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Doing Justice Building Capacity

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and conference on health and human rights
by ISHHR



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1. Foreword



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DOING JUSTICE, BUILDING CAPACITY

I am proud to bring you the official report of the **9th International Capacity Building Workshops and Conference on Health and Human Rights** organized by ISHHR (International Society for Health and Human Rights) in Tbilisi, Georgia. During the highly productive four days we spent in this beautiful venue we canvassed and exchanged a wealth of views, ideas, skills and experiences from a range of professional, cultural and geopolitical perspectives that allowed us to emerge enriched in wisdom, contacts and friendships.

In fact, the ISHHR Georgia conference was one of the most diverse ISHHR events ever, with participation from 42 different countries and a huge range of professions, including counsellors, psychologists, human rights advocates, lawyers, psychiatrists, social workers, students and community development workers. As such, the entire event highlighted the importance of the conference as a capacity building initiative, enabling the sharing of information globally and propitiating the development of bilateral exchanges between attendees.

Indeed, many stories of cooperation beginning at the conference were reported to ISHHR Secretariat scarce months after the event, some involving actual projects that are now taking place between services from different countries. This confirms the effectiveness of the approach ISHHR has taken towards international networking, investing our limited resources wisely to maximize their potential to build capacity among those working with the health consequences of human rights abuses.

Titled “Doing Justice, Building Capacity”, the conference was divided into two complementary events, the first two days offered ten hands-on, skill based workshops on a range of topics, while the last two days explored health and human rights through paper presentations, discussion groups and interactive activities. This created a different, fun and friendly learning and networking experience; where the already substantial quality and relevance of the sessions was enhanced by the immersion in a society in political transition boasting a rich cultural heritage, friendly people, delectable food and great music. For the first time, the conference also hosted a theatre play followed by an interactive workshop as part the program. This unique performance Nightwind from the Theatre of the Oppressed received a standing ovation and I am sure will be remembered by the rapt audience of conference attendees for a long time.

Ultimately, however, it was the commendable energy, enthusiasm and sharing spirit of all our volunteers, presenters, keynote speakers, scientific committee, the very committed local organising committee, ISHHR Council and of course the participants that made the conference such a great experience to be part of and left us well motivated to begin to plan the next one.

We are most thankful to our generous donors; the European Union, AusAID, Kingdom of the Netherlands, STARTTS, GIP and GCRT. Without their support we may not have been able to put together such a successful and productive event of this scale.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving the society as Secretary General for the last few years and to wish my very best to Mr Mariano Coello, the Secretary General elect, who together with the new ISHHR council elected in Tbilisi and the Zimbabwean local organizing committee will be organizing ISHHR’s upcoming workshops and conference in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe in October of 2014. I look forward to seeing you there!

Jorge Aroche

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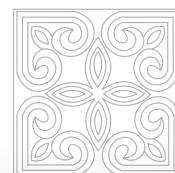
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3. About ISHHR

The **International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR)** is an organization that builds dialogue and capacity amongst health professionals engaged in work with individuals and communities affected by human rights abuses. ISHHR has members in almost 50 countries worldwide. ISHHR aims to:

- gather knowledge and provide resources about the effects of human rights violations on health,
- exchange experiences and information about treatment methods, psychosocial and psychological care, and
- contribute to the development of psychosocial interventions both on individual and community levels

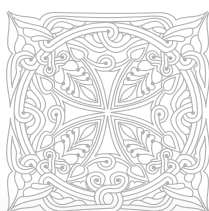
The issue of human rights is a very important one for health workers, and health professionals deal with this in many different ways. We live in a world where these rights are being violated and challenged every single day. In this context ISHHR aims to contribute to strengthen the dialogue between professionals in this area and by emphasizing the need for the active defence of human rights.

ISHHR promotes public and professional awareness of the consequences of human rights violations on individual and community mental health. Exchange of experiences in the development of professional action – identification and assessment of the consequences of gross human rights violations as well as methods of intervention are prioritized focus areas. By becoming a member of ISHHR one becomes part of a world wide network of people working in the field of health and human rights. It provides colleagues with closer contact with others both in their region and abroad.

Activities of ISHHR

The World Health Organization has defined health as a “state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” At the individual level, early recognition and adequate care of health problems caused by human rights violations may help prevent subsequent more serious health problems. At the community level, psychosocial interventions play an important role in strengthening the coping abilities and resilience of those affected by human rights violations. On this basis, ISHHR seeks to:

- i. Build the capacity of professionals working in the field of health and human rights through organizing regular international conferences. ISHHR has successfully organized nine International Conferences: France (1987), Costa Rica (1989), Chile (1991), The Philippines (1994), South Africa (1998), Croatia (2001), India (2005), Perú (2008) and just recently Georgia (2011). Comprehensive information about ISHHR capacity building workshops and conferences is available on ISHHR website (www.ishhr.com).
- ii. Make information and texts on health and human rights effortlessly accessible to ISHHR members and the general public through our website and PsycheVisual.
- iii. Maintain and establish contacts between relevant national and international organizations to promote accessible mental health care for problems related to human rights violations. ISHHR has signed letters of cooperation with The Reference Centre for Psychological Support, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- iv. Monitor and campaign for adherence to international legal instruments which relate to human rights.
- v. Establish a rapid response network to support and protect health workers involved in the care of persons whose human rights have been violated, particularly in times of crisis such as mass refugee movements.



4. 9th International Capacity Building Workshops and Conference by ISHHR: DOING JUSTICE, BUILDING CAPACITY

Location/Venue: Tbilisi, GEORGIA – Radisson Blu Iveria, 1 Rose Revolution Square, Tbilisi

Duration: Between 6 to 9 October 2011

Attendance: 183 participants from 42 countries

Volunteers: *'I worked with so many amazing people from both developed and developing nations. This time my favorite part was working with an amazing team of 11 beautiful volunteers. It was one of the best teams I ever worked with.'* (Gary Taylor, registration desk and volunteer Coordinator)

Our local volunteers were all selected University students who spoke good level of English and had an interest in the conference topics as future psychologists, psychiatrists and social scientists. They were encouraged to participate in sessions and interact with delegates as well as to gain experience in event-organizing at international scale. Volunteers were positioned at registration desk & information area and provided an excellent first point of contact to participants.

The slender draining caused by the nature of conference streams was balanced during the breaks with smiling faces of our vibrant volunteers. Their fresh spirit made us all feel the way we want our clients to feel; cared for and supported.

Scholarships: Despite the hardship in securing funds, provision of scholarships was a priority to ISHHR Secretariat. Partial scholarships were provided to 15 international delegates from low income countries that would have not made it to Georgia without financial assistance. Scholarships were provided to participants from: Paraguay, Croatia, Perú, Colombia, Argentina, Uganda and Lesotho. ISHHR also supported workshop and keynote presenters with expenses related to travel and accommodation to an extent. Nonetheless, this thriving event could have not been achieved without the dedication and commitment of contributing experts who donated their time, skills and motivation.

This report aims to summarize the 9th International Conference of the International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR), in order to contribute towards the improvements necessary for future conferences, evaluate the results of the Conference and workshops, and attract future sponsors and supporters of the Conference. The 9th Workshops & Conference of ISHHR was a very valuable experience for participants. It promoted the exchange of information between new and old members of ISHHR and between the host country and international communities. It increased the technical knowledge, skills and solidarity amongst delegates, mostly colleagues who shared similar concerns. Participants with invaluable knowledge and experiences shared their own practices and resources about impacts of human rights violations and recovery strategies.

The event also provided a significant personal benefit for individual participants by enabling them to tell their stories and share their experiences with people who share common ground.

Description of the project

Held every three years, the international Capacity Building Workshops and Conference on Health and Human Rights is a diverse and key gathering for individuals and organizations working with health issues affecting people who have experienced trauma in the context of war, organized violence and other severe human rights violations.

ISHHR has a commitment to hold its workshops and conferences in places with a recent experience or history of a conflict. As Georgia has emerged from a period of recent conflict in 2008, to highlight the active work with survivors of human rights violations, the 9th conference entitled 'Doing Justice Building Capacity' was voted to be held in Georgia after the previous eight conferences in France (1987), Costa Rica (1989), Chile (1991), The Philippines (1994), South Africa (1998), Croatia (2001), India (2005) and Perú (2008). Georgia proved to be a great location for participants from all over the world to experience true hospitality and to learn about human rights issues of concern to the region. Four days of workshops and conference provided the ideal platform to exchange experiences and methods amongst Georgian colleagues and internationally. This diversity allowed human rights professionals to learn and think creatively about the way they work. The project intended to address the necessities of professionals working in the area of health and human rights, to create a unique environment for networking and the exchange of knowledge, experience, developments, clinical practice and research findings which address the health needs of survivors of human rights violations.

The overall objective of this project is skill acquisition for professionals working in health and human rights. The event enabled health professionals and community workers, particularly those working in countries with an ongoing conflict to explore new techniques and models. Experience from previous conferences show that professionals from different regions actively engaged in post-war reconstruction find this event rewarding and stimulating both from a practical clinical and a social planning point of view, as well as from academic and research perspectives.

To bring this project to live, ISHHR Secretariat in Australia worked in collaboration with local partners in Georgia; GCRT and GIP Tbilisi.

I. Program

Time	6 October THURSDAY	7 October FRIDAY	8 October SATURDAY	9 October SUNDAY
8:30 - 9:00	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations
9:00 - 9:30	Workshops	Workshops	Summary of pre-conference workshops & Introduction to the day	Introduction to the day, summary of the previous day
9:30 - 10:30				Keynote Address: Mental Health and Human Rights in the 21st Century: Challenges in a Global Society Dr. Pau Pérez
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	Workshops	Workshops	Concurrent Sessions	Concurrent Sessions
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:00 - 15:00	Workshops	Workshops	Keynote Address: Massive Trauma at the Hands of “Others” and its societal/ political consequences by Emeritus Prof. V. Volkan	Nightwind A Theatrical Performance by Hector Aristizabar
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	Workshops	Workshops	Concurrent Sessions	Plennary Wrap-up and Closing Ceremony
17:00 - 18:00			ISHHR AGM	
18:00 - 19:00	Official Opening & Welcome Cocktail	Free time - preparation for official dinner		
19:00 - 19:30				
19:30			Official Dinner 7.30pm onwards	

II. Keynote Speakers



Vamık D. Volkan, M.D., DLFAPA, FACPsa
Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry University of Virginia

Nominated four times for the Nobel Peace Prize, Professor Emeritus Volkan is a pioneer in the field of the psychology of politics, a senior scholar at the Erikson Institute for Education and Research of the Austen Riggs Centre in Massachusetts and founder and director of the Centre for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction. Amongst his many initiatives are the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) and the Carter Center's International Negotiation Network (INN) under the direction of former USA President Jimmy Carter. Professor Emeritus Volkan served as the Medical Director of the University of Virginia's Blue Ridge Hospital for eighteen years.

Professor Emeritus Volkan delivered the first keynote speech entitled Massive Trauma at the Hands of Others and Its Societal/Political Consequences. Professor Volkan worked in Georgia for six years following the collapse of the Soviet Union. He talked about the societal and political processes that were typical and specific to a large group, in cases where tens of thousands of members of a large group share a complicated mourning process, following a massive trauma due to natural disasters, man-made accidental disasters, assassinations, terror or oppression. He also referred to the importance of holding psychopolitically informed dialogues between influential representatives of opposing groups. His speech helped the audience to separate realities of existing situations from the psychic realities that are filled with prejudices and fantasies. Professor Volkan concluded his address by stressing the importance of holding unofficial dialogues between influential persons and different large-group identities in the Caucasus so as to achieve a better atmosphere for future official dialogues.



Pau Pérez-Sales, MD, PhD Hospital La Paz – Madrid,
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Dr. Pau Pérez is a psychiatrist at the Resource Center in Mental Health and Human Rights, head of the Complex Trauma Unit, Hospital La Paz in Madrid, and director of the Post-Doctoral Degree Mental Health in Political Violence and Catastrophe, Universidad Complutense of Madrid. He is an academic and an intellectual with extensive and ongoing hands-on field experience. When he is not on the move working with remote communities in Central or South America, he produces books and articles. Dr. Pérez is the author of 12 books and 50 national and international papers on psychosocial and community work in mental health and human rights.

Dr. Perez delivered the second keynote address with a powerful presentation and an eye-opening expedition embedded with fascinating data and evidence. Dr Pérez discussed some of the challenges associated with the role of psychology and psychosocial work in the struggle to achieve human rights, as well as highlighting the rapid changes of the last century. He not only presented data outlining the Latin-American context on the many structural conditions of deep social inequality, but also spoke about processes of transitional justice in countries with a history of political violence. At the closing stages of his address, Dr Pérez stressed some of the global dilemmas concerning new forms of social control and pointed to the need to spread knowledge about issues related to health and human rights and ISHHR's role on the issue.



III. Capacity Building Workshops

6-7 October 2011

10 interactive workshops were held over 2 days by professionals who are experts in their field.



A call for expressions of interest was sent out to ISHHR members and supporters, calling for ideas for workshop and presentation topics in demand. The choice of topics for various workshops was a result of this feedback. Other criteria included content quality, alignment with the conference theme and the expertise of the presenter.

Date	Duration	Workshop	Presenter	Room*	Attendance
6 Oct AM	1/2 day	MOURNING: INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETAL RESPONSES TO LOSS	Vamik Volkan	Meeting Room 2	33
6 Oct PM	1/2 day	International consensus on minimal norms in Psychosocial Accompaniment to Exhumations	Rosa Lia Chauca Pau Perez	Meeting Room 2	20
6 Oct All day	1 day	Bio-feedback	STARTTS	Meeting Room 4	26
6 Oct All day	1 day	Creative Therapies	Amber Gray	Meeting Room 3	16
7 Oct AM	1/2 day	Building response capacity to disasters and major traumatization	Dean Ajdukovic	Meeting Room 4	32
7 Oct PM	1/2 day	Group treatment with traumatized asylum seekers and refugees	Boris Drozdek	Meeting Room 4	30
6 & 7 Oct All day	2 days	Community Consultations through Storyboarding	Eileen Pittaway	Meeting Room 5	7
6 & 7 Oct All day	2 days	Designing an anti-trafficking campaign	ICMC Indonesia	Meeting Room 6	6
7 Oct All day	1 day	Multi center torture treatment research: ethological successes and developing a shared vision to overcome the barriers	Jose Quiroga & Crystal Riley & Megan Berthold	Meeting Room 3	22
7 Oct All day	1 day	Estrategia Psicojurídica en casos de violencia sexual en contextos conflicto armados internos Forensic psychology strategies in cases of sexual violence in situations of internal armed conflict	REDINFA	Meeting Room 2	18

As a result, the following capacity building workshops were presented:

Mourning; individual and societal responses to loss: The half day workshop was held on 6 October, presented by **Professor Emeritus Vamik Volkan**. Although the audience capacity was 40, we had to squeeze in 49 enthusiastic social workers, community development workers, students and clinicians who benefited from this workshop. The workshop enabled participants to develop an understanding of mourning as an obligatory psychobiological response to a significant loss. Topics included adult mourning, the two stages of mourning, complications of mourning and the chosen traumas. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian and Spanish.

International consensus on minimal norms in Psychosocial Accompaniment to Exhumations: The workshop was delivered in Spanish by **Dr. Pau Pérez** and **Rosa Lía Chauca** (Redinfa/Perú) with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian and English. Presenters shared their experience from psychosocial work in the exhumation process of disappeared persons in search of a minimum standard consensus. 21 participants explored the different aspects to consider while working with victim's families to prevent the risk of re-traumatisation.

Bio-feedback Approach: Delivered by **Mirjana Askovic** and **Mariano Coello** (STARTTS/Australia), the workshop hosted 19 participants to expand their understanding of how psychological trauma manifests through a range of emotional and physical symptoms. Participants observed in order to learn how the complex relationship between body and the mind is addressed through the integration of various biofeedback techniques introducing techniques and technology used in biofeedback. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian.

Creative Therapies: **Amber Elizabeth Gray** delivered this one day workshop to an audience of 28 participants interested in enhancing their understanding and practice of restorative movement psychotherapy. The workshop explored theoretical, scientific and experiential use of the creative arts therapies for the work with survivors of human rights abuse. The interactive workshop involved different methods including; rhythm, ritual and dance movement therapy. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian.

Building response capacity to disasters and major traumatization: **Prof. Dean Ajdukovic** delivered this half day training by demand emphasizing physical and mental living conditions of survivors of natural disasters and survivor's guilt. His workshop enabled participants to become aware of the effects of natural disasters in human populations and ways to deal with the "survivor guilt" of natural disaster survivors while learning to help regain trust in "mother nature". With 42 participants it was certainly a workshop of interest. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian.

Group treatment with traumatized asylum seekers and refugees: This popular half day workshop was delivered to 34 Clinical Psychologists and Counsellors with previous experience in group work. The workshop enabled participants to learn about the ecological/contextual perspectives on treatment of traumatized asylum seekers and refugees with an overview of the group treatment model. **Boris Droždek** of Psychotrauma Centrum Zuid Nederland held an interactive workshop while opening the discussion on the universal and culture-specific issues in group trauma treatment. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian.

Community Consultations through Storyboarding: **Dr. Eileen Pittaway** from Australia's Centre for Refugee Research – (University of NSW) delivered her all time favorite Storyboarding workshop to a privileged group of participants, over two days. Participants were encouraged to explore potential solutions and strategies for action in their communities and were trained to apply Storyboarding technique to conduct situational analyses in the field.

Designing an anti-trafficking campaign: **Mr. Agustinanto Fatimana** leads ICMC's operations in Indonesia, where the NGO runs shelters for victims of trafficking. He has exclusively re-designed this workshop to train participants to design an anti-trafficking awareness raising campaign. Participants consisted of a private group that, at the end of two challenging days, gained an understanding of the complex networks in human trafficking, equipped with the necessary skills to design an anti-trafficking campaign in their communities.

Multi center torture treatment research; ethological successes and developing a shared vision to overcome the barriers: Presented by **Dr. Megan Berthold** and **Crystal Riley** from USA's Program for Torture Victims (PTV), this exceptional workshop focused on data collection, transfer and storage. The workshop also aimed to inspire participants to bring data collection possibilities to their home country after tackling barriers and challenges currently faced toward collecting data across multiple centres. Participants took the first step to establish an information network in which many programs across many countries can communicate about their own experiences, questions, and needs related to data collection across multiple centres. The workshop was delivered in English with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian.

Forensic psychology strategies in cases of sexual violence in situations of internal armed conflict: This workshop explored the forensic psychology strategies developed in collaboration with the victims and their families to shed light on the common goal of seeking truth, justice and reparation, taking the extent of personal and social damage caused into account. Workshop presenter **Rosa Lia Chauca** from REDINFA Perú created a participatory, reflective and experiential environment built on the experiences of people seeking to share the socio-economic and cultural rights in countries where the workshop participants worked. The workshop was delivered in Spanish with professional simultaneous translation into Georgian and English.

IV. Evaluation of sessions

With 42 countries and a total participation of 183 delegates, ISHHR workshops and conference in Georgia was by far the most diverse ISHHR conference ever held. Precisely; 132 delegates attended the first two days that consisted of workshops and 183 delegates were counted on days three and four, inclusive of organizers, presenters and volunteers.

An important focus of this Conference was the training aspect through a set of capacity building workshops delivered over two days. Priority was given to the delivery of interactive workshops which added to the building of programs and processes to facilitate the peace and justice processes for and between individuals and communities. The ten pre-conference workshops followed the delineated themes of the conference, with a special emphasis on providing hands-on training and practical capacity building knowledge.

Summary of Evaluation Forms

Workshops and presentations: Overall feedback concerning capacity building workshops and conference presentations was very positive for the organizers. Participants mentioned their recognition of a lot of hard work that was put in and summarized capacity building workshops and paper presentations as very practical and involving, with well designed and up to date research topics and findings. Vast majority expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about the situation in Georgia and the region. Participants also expressed appreciation over the certificates they were entitled to, upon successful completion of each workshop.

Keynotes: Both keynote addresses came out as highlights of the event. Several delegates mentioned that keynote speeches were well thought through and excellently handled as well as strongly relevant to the themes of the conference. Amongst delegates that filled in an evaluation form, there was also repeated appreciation over the opportunity to meet both keynote speakers in person over coffee and lunch breaks.

Most valuable aspect: When we asked participants about the most valuable or unique aspect about the event, the following were amongst many listed; quality of presentations, great platform to meet valuable academics, colleagues, politicians, UN and EU representatives, exchange of knowledge and dialogue, networking with like minded people from around the world, professional outcomes, local hospitality, diversity of participating nations, relevance of research topics and findings, and finally the cultural experience. By the end of the event, participants felt more competent to deal with the challenges they encounter in every day work. With the gained skills and shared experience they are expected to play an important role in the healing process of their affected communities.

V. Recording & Interpreting

Psychevisual

Keynote addresses and concurrent sessions were video-recorded by Psychevisual with professional crew and equipment and assistance from the team of volunteers. The video recordings will be podcasted on www.psychevisual.com for educational and archive purposes.

PsychExtra

PsycEXTRA is a unique database that combines bibliographic records with full-text professional literature such as technical reports, conference presentations, popular magazines, and other documents. Abstracts of the 9th ISHHR workshops and conference were added to this valuable resource and are available online at www.apa.org



Simultaneous Interpretation and Simultaneous Translation Equipment

Six pairs of professional interpreters were sourced locally to carry out simultaneous translation from Georgian to English, Georgian to Spanish, English to Georgian and Georgian to Spanish. Organising committee decided to invest in hiring of cabins, headsets with different channel options, receivers and transmitters to make it a fulfilling experience for all participants. It has been a complex and valuable task to organise, nevertheless the touch of professional interpreters and equipment added great value to all sessions.

Nightwind

Nightwind is a theatrical expression of a true story about torture and its consequences on one's psyche, inspired by the methodology of the theatre of the oppressed. Psychologist, performer and activist **Héctor Aristizabal** was invited to be part of ISHHR Conference in Georgia where he performed *Nightwind* followed by a participatory workshop that invited participants to express their reactions to the images of torture by creating their own images in response.



"In theatre you can pretend to hurt someone but they don't really die or get hurt, so it's like a lab. We look at situations and see the potential consequences. Everybody has something to say not just the so called experts. No one knows better than the person who goes through the situation. Its dynamic, playful, carries humor; it humanizes us, is unpredictable and connects to the mystery of life and also to what we are witnessing in life..." **Héctor Aristizabal**

This was a profound, moving, unforgettable part of the conference which reached participants emotionally as well as intellectually.



VI. ISHHR General Assembly

In the evening of 8 October ISHHR Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held. Secretary General Jorge Aroche of Australia opened the meeting where financial members were invited to vote. Minutes from previous General Meeting in Peru were confirmed and followed by a presentation and receipt of transactions and accounts of the International Society for Health and Human Rights. As a result of voting and election of office bearers; some dedicated council members exited due to completion of three terms in the Council. Others were re-elected and the Assembly also welcomed new members into the diverse team. Followed by discussions on the host country of the 10th ISHHR Conference, Zimbabwe got the confidence vote to host the next event in 2014.

VII. Cultural activities

A cultural program was embedded into the conference to make the most out of participants' time. Opening and closing ceremonies hosted some of the most traditional and renowned Georgian dance and singing groups. Junior dancers of Erisioni made an energetic entry to the opening ceremony and the folks choir from Akhaltsikhe region closed the event with beautiful traditional Georgian singing.



Delegates were provided with local information and cultural events calendar with the conference bags. Tourist information was made available to delegates through the Conference website months before the event. The annual celebration 'Tbilisoba' also took place on 7-8-9 October in the area across our conference hotel with various cultural events, activities and traditional Georgian food stalls.

Zimbabwean soap stone Shona sculptures and hand dyed wall hangings were also on display throughout the conference at the foyer and as usual, were sold out.



On the evening of 8th of October, the traditional official dinner took place at a pleasant Georgian restaurant located by the Mtkvari river. A local band that consisted of Georgian Idol winners provided live entertainment that included both traditional Georgian 'Supra' and world hits during the event. The dinner and dance was a great opportunity for all to unwind and celebrate Georgian food and culture, bringing delegates from around the world closer together.



VIII. Closing

The whole event was highly appreciated by the participants and ISHHR members, contributors and sponsors. *'The Georgia Project went really well. We created the best health and human rights conference in our 25 year history'* (Secretary General – Jorge Aroche).

Based on the feedback received, the project consisted of well planned and organised workshops & conference activities, a comfortable and well equipped conference venue, quality professional interpreting with speedy and helpful response by the organizers and volunteers to requests from delegates. Various cultural activities and the pleasant weather and environment crowned 9th ISHHR Capacity Building Workshops & Conference in Tbilisi as a successful and unforgettable learning experience for all involved. We hope that in the longer haul the effects of this project will fill in a gap and assist in social healing and reconciliation processes.

5. Sponsors & Financial Figures



Financing the 9th ISHHR Workshops & Conference was, as expected, a challenging task. This time, as well as seeking for core funding; the Secretariat also aimed for smaller grants in order to assist participation from developing countries and to sponsor the different workshops. ISHHR also encouraged community groups to fundraise to send a representative to the event. AusAID scholarships acquired through the International Seminar Support Scheme (ISSS) were similarly tied to cover the expenses of three international presenters from Indonesia (1), Kenya (1) and Zimbabwe (1). Other than this specific assistance provided by AusAID, ISHHR provided partial sponsorships to participants from developing countries namely from Argentina (1), Colombia (2), Croatia (1), Lesotho (1), Paraguay (1), Perú (5) and Uganda (1) on the basis of the relevancy of their presentation and other criteria announced during the call for papers by the scientific committee. The Local Organising Committee in Georgia too had firm conditions attached to the grants received through GCRT and GIP-Tbilisi to cover logistic costs and to provide scholarships to 30 colleagues from the region. In total, 45 delegates from the developing world were supported as a result of the grants and sponsorships. The two keynote speakers were compensated for economy airfares and accommodation in Tbilisi, along with some support provided for workshop presenters. The organizing committee is most thankful to all sponsors who made it possible to stage this outstanding event under a difficult financial climate.

A big thank you goes out to our wonderful keynote speakers, workshops presenters and the actor of the interactive theatre Nightwind who donated their time, expertise and kindness with remarkable commitment despite the lack of funds to provide anything but basic airfare and accommodation.

As a result, the international representation at the event was the most diverse so far with participants from 42 countries.

Final Statement of income and expenditure for the
9th International Capacity Building Workshops & Conference on Health and Human Rights
Tbilisi, Georgia 2011

Project Title: Doing Justice Building Capacity
Dates: 6 - 9 October 2011

I. Operating Fund		*USD
Grants & sponsorships:	ISHHR Scholarships	\$ 9,500.00
	AusAID Scholarships	\$ 13,392.93
	EU (via GCRT)	\$ 20,058.00
	Dutch Embassy (via GIP Tbilisi)	\$ 42,906.74
	STARTTS	\$ 9,783.00
Registration fees		\$ 28,590.00
Membership fees		\$ 870.00
Total revenues		\$ 125,100.67

II. Expenses		USD
Venue hire & coffee breaks		\$ 22,345.39
Audio visual & interpreters		\$ 9,664.99
Social & cultural events		\$ 5,783.67
Supplies & Logistics		\$ 3,274.11
Communication & printing & copying		\$ 1,833.80
Overseas transaction & Online merchant facility fees		\$ 1,295.31
Keynote & workshop presenter flight & accommodation		\$ 25,729.30
Scholarships - international delegates		\$ 18,600.00
AusAID scholarships - international delegates		\$ 13,392.93
Psychevisual Joint Project		\$ 2,934.90
Other Direct Costs (gifts, volunteer incentives, expenses rel. to local participants, local taxes, service fees, honorariums etc.)		\$ 15,736.91
Total expenses		\$ 120,591.31
Net Result **		\$ 4,509.36

* Expenses were paid for in Georgian Lari, USD and AUD. Conversion to USD was based at an average rate for reporting.

** GCRT's contribution was less than planned at the end. The surplus remained in GCRT accounts as the funds were acquired as part of a bigger project.



6. List of Participants

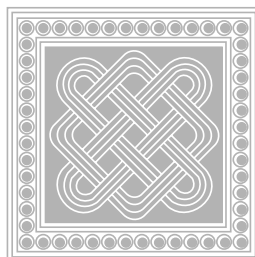
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Nana Zavadashvili	Coalition Human Rights in Health Care	Georgia

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7. 10th International Capacity Building Workshops and Conference: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE 2014

Since the Perú conference in 2008, a dedicated team of ISHHR members from Zimbabwe have put up their hands with a bid to organize the 10th ISHHR conference & workshops, suggesting the world famous Victoria Falls to host it in 2014.

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*T'evzaia, 2009, Kartuli Ornamenti: Georgian Ornament I, p. 5,
'fragment of ornamental decoration, facade, Sapara'.*



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