this phase of the work of ICAS. We say farewell to *Mesoamérica*; this is our last issue.

*Linda J. Holland*  
Executive Director of ICAS