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*The history of the Inter-American Committee on Mathematics Education started some thirty-five years ago. The First Inter-American Conference on Mathematics Education (I IACME) was held at Bogota, Colombia, from December 4 to 9, 1961 and was attended by mathematicians and mathematics educators from twenty-three countries of the Western Hemisphere. The International Commission on Mathematical Instruction (ICMI) and the Organization of American States sponsored this conference. Prof. Marshall Stone chaired the Organizing Committee.*

*It was during the I IACME that the Inter-American Committee on Mathematics Education was created. Since 1961, thanks to the courage and dedication of many mathematics educators and mathematicians from North and South America, eight other Inter-American Conferences on Mathematics Education have been organized: Lima, Peru (1966), Bahía Blanca, Argentina (1972), Caracas, Venezuela (1975), Campinas, Brazil (1979), Guadalajara, Mexico (1985), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1987), Miami, Florida, USA (1991), and Santiago, Chile (1995).*

*This publication was conceived not only as a tribute to the mathematics educators and mathematicians who have kept these conferences alive, but, also, as a reference for present and future plans, for as stated by the Spanish philosopher George Santayana: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it".*

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