

Argentina

At present the Georgist movement in Argentina is led by Dr. Antonio Manuel Molinari, President of the Instituto Social Agrario (Agrarian Social Institute). His address: Brasil 476, floor 3, room F, 1063 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Secretary of the Institute is civil engineer Saúl P. Martínez who is at present active in the political party that governs Argentina through the Alfonsín government - the Unión Cívica Radical (Radical Civic Union). Eng. Martínez has founded with others affiliated with the party the Fundación para Estudios Económicos y Sociales - Provincias Unidas (Foundation for Economic and Social Studies - United Provinces) whose background and principles are Georgist. It plans to work throughout the province and city of Buenos Aires. Others who are members of the Foundation include members of the House of Representatives and the Senate at the national level, and members of the Legislature of the Province of Buenos Aires. The address of Eng. Martínez: Avenida 53, No. 304, floor 14, room C, 1900 La Plata, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Another member of the Institute is agrarian engineer Pedro Mollura who is with the Partido Justicialista (Peronist Party) founded by General Perón. Eng. Mollura was a friend of Eng. Mauricio Birabent, a Georgist leader who died in 1982, and is presently adviser to the Peronist representatives at the national level in the House of Representatives. He is working to increase the Georgist influence.

Architect Juan Carlos Zuccotti is also with the Agrarian Social Institute and at present works as a representative of the Argentine Georgist movement overseas. He lives in Philadelphia and also represents a committee of Argentine expatriates whose principles are Georgist. Mr. Zuccotti has studied with the Henry George Institute and the Philadelphia Henry George School. He plans to return to Argentina.

In Argentina the Alfonsín government has a "land tax draft" which is being considered by advisers. It is complicated and may turn out to be more a tax on production than a land value tax. Also it may leave other taxes untouched. It is supposed to apply only in rural areas and not in urban centers.